

MINUTES OF THE COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MEETING OF JULY 11, 2007

Call to Order

President Fischer called the Committee of the Whole meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

Roll Call

PRESENT: President Fischer, Trustee Elrick, Trustee Ransbottom, Trustee Van Ooyen, Trustee Vanden Heuvel, Trustee Verstegen

EXCUSED: Trustee Joosten

ALSO PRESENT: C. Kell, D. Haug, J. Moes, V. Schneider
Joe Galarowicz, CPA, Kerber, Rose & Associates

Public Appearance for Items not on the Agenda

James Clark, 819 Grand Avenue, addressed the Board with concerns about fireworks being allowed to be ignited in the Village on the 4th of July. Mr. Clark stated on the 4th of July he had contacted the Fox Valley Metro Police Department to report that residents on Grand Avenue were shooting fireworks and they were landing on his property and the Police Officer who responded stated to him that the Department was instructed that they were not to issue citations for shooting off fireworks on the 4th of July. Mr. Clark stated he has a problem with this policy as State Statute declares most fireworks as illegal. Mr. Clark asked the Board to consider fining residents on the 4th of July and to have more Police Officers on duty on the 4th of July. President Fischer informed Mr. Clark that he would contact him with a response after the issue is discussed with the Police Chief.

Presentation/Review – 2006 Financial Report

Joe Galarowicz, Kerber, Rose & Associates reviewed the 2006 Comprehensive Annual Financial Report and informed the Board that the Village is in a very good financial position and there are no material weaknesses in the accounting functions in the Village. D. Haug presented a graph presentation of the Financial Report findings. Board members were informed that the Auditors management letter would be included in their Board packets being mailed on Friday.

Action on Resolution – CSM – Gill Prop, LLC – Stephen Street/Bohm Drive

President Fischer informed the Board that the Plan Commission has denied the CSM and the recommendation is to postpone action on the item as the property owner will be bringing forth a new CSM to the Plan Commission at a future date.

Moved by J. Elrick, seconded by S. Ransbottom to postpone action on the CSM for Gill Prop. LLC.

All Ayes – Motion Carried Unanimously

Action – Approve Revolving Loan and Micro Loan for Jack's or Better Supper Club

C. Kell reviewed the terms being recommended for the Revolving Loan and Micro Loan request and informed the Board that staff, the Village Attorney, Banking Officers and the CDA have all reviewed the request for the loans and they are recommending approval.

Moved by Trustee Verstegen, seconded by Trustee Ransbottom to Approve the request by Little Chute Bridge Inc., owners of Jack's or Better Supper Club for a \$100,000 loan from the Revolving Loan Fund for a term of (7) seven years and an interest rate of 4% based on a 15 year amortization schedule with a balloon payment due at the end of the 7th year and to approve a \$30,000 loan from the Micro Loan Fund for a term of (7) seven years with an interest rate of 5.5% based on a 15 year amortization schedule with a balloon payment due at the end of the 7th year

and give the applicants the option of requesting the Village to extend the financing period of these loans at the end of the 7th year.

Roll Call Vote: Trustee Elrick – Yes, President Fischer – Yes, Trustee Ransbottom – Yes, Trustee Van Ooyen – Yes, Trustee Verstegen – Yes
Trustee Vanden Heuvel Abstained

Ayes 5, Abstained 1 – Motion Carried

Discussion on Changing the Term of Office for Village President

President Fischer stated he was in favor in keeping the term at two years. Trustees' Verstegen, Van Ooyen, Ransbottom, and Vanden Heuvel expressed support for changing the term. Discussion took place. Staff stated they were looking for consensus from the Board before the Village Attorney is contacted to draft a charter ordinance to change the term.

Moved by Trustee Ransbottom, seconded by Trustee Van Ooyen to move forward with a charter ordinance to change the term of Village President from a two year term to a three year term.

Further Discussion: President Fischer stated he was not in favor of taking action on the item at this meeting. Board members agreed that action on the item could wait until next week.

Moved by Trustee Ransbottom to withdraw the motion, seconded by Trustee Van Ooyen

All Ayes – Motion Withdrawn

Approval of Disbursement List

Moved by Trustee Van Ooyen, seconded by Trustee Ransbottom to approve the Disbursement List as presented and authorize the Finance Director to draw from the respective funds.

All Ayes – Motion Carried Unanimously

Unfinished Business

C. Kell informed the Board that meetings with the County concerning the windmill relocation and bridge project would be held in two weeks. C. Kell stated the response from the Executive Director of the Convention and Visitors Bureau and the Executive Director of the Fox Locks Authority on the proposed relocation of the Windmill has been very positive.

Items for Future Agendas

None

Adjournment

Moved by Trustee Elrick, seconded by Trustee Ransbottom to adjourn the Committee of the Whole meeting at 6:58 p.m.

All Ayes – Motion Carried Unanimously

VILLAGE OF LITTLE CHUTE

By: Charles Fischer, Village President

Attest: Vicki Schneider, Village Clerk