

MINUTES OF THE COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MEETING OF SEPTEMBER 26, 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 Joosten, Trustee Ransbottom,
Trustee Vanden Heuvel, Trustee Verstegen

EXCUSED: Trustee Van Ooyen

ALSO PRESENT: C. Kell, J. Moes, D. Haug, R. Van Gheem, T. Flick, V. Schneider

Public Appearance for Items not on the Agenda

None

Action on Resolution – CSM – GMD, LLC

J. Moes stated the Plan Commission had reviewed the CSM and recommended approval on the condition that the addition of an excluded easement is corrected to be shown on the map and staff has reviewed the amended map that now shows the easement and approval is being recommended.

*Moved by Trustee Vanden Heuvel, seconded by Trustee Ransbottom to Adopt Resolution No. 39
Series of 2007 Approving the CSM for GMD, LLC as presented.*

All Ayes – Motion Carried Unanimously

Review Proposed Amendment to Village Code Title 12 Parks and Navigable Waters, Section 12-1-1 Park Regulations (b) Specific Regulations (20) Pets

T. Flick stated the ordinance language amendment is being brought forward because of a resident's request to the Administrator to allow service dogs in Village Parks. T. Flick stated ADA laws allow for service dogs in public buildings and parks and the Village's ordinance needs to be amended to reflect that service dogs are allowed in Village Parks. Trustee Verstegen also suggested clarifying the wording in section 12-1-3. Board members agreed to place the ordinance amendment on the agenda of the October 1st meeting for action.

Discussion/Direction on Main Street Reconstruction Issues

R. Van Gheem led Board members through a discussion on the design options and proposals for the East Main Street reconstruction project taking place in 2011 between Jackson Street and the east Village limits. Board members were informed that to begin the design which is necessary in the next few weeks, a decision on the width of the street and parking options needs to be determined. R. Van Gheem stated that he and the McMahon's engineer are recommending reducing the width from 48 feet to 40 feet and reducing parking to one side with their recommendation being the south side and to construct wider widths at certain intersections in the commercial areas east of Sanitorium Road for turning lanes. Discussion took place on the various options for parking areas, road width, terrace width, center turning lanes, and bike lanes. Board members requested staff to provide estimated costs associated with construction of a 48 foot, 44 foot and 40 foot street width at the next meeting. The majority of Board members indicated agreement with the recommendation to reconstruct the road with concrete as it currently is constructed. Board members indicated agreement with the recommendation of staff to construct the utilities the same year as the street as this will cause less impact to the businesses and residents but asked staff to request the gas, telephone and electric utilities to begin their work earlier. A discussion took place on the high cost of removing existing electrical poles and burying the lines to install decorative lighting. It was noted that some businesses on East Main Street had contacted the Village

requesting that electric lines be placed underground and decorative lighting be installed. Staff's recommendation is to focus on a few key areas for possible decorative lighting noting that property owners that have the decorative lighting will also have to pay a portion of the extra project cost for this lighting. No decision was made. Discussion took place on the use of Community Sensitive Design funding that is available to the Village and Trustee Elrick recommended colored concrete being placed at three intersections but only have the concrete poured in one color. Trustee Verstegen suggested using the funding for placing decorative trees in the terraces. The issue will continue to be discussed at future meetings. Staff raised the issue of the number of right-of-way acquisition temporary easements that will be needed and whether a consultant should be hired to do the acquisition. Board members did not indicate opposition to hiring a consultant to obtain the easements. Board members indicated agreement with staff's recommendation to take advantage of any WIDOT participation opportunities in addressing storm water quality issues that can be corrected during the project with the understanding that certain opportunities could increase the cost of the project. Board members indicated agreement with holding two separate public informational meetings with one for residential property owners and one for commercial property owners and Trustee Elrick requested that both commercial and residential property owners are sent a letter informing them of both informational meetings. The date of the information meetings will be determined at the next meeting. The E. Main Street construction design issues will be put on the agenda of the October 10th meeting for a decision on street width and parking placement.

Unfinished Business

Administrator Kell stated the meeting with Congressmen Kagen that included a tour of the Mill Street bridge and presentations by the Windmill Committee, Locks Authority, HOV and himself on behalf of the Village was very positive and he believes the congressmen is committed to helping the project move forward. Administrator Kell reported that he has not received a response from the Outagamie County Highway Department concerning a letter he sent requesting that the County reduce the speed limit on Hwy. N.

Items for Future Agendas

Trustee Joosten asked the Administrator to provide information on any funding proposals the Village is considering on the Windmill Project. Administrator Kell reported that the only item that outlined proposed funding was a memo that he had distributed to the Board at a previous meeting.

Trustee Joosten inquired as to the Administrator's progress on searching out other insurance and benefit plans and asked for a discussion on the issue at a future meeting. Board members were reminded that the Regular Board meeting is scheduled for Monday, October 1st due to the League Conference and packets would be mailed this Thursday.

Adjournment

Moved by Trustee Verstegen, seconded by Trustee Elrick to adjourn the Committee of the Whole meeting at 7:29 p.m.

All Ayes – Motion Carried Unanimously

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By: Charles Fischer, Village President

Attest: Vicki Schneider, Village Clerk