

MINUTES OF THE COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MEETING OF JANUARY 24, 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 Joosten, Trustee Ransbottom, Trustee Vanden Berg, Trustee Verstegen.

EXCUSED: Trustee Elrick, Trustee Vanden Heuvel

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

Public Appearance for Items not on the Agenda

None

Moved by Trustee Verstegen, seconded by Trustee Ransbottom to enter into the Public Hearing for mending the Zoning Code sections 13-1-21 and 13-1-49.

All Ayes – Motion Carried Unanimously

Public Hearing – Amending Village of Little Chute Zoning Code Sections 13-1-21 Use Regulations (c) Conditional Uses and (e) Temporary or Mobile Uses and Section 13-1-49 CH – Commercial Highway District (b) Permitted Uses and Structures

No public comments were made. Trustee Verstegen commented on concerns she had with temporary or mobile uses.

Moved by Trustee Verstegen, seconded by Trustee Ransbottom to exit the Public Hearing and Return to Regular Order of Business.

All Ayes-Motion Carried Unanimously

Little Chute Area School District Presentation – School Referendum

School District Representatives Dave Botz, School District Administrator; Mary Janssen, School Board President; Debbie Pelegrin, School District Business Manager; and Leon Biesterveld, School Board member reviewed the referendum questions, design concepts, construction costs and tax impact of the referendum if it is approved by the voters.

Review/Discussion – Repeal and Recreate Ordinance 11-3-7(d) Retail Theft

Chief Peterson reviewed the proposal to recreate the ordinance to bring it in line with today's economy by changing the \$100 value or less for an item stolen to \$500 or less for an item that is stolen which will allow more cases to be handled in the Little Chute Municipal Court. Board members agreed to put the item on the agenda of the Regular Board meeting on February 7th for action.

Review/Discussion – Dog License Fees/Impoundment Fees

Chief Peterson reviewed the recommendations to charge a \$20.00 impoundment fee for animals that are held at the Safety Center and released to the owners and to increase the dog license fees to \$7.00 per annual dog license for animals that are neutered or spayed and \$12.00 per annual dog license for animals that are not neutered or spayed. Board members discussed and agreed to put the item on the agenda of the Regular Board meeting of February 7th for action.

Preliminary Resolution- Set Public Hearing – 2007 Projects – Asphalt Paving, Mini-Storm Sewer, Rehab Sidewalk, New Watermain

Moved by Trustee Verstegen, seconded by Trustee Ransbottom to Adopt Resolution No. 2, Series of 2007 Setting the Public Hearing for February 7, 2006 at 6:00 p.m. in the Village Hall Community Room for 2007 Projects.

All Ayes – Motion Carried Unanimously

Review/Discussion – Ordinance Amending Section 13-1-21 Use Regulations (c) Conditional Uses and (e) Temporary or Mobile Uses

Trustee Verstegen commented on concerns she had with temporary or mobile uses. Discussion took place. The proposed amendment as written will be on the agenda of the Regular Board meeting of February 7th for action.

Review/Discussion – Ordinance Amending Section 13-1-49 – CH – Commercial Highway District (b) Permitted Principal Uses and Structures

Board members reviewed and agreed to place the item on the agenda of the Regular Board meeting of February 7th for action.

Discussion/Action – Comprehensive Park and Open Space Plan Contract

T. Flick and staff members discussed the planning and expenditure benefits to the Village that would result from having a Comprehensive Park and Open Space Plan. Staff stated \$6,500 was budgeted toward a trail study and an additional \$11,700 would need to be approved to move forward with the complete Comprehensive Park and Open Space Plan. Staff stated that there is money in the Park Development fund to cover the cost. Staff has reviewed two proposals to conduct the comprehensive plan and the recommendation is to contract with Rettler Corporation to conduct a comprehensive park and open space plan, evaluate and update the current park impact fee ordinance, update the public facility needs assessment and trail corridor plan. Discussion took place. The majority of the Board was in favor of putting the item on the agenda of the meeting of February 7th for action.

Review/Discussion – Ordinances Dealing with Junk and Littering

Trustee Verstegen stated she had asked for the agenda item so the ordinances dealing with junk and litter in the Village could be reviewed. Discussion took place. No further action was scheduled.

Update on Fox Locks Authority Project

C. Kell provided an update about what transpired at a meeting he had with the Locks Authority earlier today. The Authority has agreed to postpone for one year working on the Little Chute Guard Lock and Combined Locks so the Village has additional time to make a decision on the bridge. As part of the agreement to delay construction, the Village had to agree to prepare a plan and schedule that addresses all of the issues we need or want taken into consideration and present this plan to the Locks Authority within a year from now. The Authority will work on dredging and improving the levy on Island Park and they will proceed this year with the Cedars Lock. C. Kell stated that members of the Fox Locks Authority will be making a presentation to the Board at an upcoming meeting. C. Kell also updated the Board on possible funding options because of the historic element of the bridge. Discussion took place.

Unfinished Business

None

Items for Future Agenda

C. Kell reminded Board members that the Quad Communities meeting will be held on Monday, January 29th at the Village of Kimberly. Board members present agreed that they would not hold a 5th Wednesday workshop on January 31.

Adjournment

Moved by Trustee Verstegen, seconded by Trustee Ransbottom to adjourn the Committee of the Whole meeting at 7:27 p.m.

All Ayes-Motion Carried Unanimously

VILLAGE OF LITTLE CHUTE

By: Chuck Fischer, Village President

Attest: Vicki Schneider, Village Clerk