

MINUTES OF THE COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MEETING OF FEBRUARY 27, 2008

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 Van Ooyen, Trustee Vanden Heuvel, Trustee Verstegen

ALSO PRESENT: C. Kell, Chief Peterson, R. Van Gheem, V. Schneider

Public Appearance for Items not on the Agenda

None

Discussion/Possible Action – Sewer Lateral Issues – Dick Salm Property – 112, 114, 116 E. Main St.

Board members reviewed the televising tape from Dick Salm of the laterals at 112 and 116 E. Main Street as submitted by Mr. Salm and the televising tape from the Village's Department of Public Works.

Following the review of the tapes, Board members, Mr. Salm, and staff discussed the issues. Mr. Salm stated that the sag in the lateral that connects to 116 E. Main was the reason for the backup that happened in the summer of 2007 and that a bad connection between the clay and plastic pipes are the reason for the backup at 112 E. Main. Mr. Salm stated on the tape he sees the water as going down an opening in the connection instead of into the pipe because there isn't a tight fit in the joints in the connection to 112 E. Main. R. Van Gheem pointed out that the televising tape shows that there is debris and grease buildup in the laterals and it is illegal to dump grease down the sewer laterals and also acknowledged that there is a sag in the lateral with a drop of 2 to 3 inches for a length of approximately 3 to 5 feet but it cannot be determined that the sag caused the blockage. Staff stated the contractor warranted the work for 1 year and the construction took place in 2003. Mr. Salm stated that he did not have a problem with backup for 35 years and now he has and believes it is because of the Main Street lateral project and the sag in the line. Board members concurred with staff that there was no indication of a leak on the lateral to 112 E. Main and no reason to believe that the construction of the lateral is the reason for the backup at 116 E. Main. Board members and staff pointed out to Mr. Salm that the property owner is responsible for what gets put down the laterals, for cleaning the lateral, and is responsible for the laterals from their property line to their building as stated in the Village's policy. Board members stated they were not willing to assist with cleaning the laterals because there was only one instance of a backup and it's been four years since the construction project took place and they are not willing to go through the expense of tearing up the road and replacing the lateral. R. Van Gheem noted that at some point in the future, property owners on Main Street will be given notice to replace faulty laterals into their buildings. C. Kell noted that Mr. Salm was not assessed for the laterals. Mr. Salm was asking for the problem to be fixed at the Village's expense.

Moved by Trustee Ransbottom, seconded by Trustee Verstegen to deny the requests by Mr. Dick Salm in regard to the sewer lateral at his property at 112, 114, 116 E. Main Street.

Ayes 7, Nays 0 – Motion Carried Unanimously

Continued Discussion: Mr. Salm stated that the older clay laterals are clean and do not show a grease backup. Board members informed Mr. Salm that their decision had been made and that he can take preventive measures such as installing a backflow preventer and doing preventive maintenance on the laterals.

Request for Board Consideration – Police Vehicle Purchase – Fox Valley Metro – Budget Transfer

Chief Peterson explained the proposal to transfer funds in the amount of \$12,909 from the Department's Reserve Fund to the 2008 Operating Budget to make it possible to replace a second police vehicle during

the 2008 budget year. Chief stated he would like a consensus from the Board so the order could be placed. Board members indicated agreement with the budget transfer and purchase of the vehicle and the item will be place on next week's agenda for official action.

Request for Board Consideration – 2008 Board Consideration – 2008 Budget Transfer – Assessor's Plat

C. Kell stated that the Assessor's Plat project was included in the Assessor's budget and it is Public Works Engineering Project so the request is for a budget transfer to move the budgeted amount of \$40,000 to the Public Works Administration Budget.

Trustees indicated agreement with budget transfer and asked to have the item placed on next week's agenda for action.

Request for Board Consideration – 2007 Fund Transfer – Major Vehicle Repairs

C. Kell and R. Van Gheem explained the need for the budget transfer of \$6,410 from the Fleet Reserve to the General Fund for a refuse truck engine rebuild. Board members indicated agreement with the budget transfer and the item will be placed on next week's agenda for action.

Set Special Assessment Hearing Date – 2008 Concrete Street, Mini Storm Laterals, Sidewalk Projects

Moved by Trustee Elrick, seconded by Trustee Ransbottom to set an Assessment Hearing Date for the 2008 Projects for March 26, 2008 at 6 p.m. in the Community Room at Village Hall as recommended by staff.

Ayes, 7 – Nay 0 – Motion Carried Unanimously

Unfinished Business

None

Items for Future Agendas

None

Adjournment

Moved by Trustee Elrick, seconded by Trustee Ransbottom to adjourn the Committee of the Whole meeting at 7:01 p.m.

All Ayes – Motion Carried Unanimously

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By: Charles Fischer, Village President

Attest: Vicki Schneider, Village Clerk