

MINUTES OF THE COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MEETING OF OCTOBER 29, 2008

Call to Order

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

Roll Call

PRESENT: President Pro Tem Elrick, Trustee Leicht, Trustee Ransbottom, Trustee Smith, Trustee Van Ooyen, Trustee Verstegen

EXCUSED: President Fischer

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

Public Appearance for Items not on the Agenda

Lori Verhagen, 226 Paradise Drive, addressed the Board on behalf of the residents of Paradise Drive and stated the residents are opposed to having their street redone in concrete with curb and gutter and they support an asphalt overlay due to the uncertainty of the future of Paradise Drive. A petition stating such and signed by the residents was presented to the Clerk. Lori Verhagen stated the residents are also requesting that a turnaround be constructed at the end of the street. R. Van Gheem stated the street has not been designed yet and a turnaround is being planned and the Village is in the process of acquiring property for the turnaround. President Pro Tem Elrick stated that the Board had been presented with information that indicates the cost for asphalt may exceed the cost of concrete. Joyce Tiedt, 221 Paradise Drive, asked the Board about an extension on improvement projects for the road until it is known what Chris Hartwig's intentions are for his land. Board members agreed to put the issue of the street reconstruction on the agenda of the Committee of the Whole meeting on November 12, 2008.

Moved by Trustee Verstegen, seconded by Trustee Ransbottom to enter the Public Hearing on Amending the Zoning Code Section 13-1-200 – Accessory Uses and Structures (o) Portable Storage Units.

Ayes 6, Nay 0 – Motion Carried

Public Hearing - Amending the Zoning Code Section 13-1-200 – Accessory Uses and Structures (o) Portable Storage Units.

Trustee Leicht asked if dumpsters were part of the issue. J. Moes stated that there has not been a problem with dumpsters. No other public comment was made.

Moved by Trustee Van Ooyen, seconded by Trustee Ransbottom to Close the Public Hearing.

Ayes 6, Nay 0 – Motion Carried

Presentation by Christine Lollar regarding Resolution to Support Wisconsin, Outagamie County and Little Chute Manufacturing Jobs through a Strong Position on behalf of Fair Trade.

President Pro Tem Elrick stated that Ms. Lollar was unable to attend tonight's meeting. Board members discussed the proposed resolution. Trustees agreed they would like to consider a resolution with less detail and asked the Administrator to contact the other municipalities that adopted such resolution and review how their resolutions read.

Moved by Trustee Smith, seconded by Trustee Verstegen to table the item until the Administrator conducts further research on the language adopted by other communities and then bring a proposed resolution back to the Board for review and discussion at a future Committee of the Whole Meeting.

Ayes 6, Nay 0 – Motion Carried

Discussion – Resolution Establishing Protocol for Village Board Meetings.

Trustee Van Ooyen stated that some of the Board meetings as of late have tended to get somewhat out-of-hand and he would like to see Board procedures put in place that would allow for meetings to run smoother. Trustee Van Ooyen stated he liked the protocol outlined in the resolution that was drafted. Trustees indicated agreement with the proposed resolution. Trustee Elrick commented that the resolution

will only work if the protocol is followed by the Board. Board members agreed to put the resolution on next week's agenda for action.

Committee/Commission Appointments

President Pro Tem Elrick suggested that the appointments be postponed until the next meeting because President Fischer will be making the recommendations.

Moved by Trustee Ransbottom, seconded by Trustee Leicht to table the item until next week's meeting.

Ayes 6, Nay 0 – Motion Carried

Presentation/Discussion of 2009 Budget

D. Haug reminded the Board that the Public Hearing on the budget will be held at the Regular Board meeting on November 5 and the budget is proposed to be adopted at a meeting later in November. D. Haug led a review of the proposed budget and indicated the expenditure restraint numbers for the Village were received and they fell into what staff had estimated when preparing the budget. Different options for preparing the levy limit worksheet were presented and a summary of financial information was reviewed. Board members reviewed the items that are considered the major changes in this year's budget. Board members indicated they would like to see a pool facilities study conducted and expressed concerns with the cost to maintain the current pool slide. Trustee Ransbottom asked the Finance Director to prepare a written comparison of options to consider regarding fleet replacement funding. Trustee Smith stated he would like to have more information on the HVAC replacement at the Civic Center. Staff will inform the Building Superintendent and ask him to be present at next week's meeting to discuss the replacement of the system. C. Kell stated that Trustee salaries need to be determined before the final budget is passed. The majority of Trustee indicated they were not interested in raising trustees' salaries at this time. Further discussion on the Budget will take place at next week's meeting.

Unfinished Business

None

Items for Future Agenda

None

Moved by Trustee Van Ooyen, seconded by Trustee Leicht to enter into Closed Session. (7:57 p.m.)

Ayes 6, Nay 0 – Motion Carried

Closed Session: Real Estate (e) Deliberations or negotiations on the purchase of public properties, investing of public funds or conducting other specific public business when competitive or bargaining reasons require a closed session. 19.85(1)(e), Wis. Stats.

Moved by Trustee Leicht, seconded by Trustee Van Ooyen to Exit Closed Session. (8:15 p.m.)

Ayes 6, Nay 0 – Motion Carried

No Action taken on Closed Session item.

Adjournment

Moved by Trustee Ransbottom, seconded by Trustee Van Ooyen to adjourn the meeting at 8:15 p.m.

Ayes-6, Nay, 0 - Motion Carried

VILLAGE OF LITTLE CHUTE

By: John Elrick, President Pro Tem

Attest: Vicki Schneider, Village Clerk