

MINUTES OF THE COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MEETING OF APRIL 22, 2009

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 Leicht, Trustee Ransbottom, Trustee Smith, Trustee Van Deurzen, Trustee Verstegen

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

Public Appearance for Items not on the Agenda

None

Presentation of Windmill View Pocket Park Plan for the Library/Civic Center Property by Eagle Scout Candidate Marty Guhl and Possible Action on Plan

Trustee Verstegen introduced Eagle Scout Candidate, Marty Guhl and his father, Shaun Guhl. Marty addressed the Board stating that for his Eagle Scout project he would like permission to build handicap picnic tables for the Library/Civic Center pocket park. Trustee Verstegen reviewed the design for the proposed pocket park. J. Moes stated the proposed design for tables and sidewalks do meet current ADA requirements and he requested that a sample of the material that is to be used for the tables be brought to his office and it will be inspected to assure it meets State regulations.

Moved by Trustee Leicht, seconded by Trustee Verstegen to approve the Pocket Park Plan for the Library/Civic Center Property by Eagle Scout Candidate Marty Guhl as presented.

Ayes 7, Nay 0 – Motion Carried

Discussion/Possible Action – Municipal Code Section 44-191 – Regulation of Storage and Parking of Recreational Vehicles, Automobiles, and Utility Trailers

President Fischer stated the current ordinance does not allow parking on front, back or side yards unless the parking is on a paved surface. Laurie Hansen, 823 Bluff Avenue, presented the Board with a second petition signed by 50 residents opposed to the ordinance of no parking allowed on yards and the petition included a map that showed the area of the Village where these residents reside. Ms. Hansen also presented a petition in support of the ordinance that was signed by three (3) residents. Linda Collison, 1120 Garfield Avenue, distributed her written comments to the Board and stated that she doesn't believe that the majority of residents should be penalized for the actions of a few. Steve Hermes, 705 Arthur Street, addressed the Board and stated his concerns are that the ordinance violates property owners' rights; that it posses additional economic hardship for residents because of possible paving costs or costs to rent a storage unit; and that it may force property owners to sell their recreational possessions or even their homes. Mr. Hermes also stated that he is against the ordinance because it sets precedence for further restrictive ordinances and the wording in part of the ordinance is ambiguous. Michael Stouffer, 714 Bluff Avenue, commented that he has concerns with the ordinance and feels it was poorly drafted and that the wording is confusing and he is concerned with the fine schedule for being in violation of the ordinance. President Fischer and Trustee Elrick stated the Plan Commission is open to reconsidering the language in the ordinance referring to side and back yards but it appears the majority of the Commissioners agree that parking should not be allowed in front yards. Trustee Elrick also stated that the ordinance was originally brought forward because of complaints from residents about parking of vehicles, trailers, recreational vehicles, etc in yards. Discussion took place.

Moved by Trustee Ransbottom, seconded by Trustee Smith to refer the ordinance back to the Plan Commission for review and a possible amendment proposal with the understanding that the majority of the Board members are in agreement that they do not want to allow parking on front lawns.

Ayes 7, Nay 0 – Motion Carried Unanimously

Review/Action – Revolving Loan Application for “The Flying Dutchman”

C. Kell reviewed the terms of the loan and stated the CDA has recommended approval of a Revolving Loan in the amount of \$100,000 and a Micro Loan in the amount of \$30,000. C. Kell stated the closing date is scheduled for Thursday, April 30.

Moved by Trustee Elrick, seconded by Trustee Leicht to approve the Revolving Loan and Micro Loan Request in the total amount of \$130,000 for The Flying Dutchman in accordance with the terms outlined in the Administrator’s report.

Ayes 7, Nay 0 – Motion Carried Unanimously

Resolutions:

a) Declaring Official Intent to Reimburse Expenditures from Proceeds of Borrowing – Main Street Water Main Reconstruction Project

Moved by Trustee Elrick, seconded by Trustee Ransbottom to Adopt Resolution No. 12, Series of 2009 Declaring Official Intent to Reimburse Expenditures from Proceeds of Borrowing – Main Street Water Main Reconstruction Project.

Ayes 7, Nay 0 – Motion Carried Unanimously

b) Authorizing Representative to File Applications for Financial Assistance from the State of Wisconsin Environmental Improvement Fund – Main Street Project

Moved by Trustee Elrick, seconded by Trustee Ransbottom to Adopt Resolution No. 13, Series of 2009 Authorizing Village Representative to File Applications for Financial Assistance from the State of Wisconsin Environmental Improvement Fund – Main Street Project.

Ayes 7, Nay 0 – Motion Carried Unanimously

c) Declaring Official Intent to Reimburse Expenditures from Proceeds of Borrowing – McKinley Avenue Water Distribution Reconstruction Project

Moved by Trustee Elrick, seconded by Trustee Ransbottom to Adopt Resolution No. 14, Series of 2009 Declaring Official Intent to Reimburse Expenditures from Proceeds of Borrowing – McKinley Avenue Water Distribution Reconstruction Project.

Ayes 7, Nay 0 – Motion Carried Unanimously

d) Authorizing Representative to File Applications for Financial Assistance from the State of Wisconsin Environmental Improvement Fund – McKinley Avenue Project

Moved by Trustee Elrick, seconded by Trustee Ransbottom to Adopt Resolution No. 15, Series of 2009 Authorizing Village Representative to File Applications for Financial Assistance from the State of Wisconsin Environmental Improvement Fund – McKinley Avenue Project.

Ayes 7, Nay 0 – Motion Carried Unanimously

e) Outdoor Recreational Aids

Moved by Trustee Ransbottom, seconded by Trustee Smith to Adopt Resolution No. 16, Series of 2009 authorizing application for Outdoor Recreational Aids.

Ayes 7, Nay 0 – Motion Carried Unanimously

Discussion – Imagine Little Chute Plan/Design Manual

Trustee Verstegen commented that the current draft of the manual was reviewed in 2006 and she is bringing it back to the Board to see if they would like to consider reviewing the manual for possible implementation. Discussion took place. Board members discussed the options for oversight by a Design Review Board and/or the Plan Commission. Board members agreed that they would like to hear input from the business community and the Plan/Design manual will be presented to the Advance Little Chute group at their meeting on May 12th.

Discussion – Outagamie County Comprehensive Plan Prioritization Survey

J. Moes commented on how the survey could be utilized for the best interest of the Village by selecting Agricultural Resources, Community Facilities and Land Use Management as priorities. Board members were reminded to turn their surveys into the Village Clerk before May 15th.

Appoint President Pro Tem

President Fischer recommended reappointing Trustee Elrick as President Pro Tem.

Moved by Trustee Verstegen, seconded by Trustee Leicht to appoint Trustee John Elrick as President Pro Tem.

Ayes 7, Nay 0 – Motion Carried Unanimously

Committee/Commission Appointments

President Fischer presented a printed list of his recommendations of individuals to appointment or reappoint to the Village's Committees and Commissions. (Listing is attached to minutes.)

Moved by Trustee Elrick, seconded by Trustee Ransbottom to approve the listing of individuals for appointment/reappointment as recommended by the President.

Ayes 7, Nay 0 – Motion Carried Unanimously

Unfinished Business

None

Items for Future Agenda

None

Adjournment

Moved by Trustee Ransbottom, seconded by Trustee Smith to adjourn the meeting at 7:03 p.m.

Ayes-7, Nay-0, Motion Carried Unanimously

VILLAGE OF LITTLE CHUTE

By: Charles Fischer, Village President

Attest: Vicki Schneider, Village Clerk