

## MINUTES OF THE COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MEETING OF JUNE 24, 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, J. Elrick, V. Schneider,

### Public Appearance for Items not on the Agenda

None

### Discussion/Possible Action – Private Sewer Lateral Replacements – Requests for Extensions

President Fischer stated that he feels the property owners that have requested an extension have legitimate reasons for making their request and he does not have a problem with granting an extension and waiving the \$50 fee. Board members reviewed and discussed the three options being proposed by the Administrator. The first option is to deny the requests for an extension and impose the \$50 per month non-compliance fee as is stated in the Village ordinances. The second option is to approve the extensions with a specific deadline and delay the \$50.00 charge. If compliance is obtained by the deadline the monthly fee would be waived and if not, the \$50 fee would be applied back to the original deadline date. The third option requires the property owners to meet the deadlines by allowing them to hire a private contractor to complete the work and have the bill for this work paid for by the Village and the cost placed as a special charge on the property owners tax bill at an annual interest charge of 9%. Staff is recommending a higher interest rate as the Village does not want to become a funding source for these projects. Kim Schultz, 1204 Cypress Street, stated that she is not looking for a loan from the Village but an extension of time so she can have the project done at the same time as Bob Wolf and another neighbor who has a deadline date of June 2010. Bob Wolf, 707 Coolidge Avenue, stated he would like the extension so he has time to hire a company to check on the leaks as his pipes are cast iron and he doesn't believe they are leaking except possibly at one joint. Joe Tesch, 1131 Taft Street, stated he has quotes of \$2,700 and \$3,300 to do the work and he was informed that he would be responsible to hire his own contractor as the Village will not be performing the work. Board members agreed that more than one option may be needed depending on the homeowner's request and also suggested that homeowners show proof that they are not able to obtain a loan. Board members agreed to put the extension requests for private lateral replacements on next week's agenda for action.

### Discussion/Possible Action – Pine Street Issue

This issue was requested to be reviewed by Trustee Verstegen. Board members discussed the possibility of closing a portion of Pine Street from Main Street to Church Street as recommended in the Downtown Redevelopment Plan that was conducted in 1989. J. Moes stated the issue should go before the Planning Commission for review and recommendation and following the Plan Commission's review, a Public Hearing could be scheduled by the Board.

*Moved by Trustee Elrick, seconded by Trustee Ransbottom to refer the issue of closing a portion of Pine Street to the Planning Commission for review and recommendation.*

Ayes 7, Nay 0 – Motion Carried Unanimously

### Review/Possible Action – Site Plan – 1701 E. Elm Drive

J. Moes stated that the site plan meets zoning regulations and Industrial Park Covenants.

*Moved by Trustee Elrick, seconded by Trustee Ransbottom to approve the site plan for an addition at Performance Machine, 1701 E. Elm Drive as presented.*

Ayes 7, Nay 0 – Motion Carried Unanimously

**Discussion – Possible Action – Request for Time Extension on Roof Repairs – 703 E. Main Street**

J. Moes informed the Board that action by them was not needed as the homeowner has informed him that he has hired a contractor and has obtained the financing to complete the project in 30 days.

**Review/MCO Contract for Management of the Village's Water System**

Staff stated that the Water Commission had reviewed and approved the contract and the contract had also been reviewed by the Village's Attorney. Board members reviewed the financial analysis of the contract costs that was prepared by the Finance Director. Board members agreed to put the contract on next week's agenda for action to approve.

**Unfinished Business**

C. Kell reported that he was informed that the Washington Street project is being recommended as a project to receive stimulus funding and if the funding is awarded, the TEA grant dollars may be available to address the issues at the Washington Street and Hwy. "OO" intersection. C. Kell reported that he has received requests from residents that are interested in salvaging items from Village properties before they are raised and he has been telling the residents the Village cannot allow that due to liability issues. Board members discussed and agreed with the Administrator's decision and recommended that Habitat for Humanity be contacted to see if they are interested in signing a waiver and salvaging the items.

Staff responded to a question about the status of the occupants of 133 and 141 E. Main Street stating the occupants had been invoiced for June rent but the bill has not been paid and staff has been informed by the occupants that they will be vacating the properties by July 1.

**Items for Future Agenda**

Trustee Elrick asked to have the issue of advertising signs in parks placed on a future agenda for discussion and Board members agreed to put the issue on the agenda of the July 8 Committee of the Whole meeting.

**Adjournment**

*Moved by Trustee Ransbottom, seconded by Trustee Van Deurzen to adjourn the Committee of the Whole meeting at 6:57p.m.*

Ayes-7, Nay-0, Motion Carried Unanimously

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By: Charles Fischer, Village President

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Attest: Vicki Schneider, Village Clerk