

MINUTES OF THE COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MEETING OF SEPTEMBER 22, 2010

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 Frassetto, Trustee Hietpas, Trustee Mahlik, Trustee Van Deurzen

EXCUSED: President Fischer, Trustee Verstegen

ALSO PRESENT: C. Kell, D. Haug, T. Flick, R. Van Gheem, E. Misselt, V. Schneider

Public Appearance for Items not on the Agenda

Attorney Dave Van Lieshout addressed the Board, on behalf of his clients which are property owners on W. Lincoln Avenue, about concerns on the status of the new road. Attorney Van Lieshout stated his clients object to the houses on W. Lincoln and Main Street being torn down for the proposed road because the status of the Van Dyn Hoven project is not known and if there is any update on financing and plans to comply with the Developer's Agreement, his clients have not seen or heard anything. Attorney

Van Lieshout commented that the Developers agreement with Mr. Van Dyn Hoven states that one-half of the project is to be completed by December 31 and the remaining half is to be finished by March 31 and there are only 110 days before the end of year and nothing has been done. Attorney Van Lieshout stated one of the reasons for adopting the resolution to conditionally vacate the street was that this was a project of major significance and of major value to the Village. Attorney Van Lieshout stated his clients' position was that nothing should be done on this road without an understanding of what is going to happen on that corner. Mr. Van Lieshout further stated that there were two other reasons for the proposed vacating, eliminate the public safety and visibility and there are alternatives that should be evaluated if there is not going to be an improvement made to that corner before a decision is made to spend a half a million dollars to build a new road. President Pro Tem Elrick stated this is not an agenda item but it could be put on a future agenda for an update if the Board chooses. C. Kell clarified that if Mr. Van Dyn Hoven decides to take out razing permits to take down the houses, the Village has no reason to not issue them as he has full rights to do what he wants with those properties. Mr. Kell confirmed that the Village has not closed on those properties. C. Kell stated that the correspondence Mr. Van Dyn Hoven has had with the Village was that he was still evaluating his bids for the cost of the project. C. Kell commented that this may signal that the costs were higher than Mr. Van Dyn Hoven had anticipated for the project and he hasn't made a decision whether he is going forward.

Review/Discussion – 2011 Operating Budget Overview

D. Haug led an overview of the initial summary of 2011 operating budget, noting that the numbers being presented were submitted by the Departments and reviewed by the Administrator with the Administrator's recommendation is shown in the last column of the budget spreadsheets. D. Haug stated the details of the budget will be presented to the Board beginning with the joint department's next week. D. Haug commented on the Levy Limit being 3% which is a legal restriction governed by the State and the Administrator's recommendation on the budget falls within the restriction and is less than the levy limit.

D. Haug stated they are waiting on the final equalized assessment ratio from the Dept. of Revenue as that will affect what the assessed value is and the tax rate calculation. D. Haug stated three items had changed since the numbers were put together last week and those are the final calculation on the workers compensation insurance premium, a notice of an increase in one of the dental plans and through a review of other compensation and benefits, numbers were adjusted to be more accurate. C. Kell stated that the initial direction to Departments was to have a zero increase in their operating budgets and a 1 ½ percent raise was plugged in for union and non-union staff for next year and there was a slight increase in health insurance costs and that reverberates through other benefits and retirement. C. Kell stated that basically the budget was started with no tax increase but the items mentioned by the Finance Director will raise the tax rate by five cents so the Board will have to find other places to cut if they don't want a tax increase.

D. Haug also explained the new GASB 54 accounting procedures that go into effect in 2011 and the new requirements involve moving special revenue funds into the general fund. Discussion took place. No action was taken and the Village Board and staff will be meeting with the Village of Kimberly Board next week to review and discuss the budgets for the Police, Library, and Custodial Departments.

Discussion of Expanding Citizen Access to the Public Works Site for Disposal of Yard Waste

R. Van Gheem provided a handout of costs associated with proposed options being presented to allow for additional hours for residents to drop off yard waste. The options discussed were installing cameras and fencing and a gate around a new site on the public works grounds and the personnel costs if a seasonal employee was scheduled to man the site evening and weekend hours or if a full time union employee was to man the site evening and weekend hours and the estimated cost if a combination of a seasonal and union employees would be used to man the site. Discussion took place on the pros and cons of the options for a yard waste drop off site. No action was taken.

Discussion – Trustee Frassetto’s Request to Review Parking on Sanitorium Road.

Trustee Frassetto requested that the agenda item be postponed as the property owner concerned with the parking situation was not able to attend tonight’s meeting. Board members agreed to postpone the agenda item and until the next Committee of the Whole meeting.

Unfinished Business

T. Flick stated that the Department is currently accepting applications for participation in the controlled deer bow hut and proficiency tests will be held on October 2 and October 5 at the Combined Locks archery range. R. Van Gheem informed the Board that the County is planning to begin work on Madison Street between Hwy. OO and Main Street next week and the south bound land will be closed and Washington Street should be open by Friday and that will be the alternate southbound route.

R. Van Gheem alerted the Board to the fact that the railroad has also indicated that they are going to begin work on the crossings at Buchanan Street and Rosehill Road and he has asked them to hold off on the construction until Madison Street is completed but they have not indicated if they will hold off, so a number streets in the Village may be closed in October.

Items for Future Agenda

None

Adjournment

Moved by Trustee Van Deurzen, seconded by Trustee Frassetto to Adjourn the Committee of the Whole meeting at 7:33 p.m.

Ayes 5, Nay 0 – Motion Carried

VILLAGE OF LITTLE CHUTE

By: John Elrick, President Pro Tem

Attest: Vicki Schneider, Village Clerk