

## **MINUTES OF THE COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MEETING OF August 11, 2010**

### **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 Frassetto, Trustee Hietpas, Trustee Mahlik, Trustee Verstegen

EXCUSED: Trustee Van Deurzen

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

### **Public Appearance for Items not on the Agenda**

Lee Hietpas, 1305 E Lincoln Avenue, stated that he has contacted Board members at certain times to inform them of the problem he has with the storm water that runs through his backyard. Mr. Hietpas stated that this year it has flooded 10 times and he has called Public Works and the Metro about the issue. Mr. Hietpas stated that he built the house 10 years ago and the Village asked for a 20 x 200 foot easement in his backyard and he gave it to the Village. The Village split his lot and he had to build a bridge at a cost of \$2,500 to get to the other side and every time it floods he raises the bridge a foot and a half and this morning his entire yard was flooded. Mr. Hietpas stated he contacted the Village and he is tired of this issue and the Village refuses to do anything about it. Mr. Hietpas asked the Village Board to do something about this or they will be looking at another Pheasant Run.

### **Review/Discussion – Downtown Traffic Study**

C. Kell stated the study is being presented by Mike Simon of McMahons and it covers the issues in the downtown that have been around for a long time and discussed by the Board many times. C. Kell stated the study will be put on a future agenda for the Board to discuss in further detail as to what elements of the study the Board wants to move forward with and then based on those decisions, public hearings would be scheduled to allow for public input. Mr. Simon presented the study that reviewed proposed improvements to realign the intersection of Vandebroek St./Main St./Depot St., to extend Lincoln Avenue from Wilson Street to Vandebroek St., and possible modifications to Pine St.

### **Review/Discussion – 2010 Mid-Year Budget Adjustments**

D. Haug stated to better represent the actual allocation of revenue and expenditures for the year, budget adjustments are being requested and the requested changes have a net zero effect. D. Haug stated that approval of the budget adjustments would be asked for at next week's Regular Board meeting.

### **Review/Discussion – Amending Village Code Section 28-31 Noxious Weeds and Section 28-87 Length of Lawns and Grasses**

R. Van Gheem stated the recommended changes are already part of the approved policy but they were never adopted into the Code of Ordinances. Board members reviewed the proposed amendments to Sec. 28-31 and Sec. 28-87 that deal with noxious weeds and providing only one notice to repeat offenders and states there will be no other notice to property owners to abate if a second complaint is received during the same growing season for the same parcel of land. The ordinance amendments will be on next week's agenda for action.

### **Review/Discussion on Capital Improvement Plan 2011 - 2015**

D. Haug and staff led a discussion on the proposed capital improvements for technology for village hall and municipal operations; repairs and replacements at the municipal buildings; the Public Safety Departments of police and fire and proposals for equipment/buildings/vehicles; and Community Enrichment Services that included the pool, parks, and library. T. Flick noted that he did not put any requests into the CIP for the pool and the plan is to maintain and repair the pool as needed until a decision is made on the future of aquatic facilities for the Village. Staff also reviewed the CIP for the Public

Works and Parks/Rec./Forestry Fleet. Trustee Verstegen expressed concerns about eliminating or postponing park projects like the aquatic sprayground from the CIP and planning for future parks as she believes the existing parks are currently under utilized. Trustee Elrick asked to keep open the idea of adding additional levy dollars for funding the planned park projects so the park fund balance is not depleted. The CIP will be placed on a future agenda for review and discussion of additional proposed projects.

### **Unfinished Business**

C. Kell asked the Board if they wanted to hold the discussion about the Fire Department purchasing issues in open or closed session and noted that Attorney Koehler provided an opinion that the issue does qualify for a closed session. The majority of Board members agreed the issue should be discussed in open session at next week's meeting.

### **Items for Future Agenda**

Trustee Frassetto requested that the issue that was brought up by Mr. Hietpas be placed on a future agenda and Board members asked staff to provide information on the history of the easement and problems with the drainage and the Village's involvement. Board members asked to have the Facilities Study presented at a Committee of the Whole meeting in the next few weeks. Trustee Frassetto stated she would like to see a discussion about the pool placed on a future agenda and Trustee Mahlik stated he didn't think a discussion about the pool is warranted at this time and President Fischer stated nothing will be decided on about the future of the pool anytime soon.

President Fischer stated that the Closed Session was no longer needed as the appeal to the license denial was dropped by the appellant.

### **Closed Session:**

### **Operator's License Denial**

### **Adjournment**

*Moved by Trustee Elrick, seconded by Trustee Frassetto to Adjourn the Committee of the Whole meeting at 8:06 p.m.*

Ayes 6, Nay 0 – Motion Carried

## **VILLAGE OF LITTLE CHUTE**

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By: Charles Fischer, Village President

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Attest: Vicki Schneider, Village Clerk