



# Village of Fox River Grove

## MINUTES OF THE COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MEETING OF THE PRESIDENT AND BOARD OF TRUSTEES THURSDAY, DECEMBER 17, 2015

### **CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL**

Trustee Migdal called the meeting to order at 6:55 p.m. in the Municipal Center. Present at roll call were President Nunamaker, Trustees Anderson, Blohm, Curtiss, Knar and Migdal. Also present were Administrator Soderholm, Management Assistant Bechler, Operations Managers Reese and Zintl, Treasurer Menz, Chief Lukasik and Village Clerk Brouder.

### **PUBLIC COMMENT**

None.

### **PRESIDENT AND TRUSTEE REPORTS**

President Nunamaker shared a report from ComEd stating that on Veterans Day they had 66 mph winds and with their new smart grid they had only 74,000 customers affected. A 40% improvement over last year's 136,000 without power.

He also reported that Senate President Cullerton spoke at the Mayors Caucus. The Democratic leaders are opposed to reducing the local income tax. If the tax is increased, our share will decrease. They are also working to prevent property tax increases and with changes to prevailing wage and workman's comp rules.

The Tree Lighting attendance and performances were mentioned.

### **1. APPROVAL: DECEMBER 3, 2015 COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MINUTES**

Trustee Migdal made a motion to approve the minutes of the December 3, 2015 Committee of the Whole meeting. Trustee Knar seconded. Roll Call: Trustees Anderson, Blohm, Curtiss, Knar and Migdal – all "yes". MOTION PASSED.

### **2. DISCUSSION: ROUTE 14 R-O-W MOWING**

Public Works has been mowing the right-of-ways along Route 22 and Route 14 for the past few years. It is the business owner's responsibility, but previously they would not do it, so the Village did. Public Works would like to have it go back to the owners. We will send letters notifying them of this. All Trustees were good with the concept.

### **3. OTHER BUSINESS**

President Nunamaker stated the 5 O'Clock Steak House property has a party interested in purchasing it. They would like to move the entrance further to the west from its current location at the crest of the hill on U.S. Highway 14. The cost is approximately \$400,000. They asked if the Village would create a Special Business District, which works similar to the Tax Increment Financing (TIF) District. The sales tax would be increased 1% and that percentage is used toward the cost of the project. The Village would hire Teska to do a study which will cost about \$5,000 - \$10,000, which the purchasers would pay for. They would be looking at an August 2016 opening date. There was a discussion of including other

Village President Robert Nunamaker

Trustees Thomas Anderson / Suzanne Blohm / Jennifer Curtiss / Steve Knar / Andrew Migdal / Patrick Wall

parcels, but it was decided to just do the 5 O’Clock property at this time. All Trustees agreed to move forward.

Operations Manager Reese informed the Board that we have new LED lights at the train station. He asked if we can dispose of them. The Board agreed.

**5 EXECUTIVE SESSION**

None.

**6 ADJOURMENT**

**Trustee Knar made a motion to adjourn the Committee of the Whole at 8:00 p.m. Trustee Blohm seconded.** All were in favor.

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Andrew Migdal, Chairperson

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Date

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Donna M. Brouder, Village Clerk