



Village of Fox River Grove

MINUTES OF THE COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MEETING OF THE PRESIDENT AND BOARD OF TRUSTEES THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 4, 2016

CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL

Trustee Blohm called the meeting to order at 6:47 p.m. in the Municipal Center. Present at roll call were President Nunamaker, Trustees Anderson, Blohm, Curtiss, Knar, Migdal and Wall. Also present were Administrator Soderholm, Management Assistant Bechler, Chief Lukasik and Village Clerk Brouder.

PUBLIC COMMENT

None.

2. DISCUSSION: ZBA CASE 2015-07, 1023 VICTORIA DRIVE, SIDE YARD SETBACK VARIANCE

Trustee Blohm made a motion to recommend approval of Zoning Case 2015-07 for a variance for a 5' side yard setback for an in-ground pool to the Village Board. Trustee Anderson seconded. Roll Call: Trustees Anderson, Blohm, Curtiss, Knar, Migdal and Wall – all “yes”. MOTION PASSED.

PRESIDENT AND TRUSTEE REPORTS

President Nunamaker stated the Village is a member of the McHenry County Historical Society and it is time to renew our membership. The cost is \$250 annually. With the membership, the Village residents receive free admission for one week during the year. There were no objections to joining again this year.

Trustee Blohm heard the Business Roundtable went well and Trustee Wall stated residents are excited about the new Banquet Hall.

1. APPROVAL: JANUARY 21, 2016 COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MEETING MINUTES

Trustee Blohm made a motion to approve the minutes of the January 21, 2016 Committee of the Whole meeting. Trustee Migdal seconded. Roll Call: Trustees Anderson, Blohm, Curtiss, Knar, Migdal and Wall – all “yes”. MOTION PASSED.

3. DISCUSSION: REPLACEMENT TREES IN VILLAGE PARKS

There are 24 trees that have been removed in Village parks. Staff obtained pricing from a nursery for 24 trees of different diameters (2.5” – 4”) at a cost of \$7,200, including planting. The Board was agreeable to spend the money for this.

4. DISCUSSION: RECREATION COUNCIL PROJECT

Trustee Blohm explained that a few years ago the Board approved an expenditure of \$3,000 for the Rec Council. The Rec Council never came up with something to use the money for. Now, they would like to purchase a new set of U14 Soccer Goals. The Committee had further questions and requested the Rec Council attend the next meeting.

5. DISCUSSION: VACANT COMMERCIAL PROPERTY ORDINANCE

The Board discussed the ordinance and like the content. Trustee Wall would like to add two points

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to the proposed ordinance – a severability section, so if a Judge strikes a part of the ordinance, the remainder will remain in effect. Secondly, that a foreclosure is not considered an owner dispute. The Committee recommended approval of the ordinance to the Village Board.

5. OTHER BUSINESS

The Board received an email from a resident complaining about our rates with Waste Management. The rate does include several additional items. Administrator Soderholm will contact the resident.

Administrator Soderholm presented the updated costs for the new Public Works garage. He also described potential cost savings opportunity to bring the project closer to the previously estimated budget.

He also talked about a suggestion Public Works had regarding water at the new facility. The new facility will have a well, but Public Works would like to run a 2” line under the street to have Village water instead of having a well. The cost would be about \$30,000 - \$40,000 more to do this. The Committee was not in favor of the additional costs at this time.

Trustee Blohm asked if the County could be approached to monitor some property maintenance in the unincorporated area along Doyle Road.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

There was no Executive Session.

6 ADJOURMENT

Trustee Wall made a motion to adjourn the Committee of the Whole at 8:16 p.m. Trustee Blohm seconded. All were in favor.

Suzanne Blohm, Chairperson

Date

Donna M. Brouder, Village Clerk