

VILLAGE BOARD COMMITTEE MEETING
THE VILLAGE BOARD OF THE VILLAGE OF ISLAND LAKE
September 6, 2007 7:30 pm

CALL TO ORDER Mayor Thomas P. Hyde called the meeting to order at 7:30 pm.

ROLL CALL Roll call indicated the following present: Trustees Garling, Herrmann, Ponio, Saville and Verciglio. Absent: Trustee Sadoski

Also in attendance was: Karen Luebbers, Recreation Department.

1. Call to order
2. Discussion of attendance at the Illinois Municipal League annual conference in October

Trustee Ponio inquired if there are monies available to be used for hotel rooms along with the registration fee for those that would like to attend. He suggested that maybe half the Board goes this year and the other half next year if funds are limited. Trustee Herrmann stated that it should probably be mileage and/or hotel expense. Trustee Garling mentioned that only a \$1000 is budgeted. He stated that he will need approval of \$330 for himself to attend the ICSC show. Trustee Herrmann replied that that could come out of Economic Development for Trustee Garling. The Board agreed to a one night hotel stay for those who are attending. To date, Mayor Hyde, Trustee Sadoski and Trustee Verciglio are attending the conference.

3. Discussion of emergency access gate by Prairie Woods subdivision

Trustee Sadoski had asked for this item to be on the agenda. Trustee Herrmann stated that she has had conversation with Willie Kootstra about this matter. Trustee Ponio commented that he thought that the Fire Department did not want anything. Trustee Ponio suggested choosing a gate with least about of trouble to open and the easiest to get to and get through. Trustee Saville stated that there's a gate at Converse Park where the gate is held closed by a pin. The pin pulls out and the gate opens. There's no key and this appears to be the easiest and fastest. Trustee Garling questions though, if there's no lock, what will stop people from pulling the pin out and opening the gate. Mayor Hyde replied that it is a deterrent. Trustee Ponio suggested also putting a sign that states the fine for opening the gate. Trustee Verciglio stated that if someone wants to get through, they'll get through. He drove down to that area to check it out and he reported that there are signs up for emergency vehicles only. Both Trustee Verciglio and Trustee Garling drove to the area at some point to check out the emergency access road and how it could be accessed. Trustee Ponio suggested that someone let the Fire Department know what the Village is doing and putting up just as a courtesy. Mayor Hyde would like to see this expedited as quickly as possible for security.

4. Discussion and update of Village Hall security

Trustee Sadoski asked for this agenda item. Motion by Trustee Herrmann, properly seconded to table item number 4. All in favor.

5. Discussion of Clean Air Resolution

Trustee Garling presented a copy to the Board Members of the resolution for consideration. He stated that this would be a way to show that our Village is working on protecting the environment. He mentioned that this would be a leadership item as well for the Village. Trustee Garling stated that the Village would be taking a stand on protecting the environment. He explained that the resolution would show that the Village is going a step further. Trustee Garling stated that other Villages such as Lake Zurich, Barrington, Chicago, Normal, etc. have passed this resolution as well. There are about 50 communities already participating in this resolution. He said that there is a list of things that the Village can do and residents can do to help the environment. Trustee Garling reported that the Village is already doing some things such as the SWALCO Household Chemical Clean Up days and Electronics Recycling program along with Wauconda. Trustee Ponio stated that he thinks that this is a good idea for the Village. Trustee Garling said that this will be an honor type system item. Trustee Garling explained that he will also be adding to the Village website a video clip which will give everyone ideas on helping the environment.

6. Discussion of 3116 Debra Drive

Trustee Verciglio reminded the Board of their previous discussion regarding this matter. He went to this area himself this past week to check out the situation with the driveways. He reported that the street does take a turn so there are lots and driveways that were made shorter. If the car is not in the garage, it will hang over the sidewalk, and the person will get a ticket. Trustee Verciglio said that this development was approved and that this was a result of the development going in. Trustee Ponio asked if the sidewalk could be moved. Trustee Verciglio replied that the Village has to look at the cost to move the sidewalk. He reported that a 1/3 of the cars hang over the sidewalk if they are parked in the driveway. Trustee Garling reported that there is not much room either to move the sidewalk. He had checked out the area and situation as well this past week. Mayor Hyde stated that this is a liability issue too with blocking sidewalks. He would like this look into in a timely manner and taken care of as soon as possible. Even if it could be on the agenda for the following week. This subdivision has been there for 10-15 years and the one woman that lives there is receiving tickets. She is averaging 12 tickets per year.

7. Discussion of AT & T

Mayor Hyde stated that Trustee Saville turned to him to look at this situation. They will be giving the Village \$19,500 for restoration work which is far beyond what normally would be the cost of restoration. He does not expect the Village to use the entire \$19,500 for restoration work and stated that the extra monies can possibly be used then in other areas of the Village. Mayor Hyde had a conversation with the attorney. Trustee Garling was agreeable. Trustee Ponio questioned who will do the landscaping. Mayor Hyde replied that someone will probably have to be hired. Trustee Saville reported that this situation had not been resolved until now because AT & T was questioning the landscaping dollars.

8. Discussion of Acres Lawn Care

Trustee Saville stated that there really is no discussion of this topic this evening as there are not monies in the budget to hire an outside service so there is not much to discuss. He said that there was a choice between grass/landscaping work and mosquito spraying and they went with mosquito spraying. Trustee Ponio questioned if it is hourly or by the package and Trustee Saville replied that it is put together as a package. It is approximately \$2000 per cycle for mosquito spraying the Village. Trustee Saville reported that mosquito spraying will be in next year's budget. As for this year, the budget is spent. Trustee Garling questioned if there was in the budget to hire help this year for grass cutting. Trustee Saville replied that one was in the budget. Village employee, Jean, replied that yes, one was in the budget. It was stated that the Village for next year will have to allocate more labor or find a resolution. Mayor Hyde said it's been done for 10 years this way and the Village hired 2 college students for the summers to cut the grass. They were hired as full time seasonal summer employees. Mayor Hyde said that he continues to get requests from residents for the Village lawns to be mowed. Trustee Saville replied that 2 people is absurd, that he had tabled this matter and someone else actually had placed this on the agenda. Trustee Herrmann replied that the grass normally too by this time of the year is not growing at this rate. The weather and rain this summer has caused excessive grass cutting needs throughout the Village. Trustee Saville said that he will conduct the necessary research and work on this matter for next year's budget. He also plans to speak with the Public Works employees so they know exactly what is needed for next year. He would like to look at all the options and that he wasn't looking for a band aid. Trustee Garling replied that he does not see what that has to do with hiring 2 people, as summer help, to cut the lawns. Trustee Saville stated that you have to look at the whole picture. Village employee, Jean, stated that one grass cutter was hired; however, that did not last long. He said that in past summers, when it was dry, these summer helpers helped too with odds and ends types of jobs around the Village. He stated that when the mow, they also check the playgrounds, the playground equipment, etc. When they do the work, it's more than just mowing the lawns. He said too that this summer has been unusual. There were many storms so it's been wet, trees have been knocked down all over the Village, etc. Trustee Garling replied though that these summer helpers help to free the Public Works employees up for other jobs.

9. Discussion of Island Lake's 55th Year Anniversary

Mayor Hyde stated that he is just asking the Board to acknowledge this and decide if they would like to do anything. Trustee Verciglio replied that maybe the Board should speak with the person that ran the last anniversary and have her look into it. Connie Mascillino will be spoken to then to see if this is a project or not to move forward with.

10. Discussion of amendment to ordinance 1311-07

Trustee Sadoski had this item on the agenda for this evening.

Motion by Trustee Herrmann to table item number 10, properly seconded. All in favor.

11. Discussion of ordinance 1-6-6 standing committees of the Board of Trustees

Mayor Hyde stated that this was put together by Attorney Scott Puma and will be on the next agenda for a vote. This will aid in the Board complying with the Open Meetings Act.

12. Discussion of ordinance 1313-07 audio taping of executive session

This particular ordinance was presented to the Board from Attorney Scott Puma. Trustee Verciglio stated that the Clerk would be responsible for taping of meetings and if she is not present, the Board would have the authority to assign someone. Trustee Herrmann stated that this too is already a state statute.

Items from Clerk, Trustees and Department Heads

- Trustee Saville reported that Lake Management, with Jeff Block in charge, they will be re-stocking the lake which is built into the budget. They will be spending approximately \$2497 on the re-stocking.
- Trustee Verciglio reported that Touch a Truck is September 22nd at Converse Park, Venetian Night is September 8th and he reported that the Fall Park and Recreation Guide is out. He said that Open House took place for the pre-school. There was a power failure that first night but packets were passed out to the parents. This had to be cancelled due to no electricity. Trustee Verciglio reported that he is working on the ordinance in order to sell the bus.
- Trustee Herrmann reported that True Value would like to apply for a temporary tent permit as well as they are asking the Board to waive the sound ordinance from 11 am to 3 pm for a one-man band. The event will be September 21, 22 and 23. The permit has been applied for.
- Trustee Herrmann explained that she has been working with Attorney Puma on a resolution for the Board consideration. The resolution states that the Board would agree to conduct Village business in a positive manner and to agree to move forward. She said that many of the past issues are not productive for the Village to keep mulling over especially where decisions were already made. In order to be a productive Board, she feels that some of these issues need to be left out of the Board Room and handled on that persons own.
- Trustee Ponio stated that he received an email regarding OSHA training. He inquired if it is part of the budget and who is participating in OSHA training. He's not sure if this is being done or not. Trustee Ponio said that companies have to provide safety training as well as manuals. He said it is the Villages responsibility to do. He said that Trustee Saville and/or Willie Kootstra need to be proactive with this. Trustee Herrmann stated that she feels the whole Board needs to make sure this is implemented. Trustee Saville agreed as well. Trustee Garling replied that the Public Works Committee should probably at this and report back to the Board. Trustee Ponio said too that safety training should be implemented for everyone here at the Village, for the office too. He said that safety should be first. Trustee Garling reported that he himself attended the CPR training that the Village held back in May this year. Trustee Ponio said is sounds like everyone is in agreement but that the Board has to help make sure this happens. Neal DeYoung stated that they used to have this training but for some reason, a year ago, it just stopped. Neal DeYoung said money is budgeted every year for training.
- Trustee Garling reported the Illinois Council – ICSC -2007 Chicago Deal Making Show will be October 25-26. The cost to the Village would be \$330 per person. This is not part of the Lake County Partners agreement; however, they will pay for the booth at the show and the Village is able to have materials/items there on behalf of the Village. The booth will be shared with 9 other Villages. Trustee Garling plans to attend the show as well as work the show. The show will be in Chicago and there are approximately 1300 booth spaces so it is a large show.
- Trustee Garling stated that he is working on the Downtown Improvement Committee. Two have expressed interest in the committee thus far – Ken from True Value and Michelle Frederick of the Plan Commission. Trustee Garling would like to see a committee of about 10-15 people with representation from residents, social groups, business owners, etc. He would like to see a broad spectrum of people.

Items from the Mayor

- *Mayor Hyde said that a new developer, Affinity, is looking at the 7.5 acres to the right of Westridge Drive.*
- *Mayor Hyde reported that a Mr. Patel had come before the Board in the past with a presentation of a gasoline station for Island Lake which would include E85. The present Board has not spoken with Mr. Patel yet. Mayor Hyde asked if the Board was interested in pursuing this and if he should contact Mr. Patel. The Board agreed to have Mr. Patel to return and speak with the Board. Trustee Herrmann stated that she feels E85 is up and coming and that the Village does not have a gas station with the E85. Mr. Patel was just looking at the land near Westridge but no purchase was made yet.*
- *Mayor Hyde stated that he would like to get a consensus from the Board moving forward on the project/well drilling that was presented to the Board. Mayor Hyde said that Trustee Saville's department needs to work on this. Mayor Hyde reported that there was a bid opening this past week and there were 2 bidders on the project. He suggested too that Trustee Saville meet with Willie Kootstra, Neal DeYoung as well as Kevin Sutherland so there are answers to the financial end of this project.*
- *Mayor Hyde said that with regard to the 2008 CDBG, Neal DeYoung is moving forward with the application. Mayor Hyde presented a packet to the Board that also needs to be decided upon. Mayor Hyde said that the Village needs to move forward with this or they will lose it. He reported that Baxter & Woodman has proposed for 2007, the \$75,000 that was approved with the 2007 grant, the design is \$28,700 and budgeted was \$30,000 and the budget has \$45,000 for construction services and the Village has to go out for bid on these items and get the process moving or they will lose the grant funds. Mayor Hyde would like to know if the Board is ready to move forward with this or if they would like to sit and talk about it some more. Mayor Hyde said that the Board has to approve to go out for bid and move forward with this if they'd like to or the grant money will be lost.*
- *Mayor Hyde reported that the CTY message that went out on Friday regarding the mosquito spraying was a success. The Board briefly discussed some of the issues that were reported with messages that were not received, etc. Mayor Hyde said there was an 86% accuracy. CTY will do a check on the issues and possibly conduct a test on those numbers that did not work this last time.*
- *Mayor Hyde mentioned that Anthony Piotrowski had a public hearing for a variance that he is requesting on August 30th. He would like to move forward and speak with the Board.*
- *Mayor Hyde reported that there is a new Officer starting with the Village, Vince, and he will be sworn in at the next meeting.*
- *Mayor Hyde handed over to Trustee Saville the antenna request from Sprint/Nextel. He would like Trustee Saville to work on this project.*

Mayor Hyde read aloud a memo that was given to him from Trustee Herrmann from the Building, Zoning and Ordinance Department – Resident, Mr. Kachka, came in and demanded that I tell him that the edition that he wants be put up and approved. I told him in the past, that he would need a plat of survey, a drawing of the proposed addition and that he is to fill out a permit application. I have told Mr. Kachka several times that this is required by everyone that applies for an addition in the Village. He seemed very angry, as Nancy will tell you at the front window, and he seems to want special treatment, which he will not receive. Mayor Hyde wanted to acknowledge this to the Board.

Trustee Garling reported that the Council of Government is having a meeting Wednesday, September 28th at 5:30 pm at 15105 Route 14 in Woodstock. The cost is \$28.

Executive Session was requested for the sale of property as well as personnel.

Motion by Trustee Garling, properly seconded to open the meeting to the floor. Upon voice vote, motion was unanimously declared carried.

Elizabeth 13118 Pine Terrace: Elizabeth stated that she has lived in the Village for 23 years. 12 years ago, her and her husband as well as others in her area were assessed a special water increase. Because they live in McHenry County, they have been told, that McHenry County just does not have the grants that like Lake County can offer. She stated that she can live with that. However, by paving Pine Terrace, she questioned that this is now giving the residents the perception that there will no longer be any water improvements in our area by paving our roads this past summer. She stated that the Village has had her money for 12 years yet they have seen no water main improvements. She said that by paving their road, the Village has given them the perception that there will never be any improvements.

Elizabeth demanded to know what is going on. Neal DeYoung, of the Water Department, replied to Elizabeth that they have just found out that next spring, they can split the population and apply in two counties. Elizabeth replied that that was fine; however, why was Pine Terrace paved. Mayor Hyde said that he knows that the Village has received many complaints over the years of the condition of the road and most people appreciate when a road is repaired and re-done. He stated that the Board approved this. Elizabeth questioned though why the Village would be paving her road when they have to rip it all back up to put the water lines in eventually. Mayor Hyde said that that's probably not the area though that the Village would necessarily start at for the water mains. He said that they are not looking at any immediate improvements in the very near future and the residents were complaining so much about the road. There is no asphalt in certain areas. Elizabeth said that they have been waiting for 12 years for water improvements yet the streets get paved. Trustee Herrmann reported too that the Board was approached in the past about a house that was trying to be sold on that street and they were asking for the road improvements as there were trying to sell their house. They felt the value of their home was being brought down. Elizabeth stated once again that it's the perception the Village has given. She said they have been paying for years and there have been no water improvements. Mayor Hyde said the water improvement payment was for the purchase of the water company which was the private company. Without that, he said, it would still be a private company and there would be no fluorination, etc., of the water. Mayor Hyde explained that the money being collected is not necessarily going towards new water mains. The Village has gone into Lake County because the Village has received monies over the years from the Lake County side vs. McHenry County where they could not seek grants until now. Neal DeYoung, explained to Elizabeth that yes, the roads could somewhat be torn up in the future when new water mains go in; however, they work with engineering and do everything they can to go mainly into the right ways and try not to tear everything up.

Greg Kachka, 3221 Hyacynth Terrace: Mr. Kachka stated that he wished that he could get a permit as quick as Mayor Hyde did to get his driveway done. He would like to thank Trustee Herrmann for the phone call that she never made to him. Mr. Kachka said he wishes Mr. DeSort would come to a meeting and face this all face to face. He said that he did not say those things that Mr. DeSort is claiming that he had said. Mr. Kachka explained that that's not what he had talked about and instead explained to Mr. DeSort that he wants to work with him together and get this project done. He said this is when Mr. DeSort told him that he needed a preliminary drawing, etc. Mr. Kachka said he can understand that but in their talking, he said that Mr. DeSort lied to him. Mayor Hyde said that when they last talked about this, Mr. Kachka was supposed to go in and speak with Dan O'Neal who was in for Frank DeSort. Mayor Hyde spoke to Dan O'Neal and explained that Mr. Kachka would be coming in to speak with him. Mayor Hyde asked if Mr. Kachka showed up and Mr. Kachka said that he spoke to Dan O'Neal and Dan O'Neal told him that there was nothing he could do unless there is a drawing and the proper paperwork filled out and applied for. Mr. Kachka said that Frank DeSort has taken all of this as a big joke. He said that himself and Mr. DeSort can not work together. Mayor Hyde replied that he gave Mr. Kachka Dan O'Neal last week as a possible solution and that's not working. Mayor Hyde said to Mr. Kachka that he called Mr. Kachka back one time in order to here the situation and his complaints. He then decided that Mr. Kachka needed to straighten out some of these problems on his own as well. Mr. Kachka again claimed that Mayor Hyde got his permit quicker than he did. Mayor Hyde said that yes he did because he went in prepared and with everything that he needed in order to obtain a permit. Mr. Kachka said that Frank did not tell him everything that he needed. Mayor Hyde asked if Mr. DeSort did and Mr. Kachka replied that he finally did now. Mr. Kachka stated that he is not talking about personalities but about someone who is not doing his job. Mayor Hyde replied that the Board can not speak about personnel.

Motion by Trustee Herrmann, properly seconded to bring the meeting back to the Board. All in favor.

Motion by Trustee Garling, properly seconded to go into Executive Session for personnel and the sale of property. All in favor.

Motion by Trustee Garling, properly seconded to come out of Executive Session and return to the committee meeting.

Motion by Trustee Garling, properly seconded to adjourn the committee meeting. Being that no further business was discussed, the meeting adjourned at 10:45 pm. All in favor.