

VILLAGE BOARD COMMITTEE MEETING
THE VILLAGE BOARD OF THE VILLAGE OF ISLAND LAKE
October 4, 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, Sadoski, Saville and Verciglio. Absent: Clerk Christy Kaczmarek

Also in attendance was: Willie Kootstra, Public Works; and Karen Luebbers, Recreation Department.

1. Call to order

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

3106 Carriage Hill Road: A complaint was made regarding a resident living behind Matthews Middle School and the verbal abuse of parents and children who are going to school and/or dropping their children off. The resident wants to make sure that the Board addresses the situation and consider looking at an ordinance. Her biggest concern is a person that is not stable approaching the public. A Sergeant told this resident that nothing will be done. She indicated that she has yet to receive a notice from the school as to where and where not children can be dropped off.

Greg Guido, 3340 Hale Lane: Mr. Guido brought up the \$500 in the annexation agreement for Hillside Estates and the park. Mayor Hyde stated that it is in the agreement. Mr. Guido inquired with Trustee Ponio FOIAs and the time frame for FOIAs and Trustee Ponio replied that he believes it's around 7 days. Mr. Guido said that he submitted an email regarding his FOIA and when he might be receiving an answer as it's been awhile. He is still waiting a response from the Chief as to if he did write the information or did not. Mr. Guido said some of his FOIAs were responded to and some were denied; however, one in particular was 10 days late and another was 17 days late from Chief Fellmann. He explained that he had questioned the Chief on a statement that he had written and made regarding Mr. Guido. Mayor Hyde replied that he had no idea what statement Mr. Guido was referring to. Mr. Guido replied that he inquired about the accident report. Officer Manetti was out there taking pictures; however, on the police report and in the notes, there is nothing about Officer Manetti in there taking pictures. He questioned why this was all turned over to Lake County yet the Police Department was continuing their own background investigation. Mr. Guido added that supposedly there were all kinds of people interviewed and evidence acquired however, why was all that never turned over to Lake County as well and then on the Concerned Citizens site, on a blog, they were reporting and broadcasting all this information. He stated that it was said that there were no notes from Officer Manetti, then notes suddenly appear. There was supposedly no time as to when this was reported to Lake County and now suddenly there's a date and a time. Mr. Guido commented about a statement that the Mayor had made to him in FOIA response letter regarding Officer Manetti. Mayor Hyde replied that he had no idea what he said to Mr. Guido and that he is referring to a letter that goes back months and he has no ideas what's in it. Mr. Guido said it all comes down to what is fair for those involved. Mr. Guido stated that he is expecting an apology or an answer why the Chief wrote those things about him when they are not true. Mayor Hyde asked for a copy. Trustee Garling replied to Mayor Hyde that he has it already and that it's the list of questions that was supplied to the Chief that he was asked to answer for the Trustees. Trustee Garling said that they came from Trustee Sadoski. Trustee Saville interjected that the list of 25 questions came from himself, in an open forum, and he handed them to Chief Fellmann and asked him to answer the questions. Trustee Saville said that the only answers he's received, from Chief Fellmann, was not from the sheet of 25 questions and when asked about the responses, Chief Fellmann replied that the answers were not from him. It was asked who the responses were from then. Trustee Saville replied that he has no idea and the only thing that himself and the rest of the Board received, was the big packet from Trustee Sadoski. Trustee Saville reiterated that FOIAs are a concern of everyone and that there are laws, rules and procedures that are to be followed with regard to FOIAs. Trustee Sadoski stated that everyone did receive the sheet with the answers to the 25 questions in an open meeting. Mr. Guido said that there are serious allegations in there that have been made that are not true. Mr. Guido read a response back to him from Mayor Hyde from August 13th that stated that Mr. Larry Loos of Public Works had brought back the sign to the Police Department; however, it was never turned over to Lake County. Mayor Hyde said then that must have been his response back to him. Mr. Guido said it took almost a year to get all the information being requested in these FOIAs.

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

Items from Clerk, Trustees and Department Heads

- *Trustee Saville brought the Ordinance Book and Roberts Rules of Order. He apologized for being argumentative but he would like the Board to get back on track and use the Roberts Rules of Orders which were adopted by the Village back in 1959. He said that the Mayor is the CEO and the Chairman and he wants the Roberts Rules of Orders to be upheld by everyone. As the Chairman, the Mayor, should not participate in debate or discussion. Mayor Hyde said that this is not true and a top partner, from Ancel, Glink, Steward Diamond, is preparing a report for the Board on this matter. Trustee Saville said that he did not speak with this gentleman. Mayor Hyde said that a report is coming from Mr. Diamond. Trustee Saville read the ordinance in the ordinance book to the Board Members. He said that when they all first started as new Trustees, they may not have agreed with each other on everything, but that everything was working. He questioned why in five months the Board Members have turned all this into an ugly situation and he'd like it not to continue. Mayor Hyde said that he has an opinion and feels that he should be allowed to express that and so there is a difference of opinion here. Trustee Saville said he is doing his best and his part to uphold these rules and regulations. He pointed out Chapter 11 regarding Officers. Trustee Garling inquired if Attorney Puma would be willing to offer a class to the Board regarding Roberts Rules of Orders. Trustee Saville wants to do his job up here to the best of his ability and will continue to do so.*
- *Trustee Saville stated that there have been a lot of contract discussions over the months that have revolved around John Fellmann. He suggested that there be consideration put forward towards Mr. Kootstra and Mr. Little to be offered contracts as well.*
- *Trustee Verciglio reported that there is an Illinois Awards banquet down in Springfield for those that are to receive Governors Hometown Awards. There is an awards luncheon and presentation and he does not feel that this could all be attended in one day and an overnight stay is probably needed.*
- *Trustee Garling stated that he has spoken with Attorney Puma and has asked him to hold seminars with the Board on what they can and what they can not do. There is a meeting already set up tentatively for October 9th regarding annexation agreements.*
- *Trustee Garling said the ICSA flyer is being worked on. He received suggestions regarding logos. He also reported that the Downtown Improvement Committee will hold their first meeting on Tuesday, October 16th at Village Hall.*
- *The State of Illinois DDOC File was given to Trustee Garling by Trustee Herrmann.*
- *Trustee Sadoski requested executive session for personnel.*
- *Trustee Ponio stated that he spoke with Jean DeBraccio regarding sidewalks being on private property. Police should not be writing tickets on private property.*
- *Trustee Ponio reported that there has been excessive speeding down Newberry and Nantucket. This activity has been reported to the Police.*
- *Trustee Ponio reported that a speed study conducted by Lake County on September 7, 2007, indicated that the Village's speed study was incorrect on the sign and the speed will be reduced to 30 mph.*

Items from the Mayor

- *Mayor Hyde met with a lighting company regarding lights along state highways.*
- *Pam Altoff sent a letter regarding a sales and use tax agreement. Everyone was given a copy for review.*
- *Mayor Hyde passed out a copy of a memo regarding support of improvements to route 176.*

Motion by Trustee Garling, properly seconded to go into Executive Session for personnel. All in favor.

Motion by Trustee Herrmann, 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 9:23 pm. All in favor.