

**MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF THE VILLAGE BOARD OF THE VILLAGE OF ISLAND
LAKE, LAKE AND MCHENRY COUNTIES, HELD ON THE 10th DAY OF MARCH 2005**

CALL TO ORDER Mayor Charles R. Amrich called the meeting to order at 7:30 pm. Those present stood and pledged allegiance to the flag.

ROLL CALL Roll call indicated the following present: Trustees Eberhard Becker, Sally Fleissner, Deborah Herrmann, Matthew Huff, Thomas Hyde and Thomas Martin.

Also in attendance was Village Attorney Sam Diamond; Kevin Sutherland, Baxter & Woodman Engineers; Police Chief Don Bero; Commander Anthony Sciarrone; Captain Joe Arrizzi, Wauconda Fire Department; Frank DeSort, Building Department; and Connie Mascillino, EMA Director.

CORRESPONDENCE: no correspondence was presented.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion by Trustee Hyde, seconded by Trustee Fleissner to approve the minutes of February 10 and 24 and March 3 as presented.

Upon roll call, Trustees voted as follows:

AYES: Trustees Becker, Fleissner, Herrmann, Huff, Hyde and Martin

NAYS: None

ABSENT: None

ABSTAIN: None

Motion was declared carried.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

1. BUILDING, ZONING AND ORDINANCE

Trustee Herrmann read the building report for the month of February. A total of 11 building permits were issued, total building fees \$14,023.50, total water connection fees \$385.00, total electrical compliance inspections \$350.00, total rental inspections \$225.00, total ordinance violations \$70.00, total fees collected \$15,053.50.

Motion by Trustee Hyde, seconded by Trustee Becker to approve the BUILDING, ZONING AND ORDINANCE report as presented by Trustee Herrmann. Upon voice vote, motion was unanimously declared carried.

2. FINANCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE

Trustee Fleissner read the Finance & Administrative report for the month of February. Late notices for unpaid garbage service were mailed, 21 residents have garbage service suspended for non payment, 6 red tags were posted for unpaid water service, Section B water bills were mailed and work continues on the 2005-06 budget.

Motion by Trustee Martin, seconded by Trustee Hyde to approve the FINANCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE report as presented by Trustee Martin. Upon voice vote, motion was unanimously declared carried.

3. POLICE AND PUBLIC SAFETY

Trustee Martin summarized the POLICE AND PUBLIC SAFETY activity report for the month of February. Calls for service totaled 886, criminal offenses 41, criminal arrests 9, ordinance violations 38, traffic citations 316, accident reports written 11, warrants served 3, p-tickets 59 and warning tickets 10. Total monies received from Lake County \$1,269.62, total McHenry County \$15,950.56, total p-tickets \$2,158.34, report copies \$26.25, and miscellaneous fees collected \$8,086.68.

Motion by Trustee Hyde, seconded by Trustee Herrmann to approve the POLICE AND PUBLIC SAFETY report as presented by Trustee Martin. Upon voice vote, motion was unanimously declared carried.

4. PARKS, RECREATION AND EDUCATION

Trustee Hyde summarized the Parks, Recreation and Education reports for the month of February:

Recreation Department: there are 178 participants enrolled in various programs, 167 participants have registered for the Mother Son Bowling event, the department will be selling flowers at the Easter Egg Hunt, the Summer Recreation Guide will be delivered to residents soon, and they are working on the 2005-06 budget. Current revenue \$5,960.00.

Club: total enrollment is 59 children, Summer Camp has 8 children enrolled, and current revenue \$12,270.00.

Creative Playtime: the Mr. Z's fundraiser brought in a profit of \$2,286.06, the 2-year old portraits were taken on February 23, classrooms will be celebrating St. Patrick's Day, all 3-year old classes attended a field trip to JFK Health World, total revenue \$85,810.83, total expenses \$71,201.99.

Motion by Trustee Martin, seconded by Trustee Becker to approve the PARKS, RECREATION AND EDUCATION reports as presented by Trustee Hyde. Upon voice vote, motion was unanimously declared carried.

5. PUBLIC WORKS

Trustee Becker summarized the Public Works report for the month of February:

Public Works: completed snow and ice control as needed, applied cold patch to numerous pot holes, general yard repair from snow plow damage, tree trimming has been completed in the Fox River Shores subdivision, numerous street signs were straightened, and Willie Kootstra attended an ad hoc meeting regarding SMC policies and procedures.

Parks: completed relocation of the electrical outlets at the Veterans Park beach house and countertops and baseboards were installed, woodchips were applied to the Greenleaf Woods walking path.

Water Department: repaired the backwash pumping system at the softening plant, continued budget prep work, ComEd repaired the main power feed to the Westridge water plant, delivered several red tags for delinquent water payments, published a bid notice for the CDBG2004 water main replacement project, and completed quarterly meter readings in the original section of the village.

Motion by Trustee Martin, seconded by Trustee Hyde to approve the PUBLIC WORKS report as presented by Trustee Becker. Upon voice vote, motion was unanimously declared carried.

6. ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

Trustee Huff: no report.

Motion by Trustee Martin, seconded by Trustee Becker to accept no report for ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT for the month of February. Upon voice vote, motion was unanimously declared carried.

CONSENT AGENDA

Items for approval: May Local History Month Proclamation, April Fair Housing Month Proclamation, Resolution No. 514-05 Comcast Donation to Cotton Creek School in the amount of \$5,500.00 and approve the payment of bills as follows: General Fund \$169,643.80, Water Fund \$20,524.83, and Manual Checks: \$2,980.91 for a total of all funds \$193,149.54.

Motion by Trustee Hyde, seconded by Trustee Martin to approve the Consent Agenda Items as presented.

Trustee Becker asked to move Resolution No. 514-05 from the Consent Agenda to the regular Agenda Items. Mayor Amrich informed him that there was already a motion and a second on the floor.

Upon roll call, Trustees voted as follows:

AYES: Trustees Fleissner, Herrmann, Huff, Hyde and Martin

NAYS: Trustee Becker

ABSENT: None

ABSTAIN: None

Motion was declared carried.

AGENDA ITEMS

1. Andy Quigley, SWALCO proposal:

Mayor Amrich introduced Andrew Quigley who is the Director of the Solid Waste Agency of Lake County, SWALCO. Mr. Quigley distributed information on SWALCO and highlighted the purpose and history of the organization. The agency was formed in 1991 to implement the Lake County Solid Waste Management Plan. The agency is comprised of 37 villages and Lake County. He reviewed the services that they provide to their member communities. The agency facilitates an efficient, reliable and environmentally sound waste disposal system, they advise and assist members regarding solid waste management issues, educate the public regarding the implications of solid waste management options, and identify and disseminate information regarding techniques to reduce, the amount of solid waste generated. Mr. Quigley explained that all participating members pay an initial fee to join the agency; there are no annual or monthly fees after the initial membership fee for the member communities for the services they provide. They have an arrangement between Lake County and SWALCO where Lake County imposes \$1.27 a ton surcharge at the landfill that is turned over to SWALCO. The initial fee is based on population; the cost to join for Island Lake would be \$7,500.00 which can be pro-rated over a period of time. Trustee Hyde asked the percentage for the pro-rated period. Mr. Quigley stated that it is a straight percentage. Trustee Becker asked the starting date for the 20 year capacity of the landfills. Mr. Quigley stated that SWALCO is halfway through the 20 year capacity and the landfills have provisions to expand.

2. Proposed annexation and zoning of Wauconda School District 118 parcel:

3. Deliberation and possible vote on recommendation of the Plan Commission and Zoning Board of Appeals for zoning amendment to ORI and request for special use permitting the use of a public school and other school related issues.

Mayor Amrich turned the meeting over to public discussion of the proposed annexation of the Matthews property to be purchased by Wauconda School District 118 for a proposed middle school which is comprised of approximately 40.31 acre located at 28630 N Darrell Road and acknowledged school board members and Matthews family in attendance.

Attorney Sam Diamond explained the purpose of the Public Hearing for the annexation agreement and annexation and zoning of the property. The matter was heard by the Plan Commission and the Zoning Board of Appeals on February 24 and noted that notices for both meetings were published in the newspaper as required by law. The purpose of tonight's meeting is to open the floor for public comment, then the board will deliberate on the recommendations of the Plan Commission and the Zoning Board of Appeals on the proposed zoning and annexation agreement. Attorney Diamond pointed out three points in the most recent annexation agreement dated March 10, 2005. He suggested the board take a moment to review the three points that were the result of recommendations of Kevin Sutherland from Baxter & Woodman, Neal DeYoung from the Water Department and Frank DeSort from the Building Department. The water and utilities have been reviewed by Kevin Sutherland and in the form presented is acceptable. Attorney Diamond has reviewed the agreement from a legal standpoint and highlighted the following points for board consideration:

- The school district asked for a waiver of fees in light of the fact that they will pay a water recapture agreement to Brian Harris. The agreement states that the village will waive any fees in connection with the annexation or development of the property.
- The school district is not required to obtain building permits and is exempt from village building codes. They will provide the village with a construction schedule and final set of drawings and specifications at least 14 days prior for review.
- Attorney Diamond is recommended the following three items for inclusion in the agreement: site plan, signage and lighting. One of the neighboring property owners has encouraged these items. The district agrees with two out of three, but does not agree with the site plan review by the village from the standpoint that it could be vetoed. Attorney Diamond turned the floor over to Mr. Jim Kirby to explain the lighting specifications that were recommended for the site.

Mr. Kirby explained the lighting language that calls for lighting similar to the lighting at Crystal Valley RV. The specifications are standards that the adjoining neighbors should be comfortable with and also standards that are not that difficult to achieve. Trustee Martin brought up lighting for the signage. Mr. Kirby explained that the signage lighting is not the concern, but the square footage of lighting on the grounds. The signage lighting for CVRV is turned off after 10:00pm. The ORI zoning ordinance sets the standards for ORI lighting. School District Attorney James Levi informed the board that they consent to the signage language in the ORI zoning ordinance and will provide plans for review and approval by the village at least 14 days prior. Attorney Diamond pointed out that there will be no access on the west or south side of the property other than an emergency access point on the west at Burr Oak Lane.

Motion by Trustee Hyde, seconded by Trustee Martin to open the meeting to the floor for public comment on the proposed annexation and zoning of the property.

Attorney Levi pointed out a minor change to page 3, third paragraph of the annexation agreement: "may be" should be inserted in place of "is" in the first sentence.

Trustee Hyde brought up the water recapture agreement and fees due to Brian Harris. Attorney Diamond pointed out that the district agrees with the fees and has no objection.

Tom Kaczmarek, 703 Fox Trail: stated that the annexation agreement states that the village will not have the final say on the site plan for the school and asked if the board is comfortable with that decision. Attorney Diamond explained that the agreement states that the village will have the right to review but the final say would lie with the school district. He explained that school districts have a set of rules and regulations that in a large degree do not have to address any of the village's local building and zoning ordinances under many circumstances.

Cheryl Deaver, 712 Dartmouth: asked what roads will be used for access to the property. Attorney Diamond stated that access is proposed off of Darrell Road and emergency access only off of Burr Oak Lane. He explained that all questions will be answered by the board when the public hearing is closed for comment. Mrs. Deaver asked what the proposed expense to residents will be for tax purposes, will the burden be shared among other communities or just Island Lake.

John Ponio, 212 Island Drive: asked if the proposed school will impact the property taxes of the McHenry County residents of Island Lake. Attorney Diamond stated that his tax bill will remain in McHenry County. Residents on the McHenry side of Island Lake will not be affected. Mr. Ponio asked if a traffic study has been done.

There being no further comments, motion by Trustee Hyde, seconded by Trustee Fleissner to close the public comment portion of the meeting. Upon roll call, Trustees voted as follows:

AYES: Trustees Becker, Fleissner, Herrmann, Huff, Hyde and Martin
NAYS: None
ABSENT: None
ABSTAIN: None

Motion was declared carried.

The meeting turned to discussion of the public comment and questions.

Funding source for the school: Superintendent Dan Coles answered Mrs. Deaver's question regarding the cost of the construction of the school in relation to Island Lake residents. He explained that funds to be used for the purchase of the property by the school district are from impact fees from the village's of Island Lake, Wauconda, Lakemoor, Volo and Port Barrington all of which are within the school district boundaries. The purchase of the property is not part of any referendum. When the district moves to build the school the expenses will be distributed throughout the entire communities of the district.

Traffic study and the impact: Greg from Manhard Consulting stated that to date no traffic study has been done. Darrell Road is under the jurisdiction of Lake County Division of Transportation and their ordinance requirements will dictate the required highway improvements.

Village board final approval on the site plans: Trustee Huff questioned if the board is comfortable with giving free reign to the school district to build the school without input from the board. Attorney Diamond pointed out that the annexation agreement states that the development plans will be submitted for village review at least 14 days prior. Discussion took place over the building of Cotton Creek School and the procedure that was followed at that time and the state regulations and codes for public school buildings.

Trustee Huff stated that he is not happy with the landscaping at Cotton Creek School and would like to see a better plan for the new school. He is concerned with appearances. Superintendent Coles pointed out the long tradition of positive relations with the village in working together to solve problems that have come up. The district would like to continue the excellent positive relationship with the village. They have a desire to build a wonderful school for the community and pointed out the natural landscaping features of the property that they will incorporate into the plans. Trustee Huff informed him that he absolutely loves the look of Cotton Creek School and the Prairie Style architecture and would love to see it continue on this project.

Mayor Amrich asked for any comments, questions or concerns from board members on the recommendations of the Plan Commission and Zoning Board of Appeals. There was no comment from the board. Attorney Diamond explained the voting process to follow for the annexation, zoning and agreement.

4. Public Hearing on proposed annexation and entry into annexation agreement:

4a. Ordinance No. 1259-05 approving an annexation agreement between Louise E. Matthews, as Trustee of the Louise E. Matthews Trust under agreement dated December 31, 1999 and the Village of Island Lake:

Motion by Trustee Huff, seconded by Trustee Martin to approve Ordinance No. 1259-05 authoring the execution of annexation agreement as presented.

Upon roll call, Trustees voted as follows:

AYES: Mayor Amrich, Trustees Becker, Fleissner, Herrmann, Huff, Hyde and Martin
NAYS: None
ABSENT: None
ABSTAIN: None

Motion was declared carried.

4b. Ordinance No. 1260-05 annexing that certain property located at 28630 North Darrell Road, McHenry, Illinois, 60051 to the Village of Island Lake:

Motion by Trustee Huff, seconded by Trustee Martin to approve Ordinance No. 1260-05 annexation of the property as presented.

Upon roll call, Trustees voted as follows:

AYES: Trustees Becker, Fleissner, Herrmann, Huff, Hyde and Martin
NAYS: None
ABSENT: None
ABSTAIN: None

Motion was declared carried.

4c. Ordinance No. 1261-05 amendment to the zoning ordinance for certain property located at 28630 North Darrell Road, McHenry, Illinois, 60051 to the Village of Island Lake:

Motion by Trustee Huff, seconded by Trustee Becker to approve Ordinance No. 1261-05 to amend the zoning on the property to ORI as presented.

Upon roll call, Trustees voted as follows:

AYES: Trustees Becker, Fleissner, Herrmann, Huff, Hyde and Martin
NAYS: None
ABSENT: None
ABSTAIN: None

Motion was declared carried.

4d. Ordinance No. 1262-05 granting a special use for certain property located at 28630 North Darrell Toad, McHenry, Illinois, 60051 to the Village of Island Lake:

Motion by Trustee Huff, seconded by Trustee Herrmann to approve Ordinance No. 1262-05 approving the special use request to be used for a public school and other school related uses as presented.

Upon roll call, Trustees voted as follows:

AYES: Trustees Becker, Fleissner, Herrmann, Huff, Hyde and Martin
NAYS: None
ABSENT: None
ABSTAIN: None

Motion was declared carried.

5. *Prairie Woods Final Plat Approval:*

Kevin Sutherland distributed the engineer plan review of the project and explained the comments included based on different agency comments regarding the project. This is their fourth or fifth major review of the project to date. There are two main pieces of the project that they have been reviewing, those being the subdivision and the Dowell Road improvements. The majority of the comments have been addressed. Comment #42 which is outstanding is in regards to the McHenry Township Fire Department and the Wauconda Fire Department. Both have concerns with the width of the emergency access road. The developers are limited on the width. The Wauconda Fire Department recognizes that the property is out of their jurisdiction. The last correspondence Kevin has received from the McHenry Fire Department stated that the width of the road does not meet their minimum standard which is 28'. The remainder of the comments are with respect to wetlands. The Army Corp wanted to make sure that isolated wetlands were addressed which do not fall under Corp jurisdiction. Baxter & Woodman has a few comments on the wetlands and the village's wetland specialist has commented. There are three isolated wetland issues left to address. The developer has not received formal approval from the Northern Moraine Wastewater Reclamation District or from the US Natural Resources Conservation Service for agricultural wetlands. When the engineering drawings for Dowell Road are approved, Baxter & Woodman recommends an engineers cost estimate to establish a letter of credit. Kevin noted that none of items on the list affects the configuration of the project.

Trustee Martin asked Kevin when he expects final comments on the emergency access road from the McHenry Fire Department. Kevin stated that he has not been contacted by them yet, he does not know if their concerns are based on the original concept for the road to be used as an access between the two parcels or if the concerns extend to the proposed emergency access use only. The road is shown as a 12.5' road with 18" of concrete shoulder; the pavement is 14' to 15' wide. There is no way to increase the width without impacting the wetlands. Mayor Amrich pointed out that was one of the original concerns he had; he had suggested constructing a bridge to connect the two parcels. Discussion took place over the width of the road. Captain Arizzi stated that the 14'-15' width of the road would not accommodate the ladder truck which is the widest truck they have, but the capacity of the road would handle the weight of the truck. Discussion took place over the needs of the fire department in regards to road widths. Don Augustin stated that they designed the emergency roadway as wide as is possible due to the wetlands on either side on the property. Mayor Amrich pointed out that the road will be plowed in the winter to keep it clear for emergency access purposes. Trustee Martin asked if a stipulation could be added that the approval is subject to final engineering approval. Attorney Diamond pointed out that the approval of the final plat is subject to the board being satisfied with the plan or policies. Kevin stated that there are not any policy decisions, everything else is in regards to engineering. Don Augustin stated that they are seeking final plat approval tonight, they have received approval from the Army Corp. The final engineering plans can be ready for board approval by March 24. All engineering items should be addressed by then. Kevin suggested if the final plat approval is contingent upon final engineering he would make it a general statement upon engineering being satisfactorily addressed.

Motion by Trustee Huff, seconded by Trustee Martin to approve the *Prairie Woods Final Plat* subject to Baxter & Woodman engineering approval in general as presented.

Upon roll call, Trustees voted as follows:

AYES: Trustees Becker, Fleissner, Herrmann, Huff, and Hyde
NAYS: Trustee Martin
ABSENT: None
ABSTAIN: None

Motion was declared carried.

6. *Ordinance No. 1257-05 School Lag Time Fees:*

Superintendent Coles explained the discussions and the process that was followed to determine the amount of the lag fees by the district and the villages of Island Lake, Wauconda and Volo. The district

has not received a response from the village of Lakemoor but is convinced that they will move forward with the fees so that all communities within the district have the same fees.

Motion by Trustee Martin, seconded by Trustee Fleissner to approve Ordinance No. 1257-05 School Lag Time Fees as presented.

Upon roll call, Trustees voted as follows:

AYES: Trustees Becker, Fleissner, Herrmann, Huff, Hyde and Martin

NAYS: None

ABSENT: None

ABSTAIN: None

Motion was declared carried.

7. Ordinance No. 1258-05 Traffic Violation Enforcement on private streets and roads:

Trustee Huff informed the board that he met with the townhome homeowner associations and received signatures and they were all very positive about the ordinance and agree that this is a move in the right direction.

Motion by Trustee Martin, seconded by Trustee Herrmann to approve Ordinance No. 1258-05 Traffic Violation Enforcement on private streets and roads as presented.

Upon roll call, Trustees voted as follows:

AYES: Trustees Becker, Fleissner, Herrmann, Huff, Hyde and Martin

NAYS: None

ABSENT: None

ABSTAIN: None

Motion was declared carried.

8. Approval to hire a labor attorney for the Public Works and Administration contract review:

Mayor Amrich stated that Attorney Bob Trevarthen is a labor attorney that has been used by the village in the past. He has contacted him and he has agreed to represent the village; his fee is \$175.00 per hour. Trustee Huff would like the Attorney to spearhead the negotiations of the contract. Attorney Diamond stated that by retaining him for his services the board can direct him in regards to what services they want him to perform. Trustee Huff stated that he wants to make sure that he is at the table with Local 150 on the other side.

Motion by Trustee Hyde, seconded by Trustee Huff to approve the retaining of Attorney Bob Trevarthen to review the Public Works and Administration contract as presented.

Mayor Amrich asked if Trustee Huff wants the attorney to sit at every meeting the negotiating committee has; the whole idea originally was to have him review the contract. Trustee Huff stated that he feels the village really needs him on the other side of that table. Trustee Hyde recommended that the whole board meet with him to discuss their concerns in Executive Session. Attorney Diamond stated that we need to decide if this is proper discussion for Executive Session, if the board wants to meet in Executive Session they'll make sure the discussion is proper and will join in the discussions. Mayor Amrich informed the board that the contract and the comments from Trustees Huff and Hyde have been sent to Attorney Trevarthen. Mayor Amrich received additional comments from Trustee Hyde that will be sent to him tomorrow.

Upon roll call, Trustees voted as follows:

AYES: Trustees Fleissner, Herrmann, Huff, Hyde and Martin

NAYS: Trustee Becker

ABSENT: None

ABSTAIN: None

Motion was declared carried.

9. Final Payment to Berger Excavating for the East Side Interceptor Sewer Phase 1-Contract A in the amount of \$3,398.75:

Motion by Trustee Hyde, seconded by Trustee Huff to approve final payment in the amount of \$3,398.75 to Berger Excavating as presented.

Upon roll call, Trustees voted as follows:

AYES: Trustees Becker, Fleissner, Huff, Hyde and Martin

NAYS: None

ABSENT: None

ABSTAIN: Trustee Herrmann

Motion was declared carried.

ITEMS FROM THE MAYOR

- DCCA has submitted a request for additional information regarding expenses for the beach house at Veterans Park. Willie Kootstra is working on the request. Mayor Amrich is hoping for a final response from DCCA soon.
- Attended the sanitary district meeting this week. They discussed the contract add-on for the sewer extension project completed by Berger Excavating and they recommended that the additional costs be paid.
- Informed the board and the room that he does not want to hear any political bickering or personal attacks tonight and asked that when the meeting is opened to the floor that everyone conduct themselves with respect to everyone.

ITEMS FROM THE TRUSTEES AND DEPARTMENT HEADS:

Trustee Martin:

- Pointed out that IDOT has reduced speed limit signs to 35 mph on Route 176 in front of Converse Park.
- Met with Fire Chief Dave Dato last Sunday to discuss the radio system specifications. The information has been forwarded to Radicom. They will prepare the specs and details for the bid process.

Attorney Sam Diamond informed the board that he has the final settlement check from Baxter & Woodman for the JS Reimer lawsuit and an authorization of release for Baxter & Woodman. The settlement offer is for \$20,000.00, Baxter & Woodman has agreed to pay half the cost. Mayor Amrich informed Attorney Diamond that Trustee Hyde wanted to discuss the settlement further with the attorney. It was decided to discuss the matter in executive session immediately following this meeting.

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

Cheryl Deaver, 712 Dartmouth Drive: questioned item #8 on the agenda in regards to the labor attorney for union contract review and asked the difference between attorney qualifications. Attorney Diamond stated that attorneys are specialized in many areas of law by the nature of their practice. Attorneys are all trained in all areas, but the expertise comes from the nature of their craft. Mayor Amrich pointed out that the village has used Attorney Trevathen's services in the past and most recently for review of the Police Department contracts.

Tom Kaczmarek, 703 Fox Trail: stated that he has a question about the union and informed the board that he has very limited knowledge of union contracts and negotiations. He stated that there have been a lot of things he has brought to the board that have a negative aspect and he feels that has overridden some of the positive things the board has done and apologized. He thinks that the board deserves a lot of credit and recognition for their time spent, he has not criticized the efforts, but he has criticized the process or procedures that were followed in the past. He still has an issue with the union and compared the situation to a basketball tryout for child who had been turned down for placement on the team for a child who is less qualified. The father of the child who had been chosen for the team was best friends with the coach. He stated that the purpose of this scenario is to point out conflicts of interest. Trustees Hyde and Martin have stated that they will not vote on the contract and he commends them for that, but a situation he still has is with the Becker's. He had an argument with Trustee Becker about conflict of interest in the past. He respects the fact that Clerk Becker and Trustee Becker are married and informed the board that he and his wife have been together since they were 14. He feels there is a conflict of interest with Trustee Becker voting on the union contract and asked Clerk Becker how she feels about her husband voting on the contract. Clerk Becker informed Mr. Kaczmarek that she was not commenting. Mayor Amrich stated that he is getting political and thanked him for his comments. Mr. Kaczmarek disagreed.

Donald Saville, 608 Burr Oak Lane: informed the board that he sent a letter to Mayor Amrich and asked to read the last paragraph to the board. Mayor Amrich stated that he feels that the paragraph is political and reminded Mr. Saville of his statement about political comments in the board room. Mr. Saville started to read the paragraph asking Trustees Becker, Fleissner and Martin to put their differences aside and pull together as a team. Mayor Amrich stated that his comments sound political. Mr. Saville submitted his letter for the record to Clerk Becker.

John Ponio, 212 Island Drive: voiced concern with Mayor Amrich's comments to Mr. Saville regarding political comments and removal from the board room by the police. He feels that the meetings are an opportunity for the residents to speak their mind.

He voiced concern with the board's decision to not take into consideration of the concern of the fire departments regarding the emergency access road in the Prairie Woods subdivision. It seems that the board is more concerned with the homes and the annexation of the property than they are with the safety of the residents living in the subdivision. If there ever is an emergency situation where emergency vehicles will need to get into the property to save someone's lives, he would not want to be in the board's shoes because they did not take into consideration the life safety issues.

He also finds it disturbing that they did not think a traffic impact study was necessary for the annexation of the Matthews property for the proposed middle school. The village has traffic problems now.

He noticed the reduced speed limit signs on Route 176 and asked if red flags could be put on them to warn motorists until they get used to it. Trustee Martin stated that he was surprised to see the signs and will check with IDOT for warning flags. Mayor Amrich suggested the Police Department set up the speed trailer to warn motorists. Trustee Huff suggested the police write warning tickets for an initial period of time. Commander Sciarrone stated that is up to the officer and would depend on the violation.

Tom Kaczmarek asked what the fiduciary responsibilities of the Trustees are and how the process will take place in the future. Mayor Amrich stated that is will be up to whoever is here after the election. He is tired of all of the time that has been spent bickering back and forth. He does not want to bring the election into the board room.

David Meeks, 3512 Ridge Road: thanked the board for approving the school property annexation, he has children that will be attending the school and feels that it will be a great addition to the community. He agrees that election matters should be left out of the board room, the election will not be decided in this room, it should be left out on the street because that is where election will take place, it will not be won in this room.

Motion by Trustee Fleissner, seconded by Trustee Martin to bring the meeting back to the board. Upon voice vote motion was unanimously carried.

Motion by Trustee Martin, seconded by Trustee Fleissner to adjourn the meeting to Executive Session to discuss possible litigation at 9:24pm.

No action was taken during Executive Session.

There being no further business, motion by Trustee Fleissner, seconded by Trustee Martin to adjourn the meeting. Upon voice vote, motion was unanimously declared carried. Meeting was adjourned at 9:40 pm.