

MINUTES OF THE COMMITTEE MEETING OF THE VILLAGE BOARD OF THE VILLAGE OF ISLAND LAKE, LAKE AND MCHENRY COUNTIES, HELD ON DECEMBER 3, 2009

Meeting was called to Order by Mayor Herrmann at 7:30 PM

Board members present were: Trustees O'Malley, Rabattini, Ponio, Saville, Mascillino, Verciglio

Also present were Chief Sciarrone, Attorney Tappendorf, Mike Herrick, Peter Kutulas.

Public Comment: *The public is invited to make an issue oriented comment on any matter of public concern. This part of the meeting is reserved for comments and is not an open question and answer period but a time for members of the public to make statements. The public comment may be no longer than 5 minutes in duration. Interrogation of village staff, the Mayor, Trustees or consultants will not be allowed during this time. Personal comments or attacks, impertinent, slanderous or profane remarks which are disruptive or impede the orderly conduct of the meeting relative to village staff, elected officials or consultants is not prohibited.*

Motion by Trustee Verciglio, properly seconded to open the meeting up to the floor.

All were in favor and motion passed

The meeting was opened up to the public for comment. There was not public comment and a motion to bring the meeting back to the board was requested by Mayor Herrmann.

Motion to bring the meeting back to the board by Trustee Verciglio and properly 2nd.

All were in favor and the motion passed.

Items from the Mayor, Trustees, and Clerk

Clerk Miller had nothing for the board to share this evening.

Trustee Saville – The Rec. Department needs to be reorganized. Trustee Saville asked Trustee O'Malley to get together with John Little and produce a profit and loss statement for the Rec. Department. Since there was a layoff and there are still problems. He would like it on all departments or divisions.

Maybe we should see about closing our Rec. Dept down and joining Wauconda Park District. He would like to get a real understanding on this.

2. He would like documentation of ordinances for the ordinance that were not logged by the previous clerk. He would like to have that information from Mr. Verciglio. Don't make accusations that pertain to others unless you have the facts.

3. Historical Society is not for profit. Where is the mailbox – cannot use village. Cooperative agreement between the village and historical society. At water tower park the Lion's have their trailer parked there. I wonder why your material is kept at the Village Hall? Does this mean I can park my boat, if I had one, at Water Tower Park.

In the resolution that was passed, one of the points in there was that the Village would allow the Historical Society to store items at the Village if there was room.

5. Mayor do you have an Assurity Bond. Her reply was yes. She does not have it in her possession. He would like it brought before the board to be voted on. She will speak with John regarding this.

Trustee Mascillino – I have a couple of things.

1. Hoped to have a letter from NICOR regarding the consortium status. We have not been able to get a letter yet.
2. Swalco and Waste Management will put together a brochure regarding recycling and how it will work after the first of the year.
3. Mr. Little is preparing the Tax Levy.

Trustee Verciglio -We receive a letter from Baxter and Woodman regarding the escrow has been withdrawn. They are stating they will be dealing with Thornton's directly.

Trustee Ponio had nothing for this evening.

Trustee Rabattini had nothing for this evening.

Trustee O'Malley wanted to know why Trustee Saville excluded trustees Ponio and Rabattini from his questions. The reason was that they have not brought anything up. Trustee O'Malley said that is correct. Trustee O'Malley asked who Trustee Saville thought he was that he could make demands upon other trustees. He sits there every single week and picks apart anything the other trustees have done. He said it was her idea to have this person laid off. She defended herself and stated it was not her idea.

Tree lighting will be taking place tomorrow evening at our village hall from 6:00 – 7:00. The children from Creative Playtime have made ornaments to put on the tree.

Mayor Herrmann – Met with outreach member from the office of Senator Burris' office regarding federal grants and loans. Mr. Barry came and sat with us and walked the village hall with the department heads. Spoke with them about the small business authority and appropriations applications.

Attorney Tappendorf – Sent out FOIA Policy

Questions – Trustees are exempt from FOIA are they going to keep it and who are the FOIA officers for the Village of Island Lake. Officers are Valerie Smith – Police Department and Jen Gomez in the Admin Office. As FOIA officer the will have a procedure. If we give up the exemption for Trustees they will have to file a FOIA like every one else. If we keep the exemption Trustees will not have to file a FOIA.

FOIA Officers will take training on line.

Trustee Rabattini – Is Valerie a full time or part time employee. So, we have 1 ½ persons for FOIA's

If the FOIA is not honored then the public can go to the Public Access Councilor.

Emails can be used. They will have to be printed out stamped and dated. If an email comes in after the end of business hours it will count as the next day.

Chief Sciarrone – Shop with a cop is from 7:30 – 9:30 at Walmart.

Agenda

1. Discussion of an Ordinance to establish Contractor Registration – Trustee Verciglio - Trustee Verciglio received a copy of the ordinance from legal. All should have a copy as it was forwarded to everyone. This is not a permit but a license for a fee for the general contractors.

How does this work with homeowner repairing their own home; having friends come over to help with remodeling? That is not engaging in business unless they are paying their help. Residence will be able to remodel their home without a fee.

Trustee Verciglio requested that this be put on the agenda for December 10th agenda.

2. Discussion of the Zoning Code update – Julie A. Tappendorf. The planning commission had three public meetings to discuss zoning code issues and make changes. What we have here is a draft from the Planning Commission. The memo that Attorney Tappendorf put together discusses what they did at the public meetings, changes to the zoning code over the three hearings, what they thought were issues with the code, made recommendations.

Discussion occurred regarding putting fees in zoning code. They are board issues. Attorney Tappendorf discussed a few issues regarding the zoning code – this is still called the Title 9 but it has been reorganized to make it easier to find, relocated some chapters from the zoning code; example would be lighting, temporary buildings, recommended not putting fees into the zoning code. There were some specific chapter issues. She went over the chapters briefly.

Village needs an annual fee ordinance that is easy to update.

Special events were discussed. Still need an application for permit. Frank will make sure special event comes up to Village requirements.

Trustee Ponio asked if Village was still exempt from ordinances. Board should make decisions regarding their code. They should be accountable and follow the same procedure as the citizens of Island Lake. He also brought up the point that he would like another month to review. Trustee Rabattini doesn't want the zoning code on the agenda for the 10th. They were shot down due to the fact that there already were three public hearings and none of them showed up to give any input or suggestions. The Zoning Code will be put on the agenda for December 10th.

He also stated that the village should have to follow the same laws that everyone else does. Code should protect residents. That makes the village accountable to its residence. The Planning Commission did review this issue and voted to accept the entire village code.

Trustee Ponio and Trustee Saville presented a strong case to postpone the voting for approval of the zoning code until January. The rest of the board chose to move ahead. Trustee Saville would like the one article regarding the Village being exempt to be removed if the rest of the board wants to vote on the 10th.

Donna O'Malley stated she has no problem voting on the Code at the next meeting.

3. Discussion of blanket approval of yearly events – Trustee Mascillino - She put together a list of events/activities that take place every year for a blanket approval. That way we don't have to approve each little item throughout the year. Trustee Mascillino is going to make some updates and changes before the next meeting, at which time she would like to have this voted on.

Trustee Saville was concerned with soliciting from door to door. Whomever they are he does not want to waive the fee if they are going door to door. If a line cannot be drawn regarding solicitation then everyone should have to have a permit. Trustee Mascillino will take even another look at this.

There was not further business to discuss and it was requested that there be a motion to adjourn the meeting by Mayor Herrmann.

There was a motion by Trustee Saville to adjourn the meeting that was properly 2nd.

All were in favor of adjournment.

Pam Miller – Village Clerk

