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AGENDA
WINFIELD VILLAGE BOARD OF TRUSTEES
THURSDAY, OCTOBER 1, 2009
7:00 P.M. – VILLAGE HALL

1. Call to Order
2. Roll Call
>> Bajor absent. All other present.
3. Pledge of Allegiance
4. Correspondence
 - A. Letter dated September 11 from a resident thanking the Public Works Department for a timely and professional response to a storm sewer problem.
5. Audience Participation
 - A. Proclamation recognizing National Breast Cancer Awareness Month.
>> Comments by Martha Ingraham
Second proclamation read by former police chief Doug Riener, recognizing Wayne Atkinson's contributions to the village. Each police officer appointed under Riener received a painting by Atkinson. The plaque was presented to Atkinson's son and daughter-in-law. (Wayne Atkinson died in late September)
 - B. Public Comments
>> Cliff Mortenson acknowledged Wayne Atkinson, and said most Winfield fire fighters also received a painting as a gift. He announced the first meeting of the committee to decide distribution of CDH Community Chest funds will be Nov. 3 at Village Hall
6. Consent agenda
>> all ayes
 - A. Meeting minutes from the Regular Village Board Meeting and Committee of the Whole held September 17, 2009.
 - B. Payment of bills for October 1, 2009.
 - C. Motion approving a partial payment for the County Farm Sanitary Sewer Project in the amount of \$193,844 to Stokes Excavating, Inc.
7. Village Engineer Dan Watson will present information on two easement agreements that will allow work to proceed constructing a second water connection to the DuPage Water Commission system which provides Lake Michigan water to Winfield. The second connection will improve water flow throughout the Village while also ensuring our water supply should a single connection fail.
 - A. Motion to approve an amendment to a private roadway easement agreement with Commonwealth Edison for property located at 1N701 Pleasant Hill Road; and

>> Watson explained that Com Ed wants to insure they will be able to access their lines that run across the property where the north water tower stands. Both motions pertain to the same issue, just two different write ups to cover all details with both parties. all ayes

B. Motion to approve a partial assignment of private property roadway easement rights to the DuPage Water Commission for property located at 1N701 Pleasant Hill Road.

>> (see above) all ayes

8. Village Trustee Reports of Boards and Commissions

A. Communication & Technology - VadeBonCoeur

>> none

B. Riverwalk - VadeBonCoeur

>> none

C. Administration & Finance - VadeBonCoeur

>> none

D. Environmental Concerns - Bajor

>> next meeting is Oct. 15

E. Stormwater - Bajor

>> working on easements

F. Public Works - Bajor

>> smoke testing of sewer lines to detect leaks of groundwater into sanitary sewer lines will begin on the north side soon

G. Planning - Olson

>> next meeting Oct. 7

H. Zoning - Olson

>> none

I. Marketing & Development Taskforce – Olson

>> report during COW

J. Public Safety & Safe Routes to School - Kunesh

>> none

K. Traffic & Transportation – Kunesh

>> none

L. Bikeways Planning Group - Martschinke

>> met 9/28. Have a copy of the Illinois Bicycle League trail map. Will have brochure ready in spring. Will be in water bills, available around town, and available as a PDF file on the village web site. Next meeting Oct. 19 at 7 at Village Hall

9. Other Village Officials' Reports and Comments

A. Village President – update on liaisons to other entities

>> Anne Mareachen will be the liaison to District 200

Rudy Dublick resigned as village treasurer. Birutis is interviewing applicants

B. Village Attorney

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C. Village Clerk

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D. Village Manager

>> will have a presentation on smoking the sewer lines soon.

E. Village Treasurer

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10. Adjournment

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

1. Old Business

A. Video gambling

>> Martschinke made a presentation, after attending a seminar on video gambling. It is possible for a municipality to ban video gambling. 25% of any money collected will go to the state, 70% to owners/operators, and 5% to local government. If all four qualified establishments took 5 machines each and brought in an average amount of business, village could realize about \$45,000 a year. Could add on fees per machine, too. The revenue to the state does fund capital improvements, and state could look less favorably on Winfield's applications if gambling is banned. At this time the law is still being defined and revised, and the oversight board is unfunded. Martschinke recommended banning video gambling until Dec. 31, 2010, and village can look at it again then.

Village attorney Kathy Elliot did not recommend a "moratorium" on gambling, but recommended a ban with a specific end date.

Kunesh agreed

Mrugacz agreed

Olson agreed to ban with Dec. 31 2010 end date, but expressed interest in revisiting the issue then.

Vade Bon Couer said residents are expressing opinions against it. agreed.

Birutis directed staff to prepare an ordinance banning video gambling until Dec. 31, 2010 for next meeting.

2. New Business

A. Presentation on downtown marketing brochure

>> Olson gave a presentation on the draft marketing brochure from the Community Marketing and Development Task Force. The brochure will be used to give information to businesses who might want to locate in Winfield. It will be used in direct mail, and in response to inquires. It will be a tri-fold paper, divided into 6 sections

1. Pictures of Town Center Phase I, with the by-line "Growing smart in harmony with nature."

2. Will emphasize Charm--view Winfield as a destination--CDH, DuPage County government buildings, Fair Grounds, Cantigny, Forest Preserves, etc.

3. Community Profile, demographics
Good Old Days, Farmers Market

4. Planning and Progress--Phase I, underpass, Riverwalk, CDH renovations, zoning district, TIF, design guidelines

5. Opportunities--describe what types of business Winfield is looking for, including mixed use development

6. Invite business to contact Village

The next steps will be to refine the brochure, hire a design firm to enhance the draft, develop a key message

staff will use in response to inquiries, and begin presenting to the public. Noted it will be a lengthy process. Board offered supportive comments. Olson hopes to make progress in 2-3 weeks.

B. Consider Madison Street sewer project recommendation

>> Dan Watson gave a presentation. In the 2008-2009 budget, money was set aside to install a storm sewer near Madison and Roosevelt Rds. There is currently a drainage easement that is a swale. Two owners have signed off, but third owner is a resident of Phoenix, and is unresponsive. Village could condemn the land needed, but there is currently not a "greater public good" need. Due to other pressing storm water issues, staff recommends doing nothing now. If easement becomes available in the future, could prioritize the project at that time.

Joe Miller, resident reviewed the history. Their backyard used to be usable, but the swale is growing, and now water stand in their back yard. Water is beginning to run off in a "river" into the townhome development next door. He expressed concern standing water could damage the street, too. He gave his opinion that it is a public issue.

Lynn Miller stated she has been consulting with Public Works for years. Reviewed the history that the project has gone through the proper committees, been approved, been discussed at Board meetings, and been approved by the Board. This is not a new problem. Village has already put many resources into this problem. Asked for help in moving the project forward. Offered to do whatever is needed to get the consent from the third party.

Ms Harvey stated she started talking with the Village about the situation in 1995. In 2003 her husband slid down the growing swale and broke his leg. They hired landscaping firms to mow for them, and they refused. She had documents from 15 landscaping firms stating they would not build retention walls or other permanent structures in the area to help control water. She contends it is a village issue. The Harvey's have offered to buy the third piece of land. Pleaded that the project not be shelved.

David Russo spoke on behalf of the Stormwater Committee. Said they are a new commission, not familiar with the situation. Said it is a naturalized ravine, similar to one at Starcliffe. Water is not flooding into houses. The benefit to the project would all be to the homeowners, not the village. He suggested the homeowners pipe their own land. There is no "greater public good" that would justify condemnation of the land.

Curt Barrett noted the motion is to shelf the project, not give up on it. The easement from the third owner is the issue. If that is resolved, the project could move forward again.

Documents have been sent to owner properly. Elliott noted eminent domain proceedings are expensive.

Board agreed to shelve the project. Will vote at next meeting.

C. Review updated proposal for a commercial meter rental program

>> Nadine Alletto gave a presentation on a temporary water meter to rent to builders so they can tap into fire hydrants for water to be used during construction. Would require a \$1,700 deposit, and \$25/week rental fee, plus water costs.

Mrugacz asked to see if something could be added to prevent tampering. Tye Loomis agreed to ask other towns what they do. Could paint over the device when it is installed, so tampering would be evident.

Kunesh suggested adding a fine amount to the ordinance.

Olson asked if water has been free so far. Loomis said builders could and can still bring in a truck and fill it with water from an unused well at Public Works for free.

D. Consider budget amendment for floor drain repair

>> Loomis gave a presentation about the floor drain and its ongoing problems in the basement of Village Hall. Recommended Armbrust Plumbing. Precision returned a lower bid, but Armbrust agreed to match it. Armbrust is concerned their concrete patching work won't be as good as professional concrete workers. Board agreed to take \$2,700 from the painting budget line item to do drain repair. Would leave enough money to do some outside painting this year.

E. Review budget amendment policy

>> Barrett made a presentation. Under current policy, any change in line item expenditures must go to committee, then COW, then be voted on by the Board. He surveyed other municipalities, and checked Standard Accepted Practices. Most municipalities allow the staff to move monies from \$2,500 to \$10,000 from one line item to another, as long as the total expenditures don't exceed what the Board approved. He assured the Board he and the staff intend to keep the Board well informed, but it would be more efficient to not have to bring every change before the Board.

Board approved, and will vote at the next meeting.

3. Pending Future Business

- A. Review of ComEd response to electrical outages
- B. Road Funding Discussion
- C. Strategic Plan

4. Public Comments

>> Bob Borsodi commented that the 7-11 sign is very low, and does not attract business. Olson suggested the current owner come to the next Plan Commission meeting, as the commission is discussing the sign ordinance in detail.

Borsodi asked about changing the "No Turn" sign at the stoplight at Beecher and Winfield Roads, to help people reach businesses in Winfield more easily. Birutis said it will be discussed in October at the Traffic Committee meeting.

Borsodi suggested the income from video gambling could help the village. Martschinke noted just because a business has a current liquor license, that doesn't mean it will get a gaming license. Borsodi said income for businesses might go up because people would stay longer to gamble.

Borsodi described a motorcycle ride fund-raiser for autism awareness October 11, from Villa Park across North Avenue. Suggested it could be a way for Winfield groups to raise money, too.

Cliff Mortenson noted that a higher sign at 7-11 would be a traffic hazard, so the plan commission recommended painting a sign on the building.

5. Village Board Comments

>> Vade Bon Couer said he was glad Mareachen will be District 200 liaison.

Martschinke said he talked to PACE officials at a meeting about talking about bringing a PACE bus route through town to CDH and the METRA station.

6. Adjournment