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AGENDA
VILLAGE BOARD MEETING
COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MEETING
AND EXECUTIVE SESSION
THURSDAY, JANUARY 4, 2007 - 7:00 P.M.

Regular Meeting

- I. Call To Order
- II. Pledge of Allegiance
- III. Roll Call

Christine Petitti absent, Jack Bajor arrived at 7:30.

IV. Consent Agenda

A. Payment of Bills – *only change in packet information was a change in distribution of impact fees to schools (Districts 33, 34 and 94)*

B. Approval of Partial Payment #2 for Knolls CIPP project

C. Approval of Minutes

- 1. Regular Village Board Meeting of December 21, 2006
- 2. Committee of the Whole Meeting of December 21, 2006

D. Ordinance authorizing the disposal of surplus equipment (2nd reading)

E. Resolution appointing a delegate and alternate delegate to the Intergovernmental Risk Management Agency (2nd reading)

F. Acceptance of proposal and award of contract for the provision of custodial services for Village Hall

6 responses received, current provider chose not to respond, Administration recommends going with the lowest bid.

G. An ordinance establishing rates for the sale of solid waste stickers and recycling bins

Postponed vote: Administration recommends adding \$1 to each sheet of stickers (5 per sheet); Mr. Levan and Mr. Bianco objected. Bianco claims this is an 8% tax and the Village should run on property taxes, that this is needed because the Village can not generate revenues. Mr. Barlow said the Village is the only seller that is not adding a surcharge currently. It would bring in an additional \$600 per month. Mr. Bianco then criticized the finance committee for suggesting this. Ms. Birutis said the finance committee did not make this suggestion. The role of the finance committee is to forward ideas to the Board for discussion. The original idea forwarded was that a convenience charge could be added to stickers that are ordered via a convenience service, e.g., with epay. Mr. Bianco said this would be a lot more palatable.

V. Open Forum

A. Public Comments

Diane Cody, superintendent of Winfield school district 34 noted her appreciation of the Board looking into the impact fees. Due to tax caps, our schools can only get revenues from new development and impact fees. The impact fee increase seems huge but this hasn't been done since 1989. Recommends that the Board look at the fees annually.

Mr. Siefert of Capstone Custom Homes said the fees were extremely high, thanked the Board for considering the options for development that are underway and also made some suggestions on other ways to evaluate land value.

Mr. Bursoti of Summit Dr. asked what the route of the bike path will be – President Czech said it will be determined by the committee that is just being formed.

B. Annexation Petition for 1N338 Richard Avenue

This property is adjacent to the Village, it backs up to Tamarack, zoning class R2 or R3 would be appropriate. The owner said there has been a sewer tap in their backyard since 1992 and that the neighborhood has been an environmental hazard to the point that the county health department doesn't bother them anymore. Mr. Levan asked what the health concern was. The resident replied that some neighbors' yards have life threatening germs on the surface. President Czech said they would prefer a neighborhood annexation effort, not individually. The resident had a packet of paperwork and said they had attempted this since 2000, they had 8-10 of 22 residents ready to annex but were told by the administration at that time that they were looking into redoing their annexation policy and should wait. Although there was consensus that this request would be approved, it was also noted that there is a bigger policy issue that needs to be addressed and that the Village needs to meet with the County to discuss the problem.

C. Petition for Annexation - 27W773 Beecher

This property is also contiguous to the Village. The Village boundary is on the north side of Beecher. This property is at the corner of Beecher and Wynwood and is consistent with R1 zoning. They would like to build a new home on the property. The plans were submitted to the Village. There was consensus that this would be approved.

VI. New Business

VII. Reports of General Business

A. Environmental Concerns Commission

1. An ordinance amending Title 10 – Zoning, Chapter 2 – General Zoning Provisions, Section 15 – Tree Preservation of the Village Code by replacing it in its entirety

discussion only – no vote. Mr. Bajor explained that the environmental committee took additional factors into consideration such as tree diameter and species. It brings the ordinance up to date with other communities. Mr. Levan questioned the clause that protects trees on adjacent properties whose dripline goes over property under development. Mr. Bajor responded that there is a built in appeal process for exceptions. Mr. Barlow stated, due to not being home ruled, the ordinance had to be limited to PUDs, not individual lots, so the plan usually doesn't have buildings and driveways that close to the property lines that this should be a common issue. Mr. Levan also questioned the clause that requires the developer to take down the trees within 90 days after approval. The Board agreed this should be modified to 1 year – the same length of time the PUD is allowed.

B. Finance Committee

1. Ordinance amending Title 11 of the Village Code with regard to criteria for cash donations for school, park and Village sites

Unanimously approved – with approved amendment that currently approved developments could pay by April 1, 2007 at the old rate (e.g., this would save Shelburne Farms more than \$600,000).

VIII. Reports of Temporary Committees

IX. Pending Business

A. Town Hall Meetings – to be scheduled in 2007.

B. Zoning Code Update – R-4a and R-4b/Tear-Downs/In-Fill (Plan Commission discussed on 10/4/06 and 11/2/06 meeting; held a public hearing at the 12/6/06 meeting; decision expected at the 1/3/2007 meeting)

Expected to be on the 1/18/07 agenda.

C. Review of Commercial Zoning Districts – Maximizing Sales Tax Generating Opportunities (Being researched)

D. Review of Status of Strategic Plan (Scheduled for review in new year)

E. General Development Plan - Key Development Areas 1a, 1b, and 2 (Plan Commission reviewed the matter at their 10/4/06 meeting; placed the matter on hold until more is known about the wishes of the property owners along St. Charles Road)

F. Marketing Brochure for the Community (Working on a draft)

G. Smoking Ban Ordinance (Been referred to the Environmental Concerns Commission; Commission meeting in January; recommendation anticipated at the 1/18/07 Village Board meeting)

H. Extension of Sanitary Sewer Services to Fieldview Area (Annexation policy being discussed on 1/4/07)

I. St. Charles Road area annexation initiative (Staff is planning an information meeting for property owners at the Village Hall in the coming weeks)

J. Downtown Riverwalk Initiative (President plans to create an ad hoc committee to examine the issue; seeking appointees)

K. Illinois Affordable Housing (Staff will be presenting a plan in the near future)

L. Fire Sprinkler Regulations (a joint committee with the Fire District is being formed to study the matter)

M. Extension of Starcliff Planned Unit Development (postponed)

X. Village Board Comments

Mr. Bajor announced the Environmental Concerns Committee will meet on Tues 1/9. Ms. Birutis announced the Finance committee would meet on Sat 1/13 and 1/27 and the Traffic committee would meet Wed. 1/17.

XI. Other Village Official's Reports and Comments

A. Village President

1. Appointments to Village Boards and Commissions

a.) Heidi Vollmuth – Traffic & Transportation Commission

b.) Tom Szafranski – Re-appointment to the Zoning Board of Appeals

c.) Appointments to the Riverwalk Committee

In addition to the above names, President Czech also announced several other appointments that this scribe wasn't quick enough to catch. Here's the partial list: reappointment of Sandy Winsten, Jed Skillman and one other person to the Environmental Concerns Committee. The newly formed Riverwalk Committee was announced. Mr. Czech said there were more applications than seats, there would be 7 seats and 1 could be from the unincorporated area. Jill Brosik from Main St; Steve Massi from park district, Sid Paulsen a geology teacher from Wheaton North and others that the scribe didn't catch.

B. Village Treasurer

C. Village Attorney

D. Village Manager - *Mr. Barlow announced upgrades to Village Hall. The microphone at the podium is now hooked up to broadcast and there are two new cameras: 1 that pans and tilts and the other that is fixed on the podium. There is a control station in the meeting room behind the main room. The Village no longer needs the West Chicago cable volunteer recording services. The Village will make DVDs of the meetings and they will be available to the public. The meetings will also be televised. There is also a planned upgrade between Village Hall and the cable station that will allow Village Board meetings to be televised live! **Contact Village Hall if you would like to volunteer to run the control station (should be an easy task).***

E. Village Clerk

1. Appendix A The Censure Discussion - June 15, 2006

Unanimously approved - This is a 14 page amendment to the originally approved notes.

XII. Adjourn to Committee of the Whole

Committee Of The Whole

I. Old Business

A. Other

1. Abatement of Building Construction Nuisances – *on hold for Ms. Petitti*
2. Involuntary annexation of Matson property - *not moved forward; this is the 29 acres of vacant property on County Farm Rd, north of Jewell Rd. Mr. Barlow gave a slide presentation on the benefits of force annexing this property. Mr. Barlow recommended zoning that included a PUD. Mr. Kunesh agreed with Mr. Barlow. Mr. Levan did not support force annexing the property. Ms. Birutis recommended moving it forward for a vote. Mr. Bajor did not support the effort, feels forced annexation should be used as a last resort. Mr. Bianco didn't see value in the forced annexation. It appeared as if consensus could not be reached. Tthe Board was split so President Czech sided with the half that did not want to involuntarily annex the property.*
3. Annexation Policy – *Mr. Barlow noted that the Village will grow by annexation. Mr. Bajor noted that the Village has an obligation to extend sewer without an annexation agreement and feels the proposed policy is too restrictive. Ms. Birutis requested a section to describe when an involuntary annexation would be taking place. In addition Ms. Birutis requested terms to be defined, such as "nuisance producing". Mr. Levan and Mr. Bianco had no comments. Mr. Kunesh did not agree with Mr. Bajor. He feels an annexation agreement is necessary for sewer services.*
4. Village Engineer Hourly Rates – *rate increases looked reasonable except for the evening meeting rate of \$155 per hour, which was the largest increase. Dan Watson said that items needing engineering input could be put at the start of the agenda or engineers could be told not to come if they are not needed that evening.*

XIII. New Business

- A. Letter of credit for the Town Center Building – *There never was a letter of credit written for the town center development. This letter was for \$85,000. The developer objected because most of the work is now complete. The engineer may look at the property again and possibly recommend lowering the amount.*
- B. Discussion on Electronic Participation at Village Meetings – *An IL Senate Bill was passed in January that approved electronic participation in public meetings; a physical quorum would still be necessary but others could join electronically (e.g., speaker phone, video) . There was absolutely no support for this.*

XIV. Requests for Future Committee of the Whole Agenda Items from the Trustees (Requests Require the Concurrence of at Least Two Members of the Village Board)

XV. Public Comments – *Jerry Siefert asked if the Village gave additional parking spaces to the town center property and if so, would it be doing this to help other businesses as well. Dan Watson said this property was owned by HAS. The Village did not give them the property for parking.*

XVI. Village Board Comments – *Mr. Bianco noted that there was a letter to the editor in last Sunday's Wall St Journal from G. W. Bush about right to speech and it was wrong to censure Mr. Levan last year.*

XVII. Executive Session

Land Acquisition (5ILCS 120/2c (5)

Pending Litigation (5 ILCS 120/2c (11)

XVIII. Adjournment – *9:30pm*