

**MINUTES
COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MEETING
VILLAGE OF VERNON HILLS
JANUARY 22, 2007**

IN ATTENDANCE: President Byrne called the meeting to order at 7:05 p.m. The following Trustees were present: Hebda, Marquardt, Schultz (arrived at 7:40 p.m.), Schwartz, Williams. Trustees Koch was absent.

Also present were Village Manager Allison, Assistant Village Manager Kalmar, Finance Director Nakrin, Chief of Police Fleischhauer, Public Works Director Laudenslager, Attorney Citron and Deputy Clerk Pelletier.

1. APPROVAL OF 1/16/2007 COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MINUTES.

Motion by Trustee Hebda, second by Trustee Williams approval of the 1/16/2007 Committee of the Whole Minutes. Roll call vote:

AYES: 5-Schwartz, Williams, Hebda, Marquardt, Byrne

NAYS: 0-None

ABSENT: 2-Koch, Schultz

Motion declared carried.

2. AUTUMN LEAVES MEMORY CARE RESIDENCES-CONCEPT PLAN PRESENTATION.

Assistant Village Manager Kalmar introduced Mr. Phillip Wells, Director of Regional Development for The LaSalle Group, to present their concept plan for a Dementia/Alzheimer's care facility at Atrium and Deerpath Drives, which would house a maximum of 44 non-age restricted adults. Access to the facility would be from Atrium Drive (a private road) and onsite detention would also be required. The approximate 4-acres site was zoned OR&D and would have to be rezoned to R-7 Multi-Family Residential. The definition relative to "assisted living facility" would have to be amended in the Zoning Ordinance to broaden the services allowed in this type of facility. A special use permit would also be required. Mr. Wells stated the facility would be named Autumn Leaves of Vernon Hills.

President Byrne questioned if The LaSalle Group had other ventures and was informed they had done multiple family housing. The company had been in business for ten years and this would be the first facility in Illinois. Trustee Williams inquired if their facilities had been endorsed by the Alzheimer's Association and was informed by Mr. Wells there was no endorsement. The facility would operate on private funding and no Medicaid could be used. President Byrne inquired if they needed State approval as with hospitals and was informed they would not need State approval, but would be licensed by the Illinois Department of Public Health. Trustee Williams inquired on the cost to stay in the facility and was informed the fee would be approximately \$5,500 a month for a private room, \$4,500 for a semi-private room.

Mr. Michael Arenson, architect for SAS of Northbrook had been in business for fifty years and had been contacted by The LaSalle Group to design a prototype facility. Mr. Arenson stated the facility would be an appropriate and the change of the use would be a good fit in the neighborhood. President Byrne inquired the type of nursing care to be provided and was informed a nurse would be on the premises 40 hours a week and accessible 24/7. The facility would provide free transportation to medical service providers. Trustee Schwartz stated she favored the proposed plan and the Committee

concluded the proposed plan was an appropriate use and recommended the petitioner to begin the technical review process and appear before the Planning and Zoning Commission for public hearing.

3. BAER SUPPLY COMPANY-CONCEPT PLAN PRESENTATION OF EXPANSION PLANS FOR PROPERTY LOCATED AT 909 FOREST EDGE DRIVE IN CORPORATE WOODS.

Assistant Village Manager Kalmar stated Baer Supply Company and Richard Preves & Assoc. representatives were present to request final approval of their expansion plan to the existing building located at 909 Forest Edge Drive, which had completed the technical review process for construction of a 32,738 sq. ft. addition. The final landscaping plan was provided with new plant material on the south side to break up the long expanse of building façade and the removal of non-native plant materials in the native buffer area located west of the parking lot. The Fire Department had approved the placement of a sidewalk on the south side of the building to allow for emergency access. Motion by Trustee Marquardt, second by Trustee Williams to direct staff to prepare the necessary ordinance granting approvals, subject to the following five conditions:

- Final approval by the Village Engineer and Landscape Architect.
- Compliance with all ordinances of the Village except as otherwise noted.
- All trash and recycling enclosures would be kept indoors.
- No storage or the staging of any products would occur outdoors as restricted by the Corporate Woods Covenants and Village Ordinances.
- The two existing site identification and directional signs located on the west side of the property near Forest Edge Drive appeared to be non-conforming since they do not meet the required setback. If the two signs were removed and/or structurally changed in any way other than the sign face, they would need to be brought into compliance with the Village's Sign Ordinance.

Roll call vote:

AYES: 5-Hebda, Marquardt, Schwartz, Williams, Byrne

NAYS: 0-None

ABSENT: 2-Koch, Schultz

Motion declared carried.

4. REQUEST TO CHANGE LIFE INSURANCE PROVIDER FROM AIG TO HARTFORD.

Manager Allison and Human Resource Director Brooks requested a change from AIG to Hartford as the Life Insurance Provider due to a \$9,300 savings to the Village on an annual basis. The Village's insurance broker had also proposed a Long Term Care Plan Program fully funded by the Village for employees at \$12,379 per year, which would be discussed at a later date. Motion by Trustee Hebda, second by Trustee Marquardt to approve the request to change Life Insurance Provider from AIG to Hartford at a savings of \$9,300. Roll call vote:

AYES: 5-Marquardt, Schwartz, Williams, Hebda, Byrne

NAYS: 0-None

ABSENT: 2-Koch, Schultz

Motion declared carried.

5. AT&T PROJECT LIGHT SPEED.

Manager Allison informed the Committee he had discussed the AT&T Project Light Speed with a group of Lake County Managers and there appeared to be interest in working together on joint ideas with multiple municipalities and then meet with AT&T as a group. Mr. Allison noted AT&T desired to control the designated service areas.

6. **ADJOURNMENT.**

Motion by Trustee Marquardt, second by Trustee Hebda to adjourn the Committee of the Whole Meeting and go to Closed Session to discuss personnel-[Sec. 2(c) (1)] and litigation-[Sec. 2(c) (11)] as allowed under the Open Meetings Act. Roll call vote:

AYES: 6-Marquardt, Schultz, Schwartz, Williams, Hebda, Byrne

NAYS: 0-None

ABSENT: 1-Koch

Motion declared carried.

Meeting adjourned at 7:40 p.m.

Linda Pelletier, Village Clerk

Roger L. Byrne, Village President