

**MINUTES
COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MEETING
VILLAGE OF VERNON HILLS
FEBRUARY 3, 2009**

IN ATTENDANCE: President Byrne called the meeting to order at 7:25 p.m. The following Trustees were present: Hebda, Marquardt, Koch, Schultz, Schwartz and Williams.

Also present were Village Manager Allison, Assistant Village Manager Kalmar, Finance Director Nakrin, Chief of Police Fleischhauer, Village Engineer Brown, Public Works Director Laudenslager, Building Commissioner Atkinson, Attorney Kenny and Village Clerk Pelletier.

1. CONSIDERATION OF TEXT AMENDMENTS TO THE ALCOHOL CONTROL CODE.

Building Commissioner Atkinson recommended amending the Alcohol Control Ordinance as follows:

1.) amending Section 3-12(8) Class "H" License, which would authorize the service or sale of alcoholic liquor in conjunction with the catering of food for parties, weddings and special events at a permanent facility designed for such events and not open as a regular restaurant or bar. Class "H" licenses shall be subject to the following conditions and limitations:

- a. Not more than one (1) permanent catering licenses shall be issued to any one establishment at any time in the village.
- b. All requirements of the Vernon Hills Liquor Code shall be met including provisions of insurance and BASSET certification.
- c. The facility shall be required to obtain the Catering License.

2.) amending Section 3-12(10) License Classification and Fees, which would delete the Class "J" Liquor license in its entirety.

3.) amending Section 3-26 Prohibited Conduct by adding a new paragraph (f), which would prohibit the consumption or possession of any alcoholic liquor on licensed premises other than that alcoholic liquor sold and dispensed by the licensee. The licensee or his/her agent would have the authority to order the immediate removal of any alcoholic liquor carried onto licensed premises, bring your own bottle (BYOB).

These amendments would clarify that only a facility where the event is to take place could hold a Class "H" Liquor License, which would be responsible for BASSET certification and dram shop insurance. The amendment would eliminate the one-day event license for charitable organizations, which were required. The Committee directed staff to place the ordinance on the next Board agenda for final approval.

2. THORGUARD LIGHTNING PREDICTION AND WARNING SYSTEM.

Public Works Director Laudenslager stated the Village had purchased the system in 2004 at approximately \$20,000, which had never worked as proposed by the vendor. The radio system had been changed twice and the vendor was recommending another change to FM frequency. Mr. Laudenslager stated upgrades to the unreliable system could cost an approximate \$10,000, which would include relocating to the Village Hall and upgrading the computer system. The residents tend to ignore the warnings. Trustee Schultz inquired if a weather tracking system could be used. Staff was directed to contact the effected school districts prior to disconnection of the system. Village attorney

recommended drafting a follow up letter to vendor stressing the inefficiencies. Further discussions would be conducted at a future meeting.

3. VHAC FIELD ELECTRICAL CHARGES.

Public Works Director Laudenslager reviewed an energy audit regarding the use of electricity at the Vernon Hills Athletic Complex and requested increasing the minimum rate charged to users to \$40 an hour for service to begin April 2009. Mark Peterson, President of the VHCYAA requested a delay in raising fees due to the fact the organization had based their upcoming expenses at the current \$30 rate. The Committee concurred to postpone increased until Fall 2009, which would effect the Football season. Staff was directed to prepare the proper resolution with the effective date.

4. SUMMER CELEBRATION BUDGET.

Manager Allison stated with the economic downturn, a reduction in the cost of entertainment at the 2009 Summer Celebration Event to the amount of \$30,000. The Summer Celebration Committee and the production manager would work on reducing production costs. Trustee Hebda recommended a reduction in the lighting and the use of bleachers. The Committee concurred to a tentative budget of \$75,000 for the Event.

5. CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PLAN (CIP) BUDGET.

Village Engineer Brown stated the proposed FY2009-10 Capital Improvement Program was currently budgeted at \$2,495,000 a reduction of \$1,000,000 from the previous approved FY2008-09 budget. Major initiatives budget included the construction of portable bathroom enclosures at \$5,000 located at the VHAC Fields 5 & 6. The Street & Roadway Maintenance Reconstruction was budgeted at \$1,480,000, which included the 2009 Road Rehab project. The Lakeview/Fairway Phase II Property Acquisition was budgeted at \$400,000 and the Lakeview/Gregg's Parkways engineering at \$80,000 was eliminated. The Preventative Maintenance Program was budgeted for \$155,000; Bike Path/Sidewalk Improvement was budgeted at \$70,000. Stormwater Improvement in various areas of the Village was budgeted for \$465,000. The Street Lighting/Traffic Signals was budgeted at \$100,000 but was reduced by \$40,000 with the elimination of traffic signal studies for Lakeview/Gregg's Parkways and Fairway/S. Lakeview Parkways. The Municipal Buildings were budgeted at \$155,000. The TIF Professional Engineering Services were budgeted at \$25,000. The Municipal Golf Course Pathways were budgeted at \$40,000 and there were no monies budgeted for the Arborthcater. The Capital Improvement Plan budget was reduced to \$2,375,000.

6. STRATEGIC PLAN 2009.

Manager Allison stated many of the Village projects had been completed and recommended updating the strategic plan regarding capital projects and retail issues. These could include the next phase build out of the Police Department facility; redevelopment of Westfield Hawthorn; development of the northeast corner of Milwaukee Avenue and Route 60. The recommendation was to do the planning sessions in house without the use of a facilitator.

7. **ADJOURNMENT.**

Motion by Trustee Marquardt, second by Trustee Schwartz approval to adjourn the Committee of the Whole meeting and go to Closed Session for discussion of land disposition-[Sec. 2(c)(6)] as allowed under the Open Meetings Act.

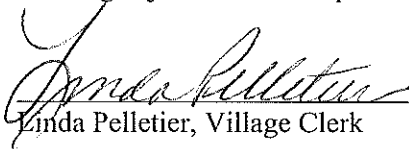
AYES: 6-Schwartz, Williams, Hebda, Koch, Marquardt, Schultz

NAYS: 0-None

ABSENT AND NOT VOTING: 0-None

Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 9:20 p.m.


Linda Pelletier, Village Clerk


Roger L. Byrne, Village President