

**MINUTES
COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MEETING
VILLAGE OF VERNON HILLS
FEBRUARY 3, 2010**

IN ATTENDANCE: President Byrne called the meeting to order at 8:10 p.m. The following Trustees were present: Hebda, Koch, Marquardt, Schultz, Schwartz, Williams.

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

1. APPROVAL OF 1/19/2010 COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MINUTES.

Motion by Trustee Williams, second by Trustee Marquardt approval of the 1/19/2010 Committee of the Whole Minutes. Roll call vote:

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

NAYS: 0-None

ABSTAIN: 1-Schultz

ABSENT AND NOT VOTING: 0-None

Motion carried.

2. LOYOLA UNIVERSITY CAMPUS-CONCEPT PRESENTATION FOR MUSEUM RENOVATION AND EXPANSION.

Assistant Village Manager Kalmar stated Steven Bergfeld of Loyola University and architect Nevin Hedlund were in attendance to present their concept plans for rehabilitation and expansion of the Cuneo Museum. The improvements would consist of handicap accessibility to the museum with the addition of new elevator and restrooms. The heating and electrical systems, windows, roof and existing skylight would be replaced the existing pool house would be converted into a commercial kitchen and restrooms. The existing tent would be replaced with a permanent 300-seat banquet room, which would match the existing façade of the museum. The consensus of the Committee was to allow Loyola to proceed with the project.

3. NEW CONNECTIONS ACADEMY-CONCEPT PRESENTATION FOR PRIVATE SCHOOL AT 702 DEERPATH DRIVE (BEING A PORTION OF THE FORMER WICKS LUMBER OFFICE BUILDING)

Assistant Village Manager Kalmar stated Sol Rappaport, John Schuler and Betty Lindquist were in attendance to present a concept plan for a private therapeutic day school to be located in approximately 12,000 sq. ft. of the former Wicks Lumber office building; and serve children of 3rd grade through high school ages. A zoning change would be required for the school to exist in an OR&D District. The consensus of the Committee was to allow Loyola to proceed with the project.

4. PLYMOUTH FARMS ROAD PEDESTRIAN CROSSING OF THE CN RAILROAD TRACKS.

Public Works Director Laudenslager stated a Memorandum of Agreement was executed between the Village and Grand Trunk Railroad (CN) in March 2009, which included the GTC to provide funding of \$80,000 for approximately 1000 feet of safety chain link fence to be installed by the Village on railroad property along the full length of Russet Way. Mr. Laudenslager stated to construct a pedestrian path would cost approximately \$250,000, which had previously been discussed by the Committee. The Village Attorney stated the Village would shoulder full liability for a crossing. Motion by Trustee Williams, second by Trustee Marquardt approval to suspend and deny further

discussion for the installation of a pedestrian crossing of the CN Railroad near Plymouth Farms Road.

Roll call vote:

AYES: 4-Marquardt, Schwartz, Williams, Byrne

NAYS: 3-Schultz, Hebda, Koch

ABSENT AND NOT VOTING: 0-None

Motion carried.

Motion by Trustee Schultz, second by Trustee Williams approval to direct staff to enter into negotiations with CN Railroad to amend the Memorandum of Agreement to allow the installation of landscape materials in lieu of the security fence. Roll call vote:

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

NAYS: 1-Marquardt

ABSENT AND NOT VOTING: 0-None

Motion carried.

5. **ADJOURNMENT.**

Motion by Trustee Schultz, second by Trustee Koch approval to adjourn the Committee of the Whole meeting and go to Closed Session for discussion of litigation-[Sec. 2(c) (11)] and personnel-[Sec. 2(c)(1)] as allowed under the Open Meetings Act. Roll call vote:

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


NAYS: 0-None

ABSENT AND NOT VOTING: 0-None

Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 9:35 p.m.


Linda Pelletier, Village Clerk


Roger L. Byrne, Village President