

MINUTES
COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MEETING
VILLAGE OF VERNON HILLS
MAY 4, 2010

IN ATTENDANCE: Village President Byrne called the meeting to order at 7:40p.m. The following Trustees were present: Hebda, Koch, Marquardt, Schultz, Williams.

Also present were Village Manager Allison, Assistant Village Manager Kalmar, Finance Director Nakrin, Chief Fleischhauer, Public Works Director/Village Engineer Brown, Commissioner Atkinson, Attorney Kenny, and Recording Secretary DeAnda.

1. APPROVAL OF APRIL 20, 2010 COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MINUTES

Motion by Trustee Marquardt, second by Trustee Schultz to approve the April 20, 2010 Committee of the Whole Minutes. Roll call vote:

AYES: 5 – Marquardt, Schultz, Williams, Hebda, Koch

NAYS: 0- None

ABSTAIN: 0 – None

ABSENT AND NOT VOTING: 1 – Schwartz

2. ROUTE 45 PHASE I STUDY

Public Works Director/Village Engineer Brown introduced IDOT representatives, Muir Mustafa, Project Manager, and Ojas Patel, Project Engineer and Jeff Hall, TransSystems, Consultant Engineer for IDOT. Public Works Director Brown gave an overview schedule as follows: Phase I Plan is scheduled to be completed in the summer of 2011 with a public hearing in the fall of 2010. Phase II is included in the 2011-2016 Highway Program. In terms of overall construction, the Route 45 construction project is not in the 2011-2016 Plan, so there are not plans for construction of this project prior to 2016.

Jeffrey Hall gave a history of the project and discussed the plan changes for the Centennial Crossing and Stone Fence Farms area. Some of the main changes to the plan were to replace the 22 foot landscape median with a 12 foot paved flush median for a 10 foot saving on the north side; widen the existing 5 foot path along Centennial Crossing to 10 feet to allow for a continuous bike path; and adding two retaining walls (one is east of Ranney and the other west of Fairway Drive) to limit grading along Route 45. There was a discussion of the project changes with residents from Stone Fence Farms and Centennial Crossing and the Village Board. Discussion points included: the need for greater detail on revised alignment, impact on trees and topography, height of retaining walls and what areas should have a fence installed on top for safety of pedestrians and cyclists using the path/sidewalk, need to verify the road elevation as it transitions near Stone Fence Farms, would Stone Fence Farms' monument signs be disturbed, and results of noise study with an explanation of the methodology.

Jeff Hall explained each year IDOT reevaluates the program and the project could be funded for 2012 – 2017. He further explained, as a result of the changes, some of the impacts have been reduced as follows: the edge of the roadway is 10 feet further from the houses and the roadway footprint is 25 feet less than shown at the public meeting, the grading impacts are reduced, 130 trees that were scheduled to be removed, would not be removed. Trustee Schultz stated that he would like Village Manager Allison to send a letter to Senators Durbin and Burris and Representative Kirk to pursue earlier funding through an earmark process. Village Manager Allison mentioned his recent meeting with IDOT in Springfield. Ojas Patel, Project Engineer, IDOT, noted Phase II was funded and just portions of land acquisitions were not funded. Options for tree replacement were discussed. Trustee Schultz suggested the noise studies be done at various speeds to understand incremental differences. Jeff Hall stated if it was a variable in the noise

study, it would be included in the study. He stated the biggest variables within the noise study are the traffic and location of the roadway compared to the noise receptor. Further, because of Village preference for no sound walls, IDOT would put in additional landscaping in areas close to noise receptors. Residents thanked the Village Board, Public Works Director Brown, and IDOT representatives for their work on this project. Jeff Hall stated they would wait for Village direction on the revisions at Stone Fence Farm and Centennial Crossings and move forward with further studies.

3. LOYOLA UNIVERSITY CUNEO CAMPUS – LETTER REQUESTED LAKE COUNTY PUBLIC WORKS

Motion by Trustee Hebda, second by Trustee Williams to approve Loyola University Cuneo Campus – Request for Sanitary Sewer Service and Water from Lake County Public Works. Roll call vote:

AYES: 5 – Koch, Marquardt, Schultz, Williams, Hebda

NAYS: 0 – None

ABSTAIN – 0 – None

ABSENT AND NOT VOTING: 1 – Schwartz

Motion carried.

4. SWALCO ANNUAL FEE

Village Manager Allison noted the history as outlined in the summary sheet. Village Manager Allison mentioned Walter Willis from SWALCO said many communities pass this fee through trash and recycling fees. There was \$8,000 budgeted for this year. The fee of \$1 per household per year was used by SWALCO for household hazardous waste and public education. Trustee Schultz suggested a review of this fee next year; however the Village will pay for the 2010-2011 fiscal year.

5. AJOURNMENT

Motion by Trustee Schultz, second by Trustee Marquardt to adjourn the Committee of the Whole Meeting. Roll call vote:

AYES: 5 – Marquardt, Schultz, Williams, Hebda, Koch

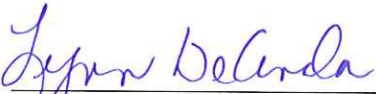
NAYS: 0 - None

ABSTAIN: 0 – None

ABSENT AND NOT VOTING: 1 - Schwartz

The meeting was adjourned at 9:05 p.m.

Approved this 19th day of May, 2010.



Lynn DeAnda, Recording Secretary



Roger L. Byrne, Village President