

**MINUTES  
COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MEETING  
VILLAGE OF VERNON HILLS  
AUGUST 18, 2009**

IN ATTENDANCE: President Pro-tem Koch called the meeting to order at 7:35 p.m. The following Trustees were present: Hebda, Marquardt, Schwartz and Williams. President Byrne and Trustee Schultz were absent.

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. APPROVAL OF 8/04/2009 COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MINUTES.**

Motion by Trustee Marquardt, second by Trustee Hebda approval of the 8/04/2009 Committee of the Whole Minutes. Roll call vote:

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

NAYS: 0-None

ABSENT AND NOT VOTING: 2-Schultz, Byrne

Motion carried.

**2. VHTC – VERNON HILLS TOWN CENTER – PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO THE APPROVED SIGN PLANS.**

Assistant Manager Kalmar stated Stacy Taxman was present to request changes to monument signs located at the corner of Milwaukee Avenue and Route 45 due to the ineligibility of the development signs from the roadway. Ms. Taxman stated the manufacturer would be sending sample materials to be used in the next week. Motion by Trustee Schwartz, second by Trustee Marquardt to direct staff to prepare the necessary ordinance to allow the proposed changes to the monument sign as shown on the 8/11/2009 plans prepared by Antunovich Associates. Roll call vote:

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

NAYS: 0-None

ABSENT AND NOT VOTING: 2-Schultz, Byrne

Motion carried.

**3. PRESENTATION OF CONCEPT PLANS FOR RENOVATION AND REDEVELOPMENT OF THE FORMER TWEETER SITE – 700 EAST TOWNLINE ROAD.**

Assistant Manager Kalmar stated Jason Smith of Circle H Vernon Hills, LLC, was present to request redevelopment of the former Tweeter Store into two spaces; expansion of the parking lot and landscape improvements. Verizon Wireless would occupy one space and the second space would be available for a future restaurant, which could include outdoor seating on the north side of the building. Roof mechanicals would be replaced. The parking lot spaces would be increase to 53 spaces from 26 spaces. Sharon Dixon, the landscape architect stated much of the neglected landscaping needed to be removed for visibility. The replacement trees would be of a low growing variety. Trustee Williams stated concerns for the removal of many of the pine trees. The lighting of the parking lot and building would need to be addressed. The white brick would remain and vertical red wall element would be added to the corners of the building. The garage doors would be replaced with brick. Consensus of the Committee was to allow the petitioner to begin technical review with the staff and appear before the Planning and Zoning Commission for consideration of the proposed site/building changes.

**4. REQUEST FOR AN OUTDOOR DINING AND SEATING ESTABLISHMENT PERMIT FOR SUSHI KUSHI RESTAURANT, 281 W. TOWNLINE ROAD.**

Building Commissioner Atkinson stated Edward Kim of Sushi Kushi was present to request an Outdoor Dining and Seating Establishment permit for their business located in the Aspen Pointe Retail Center, which would be located on the sidewalk on the north side of the restaurant and consist of five (5) tables with a seating capacity of twenty (20). A guardrail/planter would be installed to separate the general public from customers who may be consuming alcohol within the outdoor dining area. The 5-foot pedestrian walkway would be maintained between the landscaping and guardrail/planter. President Pro-tem Koch requested a colored rendering. Motion by Trustee Hebda, second by Trustee Williams approval to direct staff to prepare the necessary resolution approving the request subject to the following conditions:

1. Compliance with the requirements described in the Village of Vernon Hills Code of Ordinances, Chapter 10, Article VI.
2. Compliance with the application and plan, dated August 10, 2009.
3. A minimum 5'-0" pedestrian walkway shall be maintained between the landscaping and guardrail/planter.

Roll call vote:

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

NAYS: 0-None

ABSENT AND NOT VOTING: 2-Schultz, Byrne

Motion carried.

**5. REQUEST FROM COUNTRYSIDE FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT TO OPERATE AN OUTDOOR SPECIAL EVENT AT WESTFIELD HAWTHORN MALL, 122 HAWTHORN CENTER.**

Deputy Chief Kazian of Countryside Fire Protection District was present to request a special event permit to operate a fund raiser for the fight against cancer in women. The event would take place in partnership with Lake County fire departments, flight for life and women's organizations. Informational booths and fire trucks including the Glendale, AZ. "Pink" fire truck would be on display. Pink Heals Tour T-Shirts and food would be available for purchase to help raise funds. Proceeds would be used to provide mammogram screening for women in Lake County. The event would take place on Thursday, September 24, 2009 between 11:00 am - 2:00 pm. and located in the Macy's parking lot (N/E corner of Townline Road and Ring Road). A tent (20'-0"x 20'-0") would be part of the event. A raffle would be held for a pink fire helmet. Motion by Trustee Marquardt, second by Trustee Williams to direct staff to prepare the necessary resolution approving the special event in accordance with the following conditions:

1. The outdoor event will take place on Thursday, September 24, 2009 from 11:00 am until 2:00 pm.
2. Compliance with the site location map dated August 11, 2009.

Roll call vote:

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

NAYS: 0-None

ABSENT AND NOT VOTING: 2-Schultz, Byrne  
Motion carried.

6. **ADJOURNMENT.**

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

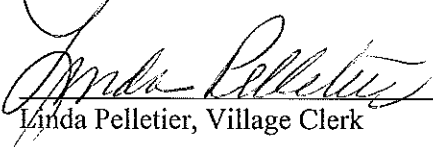
AYES: 5-Williams, Hebda, Koch, Marquardt, Schwartz

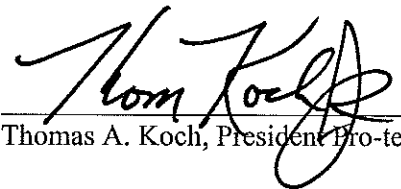
NAYS: 0-None

ABSENT AND NOT VOTING: 2-Schultz, Byrne

Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 8:16 p.m.

  
Linda Pelletier, Village Clerk

  
Thomas A. Koch, President Pro-tem