

**MINUTES
COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MEETING
VILLAGE OF VERNON HILLS
SEPTEMBER 1, 2009**

IN ATTENDANCE: President Pro-tem Koch called the meeting to order at 7:39 p.m. The following Trustees were present: Hebda, Koch, Marquardt, Schultz, Schwartz and Williams. President Byrne was 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 8/18/2009 COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MINUTES.

Motion by Trustee Hebda, second by Trustee Marquardt approval of the 8/18/2009 Committee of the Whole Minutes. Roll call vote:

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

NAYS: 0-None

ABSTAIN: 1-Schultz

ABSENT AND NOT VOTING: 1-Byrne

Motion carried.

2. VERNON HILLS LION'S CLUB-REQUEST FOR A SPECIAL EVENT PERMIT FOR THE KELLY CIRCUS TO BE HELD SUNDAY-MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 20-21, 2009 AT WESTFIELD HAWTHORN.

Don Hook of the Vernon Hills Lion's Club was present to request a special event permit for Kelly Miller Circus to be held at Westfield Hawthorn, Sunday and Monday, September 20-21, 2009. Performances would be held on Sunday at 2:00 p.m. and 4:00 p.m. and Monday at 4:30 p.m. and 7:30 p.m. Tickets Adults-12 years and older-\$10 and Children under 12 years of age \$6, available at Westfield Hawthorn concierge desk outside Carson Pirie Scott; Village Hall-290 Evergreen Dr.; and the Sullivan Center-635 Aspen Dr. The elephants would raise the tent Sunday morning at 9:00 a.m. Motion by Trustee Hebda, second by Trustee Marquardt approval to direct staff to prepare the necessary resolution to allow the Kelly Circus event. Roll call vote:

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

NAYS: 0-None

ABSENT AND NOT VOTING: 1-Byrne

Motion carried.

3. VERNON HILLS TOWN CENTER-REQUEST FROM TAXMAN CORPORATION (VHTC LLC) FOR APPROVAL OF A TEMPORARY LEASING TRAILER AT THE COMMONS AT TOWN CENTER-1220 E. ROUTE 45.

Stacey Taxman of the Taxman Corporation was present to request approval of a 552 square foot temporary trailer to be used as a leasing office for their luxury apartment through January 2010. The first option would locate the trailer on lot 4 at the corner of Route 45 and Town Center Road. The second option would locate the trailer at the vicinity of the construction trailers. Motion by Trustee Hebda, second by Trustee Schultz approval to direct staff to prepare the necessary ordinance for a temporary leasing trailer as described in option one, located near Route 45 and Town Center Road, subject to the following:

1. Compliance with the proposed site plan, floor plan and picture of the trailer, dated August 27, 2009.

2. The trailer and all appendices shall be removed from the site no later than January 31, 2010.

Roll call vote:

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

NAYS: 0-None

ABSENT AND NOT VOTING: 1-Byrne

Motion carried.

4. **WHITE DEER RUN GOLF COURSE-REQUEST EXTENSION TO DISPLAY ONE TEMPORARY MARKETING SIGN ADJACENT TO MILWAUKEE AVENUE.**

Robert Malpede of White Deer Run Golf Club was present to request approval for a 2-year extension for their one temporary marketing sign, which would consist of two 8' x16' panels to be located on the vacant commercial parcel at the northwest corner of Milwaukee Avenue and Gregg's Parkway. The temporary sign had been approved in 1998 with several extensions for the sign. Trustee Schwartz recommended a more permanent sign with landscaping to be added. Trustee Marquardt recommended more an updated signage. Trustee Schultz stated his dislike to temporary signs but understood with the economic down turn, he recognized the necessity for advertising. Trustee Williams concurred with the upgrading and made an inquiry to the lawn maintenance. Building Commissioner Atkinson stated the property was scheduled to be mowed. Motion by Trustee Schultz, second by Trustee Hebda approval to direct staff to prepare the necessary resolution for a revised 2-year temporary marketing sign and landscaping, subject to revisions as recommended. Roll call vote:

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

NAYS: 0-None

ABSENT AND NOT VOTING: 1-Byrne

Motion carried.

5. **ADVERTISING FOR 2009 HOLIDAY LIGHT SHOW.**

Assistant Village Manager Kalmar stated during the preparation of the FY2010 Budget and various discussions, an oversight had been done where the final budget approval for the 2009 Holiday Light Show was for only \$2,000 versus the original \$17,000 and staff was seeking to do a \$15,000 transfer. Trustee Hebda inquired if only \$2,000 could be used for one week of advertising. Trustee Schultz recommended using the broadcast notification and not spend additional monies this year. Manager Allison stated the Village could work with the Lake County Bureau of Tourism. Motion by Trustee Hebda, second by Trustee Schultz approval to direct staff to prepare the necessary resolution increasing the 2009 Holiday Light Show budget in an amount not to exceed \$5,000. Roll call vote:

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

NAYS: 0-None

ABSENT AND NOT VOTING: 1-Byrne

Motion carried.

6. **INTRODUCTION OF 2009 HOLIDAY GIFT CARD PROGRAM.**

Village Manager Allison recommended a gift card program to be held December 1-24, 2009 where participants who spent \$500 in the Village would receive a \$50 gift card. The program would be on a first come/first serve basis for the 2,000 cards at a cost of \$100,000. The program would generate sales tax dollars for the Village. Trustee Schultz stated he could not support spending \$100,000 when the Village revenue was down \$300,000. Trustee Marquardt concurred as well as President Pro-tem

Koch. Manager Allison also noted there was no guarantee on the success of the program. Assistant Manager Kalmar stated several surrounding communities and chambers had programs in operation. The Committee failed to support the program.

7. INTRODUCTION OF ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT INCENTIVE PROGRAM (EDIP)

Assistant Village Manager Kalmar stated with input by Melaniphy and the Ad Hoc Retail Committee, staff recommended creating a policy to provide incentives to eligible businesses in the retail corridor, which could enhance the retail sales in the community. The program could use incentive grants or loans and sale tax rebate agreements. Participants would need to meet certain criteria and not for the use of job retention or operation purposes. The funding for the grants and loans could come from establishing the 1% food and beverage tax. The incentives could help attract new development to the Village. President pro-tem Koch stated revenues should be generated and the sales tax rebate would have least exposure since there were no guarantees on the success of any business that would receive a grant or loan. Trustee Schultz stated that as many as 95% of businesses fail within the first year and was not in favor of program. Consensus of the Committee did not support the program.

8. MEMBERSHIP IN IPWMAN (ILLINOIS PUBLIC WORKS MUTUAL AID NETWORK)

Public Works Director Laudenslager stated early in 2009 a group of communities and local agencies initiated a state wide mutual aid network for public works agencies after years of discussion. The goal was to mirror the MABAS (Fire) and ILEAS (Law Enforcement) agreements and networks. Public Works Department had been a member of the NWMC Directory, which provided contact numbers and equipment owned by the Public Works Department. The benefit of membership in the network would be the knowledge that when an emergency occurs in the Village, there would be the ability to request assistance. Disaster expenses would be reimbursed. Consensus of the Committee was to direct staff to prepare the necessary resolution and agreement for membership in the Illinois Public Works Mutual Aid Network (IPWMAN)

9. ADJOURNMENT.

Motion by Trustee Schultz, second by Trustee Schwartz 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

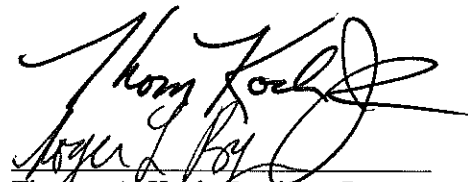
NAYS: 0-None

ABSENT AND NOT VOTING: 1-Byrne

Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 9:05 p.m.


Linda Pelletier, Village Clerk


Thomas A. Koch, President Pro-tem