

**MINUTES
COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MEETING
VILLAGE OF VERNON HILLS
SEPTEMBER 15, 2009**

IN ATTENDANCE: President Pro Tem Koch called the meeting to order at 7:30p.m. The following Trustees were present: Hebda, Marquardt, Schultz, and Schwartz.

Also present were Village Manager Allison, Chief Fleischhauer, Village Engineer Brown, Public Works Director Laudenslager, Building Commissioner Atkinson, and Attorney Kenny.

1. APPROVAL OF 9/01/2009 COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MINUTES

Motion by Trustee Hebda, second by Trustee Schultz to approve the 9/01/2009 Committee of the Whole Minutes. Roll call vote:

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

NAYS: 0 – None

ABSENT AND NOT VOTING: 1 – Williams

Motion carried.

2. CANADIAN NATIONAL RAILROAD MEMO OF UNDERSTANDING

Village Manager Allison discussed the meeting with the Canadian National and District 73's concerns with the proposed pedestrian crossing at the end of Plymouth Farm Road across the Canadian National tracks. The concerns were regarding what are the CN requirements for a pedestrian crossing, as well as if a fence would be constructed to encourage people to use the pedestrian crossing. Also explained was how northbound trains from the City during the afternoon rush enter the station on the southbound tracks, which makes commuters cross both tracks to get to the parking lot at the Metra station. Further discussion will take place with all parties concerned.

Village President Byrne enters meeting at 7:42p.m.

3. STORM WATER BASINS MAINTENANCE AND REGULATION

Village Manager Allison, Public Works Director Laudenslager, and Village Engineer Brown provided an overview of the Intergovernmental Agreement and the need to amend the agreement. Twenty five percent or 44 basins in the Village are the responsibility of the Village. There was a discussion of actions taken to reduce algae, such as aerators and chemicals, in various basins. Village Engineer Brown explained the research done on Evergreen Lake and work that the Park District has performed to date to clean the algae from the lake. He discussed the cost of \$150,000 for removing the algae and bio mass from the lake. Village Engineer Brown mentioned St. Andrews and the problems with algae in this area because of the pond being shallow. He stated the Village was looking at this area for improvements that would reduce the algae. Village President Byrne asked how the system in Deerpath functions and if there could be improvement in the water flow. Village Engineer Brown explained there may be some ability to improve a few of the areas. Public Works Director Laudenslager gave an example of where the Village used a chemical treatment on the pond at Turtle Bay that appears to have improved the surface water quality. It was asked if there are funds available. There are potential OSLAD grants from the State for Park improvements, including basins. Village Engineer Brown will assess the

basins that are under the Village and Park District's responsibility and report back to the Board later in October. The staff will also work on an amendment to the Intergovernmental Agreement with the Park District. Mr. Weidman, Village resident, spoke about Evergreen Lake and the chemical treatments and aerators that have been tried in the past. To date neither of these efforts has worked. He discussed the current level of the lake and the changes the culvert made. Public Works Director Laudenslager indicated the new culverts are smaller in diameter than the previous culverts. Village Engineer Brown explained that generally bodies of water that have a more shallow depth have more algae, as noted by residents at Evergreen Lake.

4. ORDINANCE 2009-047 AMENDING SECTION 15-7 OF THE VILLAGE MUNICIPAL CODE; SECTION 15-7 ENTITLED SOLICITATION AND PEDDLING ON STREETS AND HIGHWAYS

Motion by Trustee Koch, second by Trustee Hebda approval to direct staff to prepare the necessary ordinance to amend Section 15-7 Entitled Solicitation and Peddling on Streets and Highways with the primary change to limit the number of times that any one organization can solicit on allowed street corners. Roll call vote:

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

NAYS: 0 – None

ABSENT AND NOT VOTING: 1 – Williams

Motion carried.

5. VIDEO POKER

This item was not on the agenda, but Mayor Byrne briefly discussed video poker. He stated the Village Board would need to discuss further at a future meeting.

6. PROPOSED LEASE TERMS WITH SPRINT/CLEARWIRE FOR PLACEMENT OF ANTENNA FACILITIES AT THE POLICE TELECOMMUNICATION BUILDING.

Building Commissioner Atkinson reviewed the proposed Sprint/Clearwire lease. He noted that compared to the TMobile lease at the Village Hall, which entitled a \$500 credit per month towards construction costs, Sprint/Clearwire would be entitled to withhold \$1,000 of rent per month to be credited toward construction costs. The larger rent credit was requested due to more costly improvements at the Police Department as opposed to the Village Hall. Motion by Trustee Marquardt, second by Trustee Schwartz to approve the increased rent credit and directed staff to prepare the final site plan and draft lease. Roll call vote:

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

NAYS: 0 – None

ABSENT AND NOT VOTING: 1 – Williams

Motion carried.

7. VERNON HILLS HIGH SCHOOL HOMECOMING PARADE

The Village Board approved allowing the use of a Public Works' vehicle in the parade; however, a certificate of insurance from the high school would be required.

8. **ADJOURNMENT.**

Motion by Trustee Koch, second by Trustee Schultz approval to adjourn the Committee of the Whole meeting and go to Closed Session for discussion of land acquisition-[Sec. 2(c)(5)]; litigation-[Sec. 2(c) (11)]; personnel-[Sec. 2(c)(1)]; approval of minutes.

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

NAYS: 0 – None

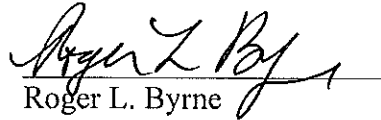
ABSENT AND NOT VOTING: 1 – Williams

Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 8:30p.m.



Michael S. Allison
Village Manager



Roger L. Byrne
Village President