

**MINUTES
COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MEETING
VILLAGE OF VERNON HILLS
DECEMBER 4, 2007**

IN ATTENDANCE: President Byrne called the meeting to order at 7:10 p.m. The following Trustees were present: Hebda, Koch, Marquardt, Schultz, Schwartz and Williams.

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

1. APPROVAL OF 11/20/2007 COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MINUTES.

Motion by Trustee Schultz, second by Trustee Koch approval of the 11/20/2007 Committee of the Whole Minutes. Roll call vote:

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

NAYS: 0-None

ABSENT: 0-None

Motion declared carried.

2. AARON'S ENTERPRISES-MOBIL STATION, 860 S. MILWAUKEE AVE – REQUEST FOR GROUND MOUNTED SIGN VARIATIONS.

Building Commissioner Atkinson stated Aaron Sloan of Aarons Enterprises was present to request three variations from the Sign Code to allow the installation of three (3) ground mounted signs for the Mobil station located at 860 S. Milwaukee Avenue. The signs would be in front of the office building, the marketplace and the Jiffy Lube buildings. Mr. Sloan and his attorney, Ronald Cope appeared before the Zoning Board of Appeals on 11/15/2007. The Zoning Board of Appeals made the following recommendation to approve a variance from Chapter 19, Signs: Sec. 19-3 (c)(7)b of the Code of Ordinances to allow the construction of three ground mounted signs. The motions to approved variances from Chapter 19, Signs: Section 19-3 (c)(6)c to allow a ground mounted sign to be 120 square feet in lieu of the maximum permitted size of 50 square feet; and Chapter 19, Signs, Section 19-3(c)(9)b to allow a ground mounted sign to be 10 feet in height in lieu of the maximum permitted height of eight feet failed.

Mr. Cope stated Mr. Sloan could not yield a reasonable use or return on the property due to the landscaped berm that obscured the visibility to the six acre site. Mr. Sloan stated he needed a ten (10) foot high sign to accommodate the size of lettering to be used for marketing gas prices. The consensus of the Committee was to direct Mr. Sloan to have colored elevation drawings prepared depicting the actual sign to be approved and present them at the next Village Board meeting. Motion by Trustee Schultz, second by Trustee Koch approval of a variance of Chapter 19, Signs: Sec. 19-3 (c)(7)b of the Code of Ordinances and allow the construction of three ground mounted signs. Roll call vote:

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

NAYS: 0-None

ABSENT: 0-None

Motion declared carried.

Motion by Trustee Hebda, second by Trustee Koch approval of a variance of Chapter 19, Signs: Section 19-3 (c)(6)c to allow a ten foot high ground mounted sign to be 120 square feet in lieu of the maximum permitted size of 50 square feet, with no tag lines. Roll call vote:

AYES: 4-Schwartz, Hebda, Koch, Byrne
NAYS: 3- Williams, Marquardt, Schultz
ABSENT: 0-None
Motion declared carried.

3. **VERNON SQUARE-LOT #8, 230 CENTER DRIVE – MECHANICAL EQUIPMENT SCREEN WALL ENCLOSURE AND EXTERIOR BUILDING ALTERATION.**

Building Commissioner Atkinson stated Charles Bleck of Bleck and Bleck was present to request approval of site plan revisions to allow construction of a masonry screen wall enclosure and exterior building alterations to accommodate a generator and chiller, which would be located within the enclosure on the SE portion of the lot adjacent to the refuse enclosure for Vernon Hills Bank and Trust. Mr. Bleck stated the plans needed to be amended to accommodate a larger mechanical system. The consensus of the Committee was to direct Mr. Bleck to prepare colored elevations and present his request at the next Board meeting.

4. **TORREY PINES AT GREGG'S PARKWAY – NO PARKING ON WEST SIDE OF STREET.**

Public Works Director Laudenslager stated the Traffic Advisory Committee had reviewed the parking concerns for Torrey Pines Way at their 11/18/2007 meeting and recommended eliminating all parking on the west side of Torrey Pines Way from Gregg's Parkway to the Mundelein Haul Road driveway easement. A new park had opened at the site and residents were parking on both sides of the road, which made it difficult to drive on Torrey Pines Way. Motion by Trustee Koch, second by Trustee Marquardt to direct staff to prepare the necessary ordinance eliminating parking on the west side of Torrey Pine Way as presented. Roll call vote:

AYES: 6-Hebda, Koch, Marquardt, Schultz, Schwartz, Williams
NAYS: 0-None
ABSTAIN: 0-None
ABSENT:
Motion declared carried.

5. **TIF FINANCING UPDATE.**

Finance Director Nakrin reported bond financing had been completed on 11/27/07 and staff would be amending the various redevelopment agreements for the Board to approve the issuance of the bond monies at the next Board meeting.

6. **50TH ANNIVERSARY EVENT – MUSICAL ENTERTAINMENT.**

Manager Allison requested the Committee to suggest a band to perform as the opening band for the 50th Anniversary. Trustee Schwartz stated she liked Gin Blossoms, noting their style was different than Creedence Clearwater Revisited. Trustee Schultz preferred Big Bad Voodoo Daddy and it was suggested that band could be used for the Sunday entertainment. Motion by Trustee Schwartz, second by Trustee Marquardt to direct staff to seek Gin Blossom as the opening band for the 50th Anniversary Event. Roll call vote:

AYES: 6-Koch, Marquardt, Schultz, Schwartz, Williams, Hebda
NAYS: 0-None
ABSTAIN: 0-None
ABSENT:
Motion declared carried.

7. **ADJOURNMENT.**

Motion by Trustee Schultz, second by Trustee Marquardt approval to adjourn the Committee of the Whole meeting and go to Closed Session for discussion of land sale or lease-[Sec. 2(c)(6)] and personnel-[Sec. 2(c)(1)] as allowed in the Open Meetings Act. Roll call vote:

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

NAYS: 0-None

ABSTAIN: 0-None

ABSENT:

Motion declared carried.

Meeting adjourned at 8:20 p.m.

Linda Pelletier, Village Clerk

Roger L. Byrne, Village President