

**MINUTES
COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MEETING
VILLAGE OF VERNON HILLS
MAY 18, 2004**

IN ATTENDANCE: President Byrne called the meeting to order at 7:33 p.m. The following Trustees were present: Cashman, Williams, Hebda, Koch and Duros.

Also present were Manager Allison, Assistant Manager Kalmar, Assistant to the Manager Teich, Public Works Director Laudenslager, Finance Director Nakrin, Building Commissioner Gerth, Chief Fleischhauer, Village Engineer Brown and Village Clerk Schwartz.

1. APPROVAL OF 4/20/04 SPECIAL COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MINUTES

Motion by Trustee Duros, second by Trustee Williams to approve the 4/20/04 Committee of the Whole minutes. Roll call vote:

AYES: 5 – Cashman, Duros, Koch, Marquardt, Williams

NAYS: 0 – None

ABSENT: 1 – Hebda

Motion declared carried.

2. MONTEREY DRIVE – PARKING RESTRICTIONS

Chief Fleischhauer investigated the need for signage and stated it is a safety issue with signage warranted. Public Works Director Laudenslager did a site line analysis on “no parking” signs and recommended signage at 67/69 Monterey and 65/61 Monterey. Residents of 61 Monterey, 65 Monterey, and 69 Monterey were present asking for an alternative to “no parking” signs. Staff repeated the need for the sign because it is a true safety issue. Motion by Trustee Williams, second by Trustee Koch to approve staff recommendations on placing of the “no parking” signs on Monterey. Roll call vote:

AYES: 5 – Duros, Koch, Marquardt, Williams, Cashman

NAYS: 0 – None

ABSENT: 1 – Hebda

Motion declared carried.

3. ASPEN DRIVE – PARKING RESTRICTIONS

Public Works Director Laudenslager requested eliminating parking on Aspen now that parking is available at the schools. Motion by Trustee Williams, second by Trustee Duros to follow staff recommendations on “no parking” along Aspen. Roll call vote:

AYES: 5 – Koch, Marquardt, Williams, Cashman, Duros

NAYS: 0 – None

ABSENT: 1 – Hebda

Motion declared carried.

4. VERNON HILLS HIGH SCHOOL ATHLETIC TEAM BUILDING – CONCEPT PLAN

Cougar Parents, Rick Friedenber and Gene Childers, requested support in funding the 2,100 sq. ft. team building to be constructed north of the stadium. The estimated cost ranges from \$325,000 to \$400,000.

5. LAKE CHARLES PARK

Motion by Trustee Williams, second by Trustee Marquardt to direct staff to prepare the necessary ordinance granting approval to the final site plan for Lake Charles Park as presented, subject to the conditions outlined by the Planning and Zoning Commission. Roll call vote:

AYES: 4 – Marquardt, Williams, Cashman, Duros

NAYS: 0 – None
ABSENT: 2 – Koch, Hebda
Motion declared carried.

6. YUMMY'S

Assistant Manager Kalmar reported that Yummy's is requesting approval of a special use permit to allow a carryout restaurant to locate in a former carryout space in Evergreen Plaza. The existing interior space would be renovated but no exterior changes would be made other than changing the sign. Planning and Zoning approved the special use. Motion by Trustee Duros, second by Trustee Koch to direct staff to prepare the necessary ordinance granting approval to Yummy's for the Special Use Permit, subject to compliance with all ordinances and standards of the Village. Roll call vote:

AYES: 5 – Marquardt, Williams, Cashman, Duros, Koch

NAYS: 0 – None

ABSENT: 1 – Hebda

Motion declared carried.

7. FRA QUIET ZONES STATUS REPORT

Assistant to the Manager Teich referred to his memo dated May 12, 2004 regarding FRA Quiet Zones and gave a status update to the Board. The Committee agreed if horn blowing would be eliminated.

8. CHARITABLE ORGANIZATIONS SUPPORTED BY VILLAGE EMPLOYEES

Manager Allison announced the three charities supported by village employees: The American Cancer Society – Relay for Life, The Salvation Army – Angel Tree, and the Toys for Tots.

9. WATERSHED GRANTS

Village Engineer Brown reported that grants were obtained to clean the Seavey Ditch and enhance Lake Harvey. Staff recommends transferring \$12,000 to fund the projects. Committee agreed to direct staff to proceed.

10. ETHICS ORDINANCE – REVIEW

Attorney Citron updated the Committee on the changes to the recently approved ethics ordinance.

11. RESOLUTION MANDATING A BALANCED BUDGET

Finance Director Nakrin explained the resolution mandating a balanced budget. Trustee Cashman requested an ordinance on a balanced budget, not a resolution. Attorney Citron will investigate the possibility.

12. ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Trustee Williams, second by Trustee Duros to adjourn the Committee of the Whole and to into Closed Session for the purpose of land acquisition, personnel and litigation. Roll call vote:

AYES: 5 – Williams, Cashman, Duros, Koch, Marquardt

NAYS: 0 – None

ABSENT: 1 - Hebda

Motion declared carried.

Meeting adjourned at 9:35 p.m.

Jeanne M. Schwartz, Village Clerk

Roger L. Byrne, Village President