

**MINUTES
COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MEETING
VILLAGE OF VERNON HILLS
DECEMBER 20, 2005**

IN ATTENDANCE: President Byrne called the meeting to order at 8:00 p.m. The following Trustees were present: Marquardt, Schultz, Schwartz and Williams. Trustees Hebda and Koch were absent.

Also present were Manager Allison, Assistant Village Manager Kalmar, Finance Director Nakrin, Building Commission Gerth, Chief Fleischhauer, Public Works Director Laudenslager, Village Engineer Brown, Attorney Kenny and Deputy Clerk Pelletier.

1. APPROVAL OF 1/18/2005, 4/07/2005 & 12/06/2005 COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MINUTES.

Motion by Trustee Williams, second by Trustee Marquardt to approve the 1/18/2005, 4/07/2005 & 12/06/2005 Committee of the Whole Minutes. Roll call vote:

Ayes: 5-Williams, Marquardt, Schultz, Schwartz, Byrne

Nays: 0-None

Absent: 2-Hebda, Koch

Motion declared carried.

2. HSBC (HOUSEHOLD FINANCE)-LANDSCAPE WALL.

President Byrne stated Timothy Morgan was present to request the Committee to reconsider their decision to allow the Versa-Lok instead of the Holey Boulder rock. The contractor had proceeded to use the Versa-lot, which was not on their original approved landscape plan. Trustee Schultz stated the process had not been followed and did not think the Versa-lot was aesthetically pleasing. Trustee Marquardt concurred with Trustee Schultz and questioned what the corporate neighbors thought of the wall. Mr. Morgan introduced additional representatives and continued to add there was no excuse for the work to have started without the proper approval and apologized to the Board.

President Byrne stated the wall was not a requirement of the Village or the Corporate Park. President Byrne continued he had met with the owners and the wall was for security purposes for the equipment housed in the building. Trustee Schwartz inquired what the difference in the cost of the types of materials, and no figures were available. The total cost for the whole project was estimated to be approximately \$40 million. The cost of the wall was approximately \$200,000. Manager Allison noted that Van Vlissingen would have to approve the Versa-Lok. The installation of the Holey Boulders required more work than had been planned. in addition, the Versa-Lok would have better security. Motion by Trustee Williams, second by Trustee Schultz approval of staff to draft an ordinance amending the landscape plan and allow the Versa-Lok with a matching wall cap provided a the Van Vlissingen consent letter was received. The issuance of the certificate of occupancy was contingent on the approved amended landscape plan. Roll call vote:

Ayes: 5-Marquardt, Schultz, Schwartz, Williams, Byrne

Nays: 0-None

Absent: 2-Hebda, Koch

Motion declared carried.

3. SEAVEY RESTORATION PROJECT @ STONE FENCE FARMS.

Village Engineer Brown stated staff had met with Stone Fence Farms Homeowners Association representative and homeowners affected by the restoration project. Mr. Brown stated the Village had received a State and Tribal Assistance Grant (STAG) for the improvements to the Seavey Drainage Ditch, which would cover 50% of the cost. The project would be from the Evergreen Lake outfall thru Stone Fence Farms Park and the work would be for improving or maintaining the flood conveyance of the corridor; stabilizing the eroded streambanks; removing or pruning problematic trees and vegetation; and enhancing water quality and aesthetics, and aquatic habitat. Removal of vegetation would begin in February 2006, with the remainder to be done April through June 2006. The contracts would be presented to the Board for final approval at a future meeting.

4. CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM FOR 2006/07.

Finance Director Nakrin summarized his memo dated 12/19/2005 regarding the multiple year financial plan for capital planning purposes. Staff had prepared a base plan in an amount of \$7,497,000. The \$7,477,000 funds would be generated from governmental funds and \$20,000 from the Golf Enterprise Fund. The constrained capital budget was \$922,000 lower. The base plan includes \$2M from the General Obligation TIF bonds; \$1.65M from the Aspen Pointe developers; \$123,000 from Road & Bridge Tax and \$508,000 from MFT Tax. Some of the CDW funds would be diverted to cover some of the operating budget. Mr. Nakrin reviewed the variables that could affect the budget model. Mr. Nakrin added with the future debt plans; the Village's bond rating could potentially be adversely affected. Manager Allison noted the Village and Opus were working on an agreement similar to the Half Day Partners & Aspen Partners approved earlier at Board level.

The Committee reviewed the 10 recommendations that were outlined in the memo. Major initiatives were the VHAC Enhancements; Irrigation Wells at the Golf Courses and the Lederman land acquisition. Major enhancements at the VHAC discussed were the completion of the 6A site; additional parking spaces at the Vortec site; and field lighting. The Committee discussed the use of the Lake Charles water and if agreements were required for the White Deer Run Golf Course and the homeowner associations to use the water. The water level needed to be maintained at Lake Charles, and the installation of an irrigation well was discussed. Also discussed was the installation of a well for the Vernon Hills Municipal Course and the possible expansion of the pond at Hole #7 for water retention. The Right of Way/Parkway Beautification Program for the Gregg's Parkway/Lakeview landscaping was proposed at a previous Committee meeting. The Routes 60/21 Intersection and Corridor streetscape could be postponed for future consideration.

Letters had been sent out to residents to inform them of the 2006 Road Rehabilitation project for the "A" streets in the Deerpath subdivision to begin in the spring. The new road enhancements at Route 60 & Fairway Drive and Lakeview Parkway were presented at a previous Committee meeting, so the Village Engineer could apply for grant monies. The Committee requested the Quiet Zone Modifications be left in for this year's budget. The Committee's consensus was to leave the Preventative Maintenance Program in the budget. The Bikepath/Sidewalk Improvements would be discussed in February 2006. Under the Stormwater Improvements the Harvey Lake Grant Match would be discussed later in the year. The Seavey Stabilization had been discussed earlier in the meeting. Staff was to complete applications for the EPA grant for the Municipal Golf Course Dam removal. Street Lighting/Traffic Signals were left in the budget. The street light poles and bases needed replacing in the Deerpath area at Route 60. Warrant and Intersection studies needed to be completed. Under the Municipal Buildings, the Police Station Architectural Services had been approved earlier on the Board agenda. The communications equipment was obsolete and monies would be coming from the E-911 funds. The Metra Station bathrooms and the upgrading of the

Village Hall informational sign were left in the tentative budget. The Committee concurred to keep the TIF items and the Municipal Golf Course item in the budget.

5. VILLAGE ACTIVITY SPONSORSHIPS AND VILLAGE CHARITABLE SPONSORSHIPS.

The consensus of the Committee was to allow staff to move forward with the solicitation for sponsorships for the Cultural Partner Program and the Summer Celebration Banner Program.

6. ADJOURNMENT.

Motion by Trustee Williams, second by Trustee Marquardt to adjourn the Committee of the Whole meeting to closed session to discuss personnel-Sec. 2(c) (11) and potential litigation-Sec. 2(c) (1) as allowed under the Open Meetings Act. Roll call vote:

Ayes: 5-Marquardt, Schultz, Schwartz, Williams, Byrne

Nays: 0-None

Absent: 2-Hebda, Koch

Motion declared carried.

Meeting adjourned at 9:40 p.m.

Linda Pelletier, Deputy Village Clerk

Roger L. Byrne, Village President