

**MINUTES
COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MEETING
VILLAGE OF VERNON HILLS
AUGUST 8, 2006**

IN ATTENDANCE: President Pro-tem Koch called the meeting to order at 7:15 p.m. The following Trustees were present: Hebda, Koch, Marquardt, Schultz and Williams. Trustee Schwartz was absent. President Byrne arrived at 7:45 p.m.

Also present were Village Manager Allison, Finance Director Nakrin, Police Chief Fleischhauer, Public Works Director Laudenslager, Village Engineer Brown, Building Commissioner Gerth, Attorney Citron and Deputy Clerk Pelletier.

1. APPROVAL OF 7/18/2006 COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MINUTES.

Motion by Trustee Williams, second by Trustee Hebda approval of the 7/18/2006 Committee of the Whole Meeting Minutes. Roll call vote:

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

NAYS: 0-None

ABSENT: 1-Schwartz

Motion declared carried.

2. CONSIDERATION OF A SPECIAL EVENT PERMIT APPLICATION FOR BAXTER CREDIT UNION LOCATED AT 400 N. LAKEVIEW PARKWAY FOR AN OUTDOOR AUTO SALE SEPTEMBER 15 & 16, 2006.

Building Commissioner Gerth stated Taylor Murray from Baxter Credit Union was present and had submitted a request for permission to host an automobile sale on September 15-16, 2006 in the parking lot of Baxter Credit Union (400 N. Lakeview Parkway) and in the adjacent Cole Parmer (625 E. Bunker Court) parking lot. Four or five area automobile dealerships were expected to bring in 200-300 motor vehicles, two sales tents and two banners. Finance Director Nakrin and Mr. Gerth had arrived at a mechanism in order for the Village to receive the sales tax revenue to be generated from this event. Mr. Murray would provide a list of all transactions that occurred during the two-day sale along with copies of the dealerships Vernon Hills Illinois Department of Revenue Off-Site Sales Tax Transition forms. The anticipated number of vehicles to be sold was 50-75. Trustee Schultz inquired if this event had been done elsewhere and Trustee Marquardt stated he had participated in events in the past. Mr. Murray stated trade-ins were taken and wholesale dealers also participated in these events. Motion by Trustee Hebda, second by Trustee Williams approval of a special event permit for Baxter Credit Union, 400 N. Lakeview Parkway for an outdoor auto sale for September 15-16, 2006 and direct staff to prepare the necessary resolution for final approval. Roll call vote:

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

NAYS: 0-None

ABSENT: 1-Schwartz

Motion declared carried.

3. REQUEST FOR AN OUTDOOR ESTABLISHMENT PERMIT – PITA GRILL.

Building Commissioner Gerth stated Mr. Samer Abdallat, a representative for Pita Grill, 260 Hawthorn Village Commons, had submitted a request for an Outdoor Dining and Seating Permit. The request was to place two tables in the common area outside the restaurant, with an additional two tables in the future. Hawthorn Village Commons management had approved the plan. The plan

resembled the one held by the previous owner. Motion by Trustee Schultz, second by Trustee Marquardt approval for an outdoor establishment permit for Pita Grill and direct staff to the prepare the necessary resolution for final approval. Roll call vote:

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

NAYS: 0-None

ABSENT: 1-Schwartz

Motion declared carried.

4. ASPEN POINTE-SILO REPLACEMENT.

Manager Allison noted Assistant Manager Kalmar had prepared information regarding the silo and the recommendation to have it demolished by the developer. The developer had proposed a plaza area and gazebo at the location of the silo, and staff recommended an alternative plan to replace the existing monument sign with an electronic information sign, which could advertise community events. The silo currently is located in the State right of way and would be removed in the future. Trustees Hebda and Marquardt were not in favor of the gazebo plan and preferred the sign. Trustee Hebda recommended the possible use of the stonework of the silo for the sign. Trustee Schultz concurred the silo was not salvageable. Trustee Schultz recommended the upgrading of the east monument sign to match the proposed sign. Trustee Williams was not in favor of electronic signs. Trustee Marquardt recommended if multiple signs were purchased, a discounted price should be given. Trustee Hebda recommended photos be taken for historical files. Staff was directed to seek costs to maintain the silo, cost on signs and the cost to bury the existing overhead utility lines.

5. CENTURY PARK IMPROVEMENTS.

Manager Allison stated staff had met with Larry DeGraaf of the Vernon Hills Park District to review the design of the park improvements. Mr. Allison discussed the changes in the plans that differ from the original plan presented at the 4/18/2006 Committee of the Whole. The gazebo was to be similar to the VHAC gazebo. Pavers would be installed at the entrance to the site. Landscaping would be placed appropriately to allow motor vehicles to access the area during events. Mr. Allison noted the Park District was prepared to go to bid on this project later in August, at which time an intergovernmental agreement could be reviewed regarding the cost sharing request by the Park District of 50% from the Village. The landscape plan was still under review with the Park District's landscaper. Permanent restrooms had been placed at the south end of the site.

President Byrne arrived at 7:45 p.m. and proceeded to conduct the meeting.

Trustee Koch inquired if a permanent stage was still considered and was informed due to the special needs for the Summer Celebration stage it would be better not to have a permanent stage unless it was to be used more annually. Trustee Schultz inquired if electric service was available at the basketball court and was informed by Public Works Director Laudenslager eight inch electrical piping that was capped off had been installed last year.

6. OKTOBERFEST PLANNING.

Manager Allison noted during the budget process \$20,000 had been budgeted for the event. President Byrne inquired if there were other charities or communities storm stricken that had recovery issues. Trustee Schultz noted FEMA response had been slow and there was the question of community support. Trustee Williams inquired if there were other communities that needed assistance. Trustee Hebda suggest donations to help with the Century Park reconstruction. Mr. Allison suggested October 7, 2006 as the date for the event. Staff to research information and bring back for further discussion.

7. **VILLAGE CLERK RESOLUTION.**

Manager Allison presented a draft resolution on the issue of appointment of the Village Clerk on the November ballot. Village Attorney Citron went through the issues that needed to be completed. The appointed Clerk position would be by the President and approved by the Trustees for an indefinite term. Motion by Trustee Marquardt, second by Trustee Williams to direct the Village Attorney to proceed with preparation of a resolution to place the question on the November 7, 2006 ballot and present the resolution at the 8/15/2006 for final approval. Roll call vote:

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

NAYS: 0-None

ABSENT: 1-Schwartz

Motion declared carried.

8. **ADJOURNMENT.**

Motion by Trustee Schultz, second by Trustee Marquardt to adjourn the Committee of the Whole Meeting and go to Closed Session for discussion of Land Acquisition [Sec.2(c)5)] as allowed under the Open Meetings Act. Roll call vote:

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

NAYS: 0-None

ABSENT: 1-Schwartz

Motion declared carried.

Meeting adjourned at 8:20 p.m.

Linda Pelletier, Deputy Village Clerk

Roger L. Byrne, Village President