

**MINUTES
COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MEETING
VILLAGE OF VERNON HILLS
AUGUST 29, 2006**

IN ATTENDANCE: President Byrne called the meeting to order at 7:40 p.m. The following Trustees were present: Hebda, Koch, Marquardt, Schultz and Schwartz. Trustee Williams was absent.

Also present were Village Manager Allison, Assistant Village Manager Kalmar, Finance Director Nakrin, Public Works Director Laudenslager, Building Commissioner Gerth, Attorney Citron and Deputy Clerk Pelletier.

1. APPROVAL OF 8/15/2006 COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MINUTES.

Motion by Trustee Koch, second by Trustee Marquardt approval of the 8/15/2006 Committee of the Whole Meeting Minutes. Roll call vote:

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

NAYS: 0-None

ABSENT: 1-Williams

Motion declared carried.

2. CONSIDERATION OF A GROUND-MOUNTED DEVELOPMENT & ENTRANCE SIGN FOR VERNON PLAZA SHOPPING CENTER TO BE ERECTED ON AN EASEMENT IMMEDIATELY NORTH OF THE NEW ENTRANCE FROM ASPEN DRIVE.

Building Commissioner Gerth stated as part of the Lederman property acquisition a provision was included in the contract for the installation and maintenance of an internally illuminated, ground-mounted development and entrance sign for the Vernon Plaza Shopping Center. The sign was planned for the easement north of the recently installed entrance off of Aspen Drive. The two-sided, internally illuminated sign would have a bronze exterior and masonry base, similar to the existing Vernon Plaza ground-mounted sign adjacent to Townline Road. Trustee Koch requested a color rendering be presented prior to final approval. Motion by Trustee Koch, second by Trustee Schultz approval of a ground-mounted development and entrance sign for the Vernon Plaza Shopping Center on an easement north of the new Aspen Drive entrance subject to submittal of a color rendering. Roll call vote:

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

NAYS: 0-None

ABSENT: 1-Williams

Motion declared carried.

3. POLICE FACILITY EXPANSION PLAN

Manager Allison stated the plan design modification for Phase 1 of Work Scheme 21 had 3 options, which were presented in a power point overview. The work proposed would be located in the American Family Insurance building. The goal of this phase was to complete the telecommunications space, provide emergency power and connect the two buildings for technology purposes. The renovated space would be for dispatch and records, bulk storage and long-term evidence storage. Trustee Koch noted little or no remodeling would be needed for the storage area. Trustee Schultz noted there would be no need for external modifications to the buildings until the lease agreement with the American Family attorneys expired. Mr. Scott Hezner stated the project was to be done in phases and Phase 1 satisfied the needs assessment study. Mr. Allison stated the budget number was \$1,675,596. During future budget years additional work in both buildings would be based on need and available funds. President Byrne recommended with the Committee's concurrence to move

forward with drafting a contract for architectural services in an amount of \$104,687. Finance Director Nakrin went through the phases to be done on financing of the project. Village attorney would review the contract for approval at the September 19, 2006 meeting.

4. METRA STATION WASHROOMS.

Manager Allison stated in the FY200607 budget funds were appropriated for design to construct restrooms at the Metra Station with the expansion of the service and parking facility. Staff had reviewed ideas with the Hezner Corporation to provide architectural services with the plan to design and build the facility. Mr. Hezner stated the facility would blend into the current structure. Motion by Trustee Schultz, second by Trustee Koch to direct staff to prepare the necessary papers authorizing the Hezner Corporation to proceed with design work for the Metra Station washrooms in an amount of \$15,000 for final approval at the September 19, 2006 meeting. Roll call vote:

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

NAYS: 0-None

ABSENT: 1-Williams

Motion declared carried.

5. ASPEN POINTE SILO AREA.

President Byrne read through the memo dated 8/25/2006 regarding restoration and improvement costs for the silo the amounted to the neighborhood of \$30,000-\$40,000. President Byrne recommended spending the monies for other services. Trustees Hebda, Koch, Marquardt and Schwartz were in favor of temporary restoration and improvements for the silo even though it had no historic significance other than it related to the farming industry in the area. Trustee Schultz stated the Cuneo Museum was historical site that would last in perpetuity. Trustee Koch requested the utilities to be buried along Route 60 near the silo. Assistant Manager Kalmar stated the redevelopment agreement with the developer would need to be amended. The Committee directed staff to begin discussion with the developer regarding costs and improvements.

6. 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]] and approval of minutes as allowed under the Open Meetings Act. Roll call vote:

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

NAYS: 0-None

ABSENT: 1-Williams

Motion declared carried.

Meeting adjourned at 8:20 p.m.

Linda Pelletier, Deputy Village Clerk

Roger L. Byrne, Village President