

Village of Gilberts  
Village Board  
Meeting Minutes  
June 15, 2010

APPROVED MINUTES

**ORDER OF BUSINESS**

**Call to Order/Pledge of Allegiance**

President Zirk called the meeting to order at 7:03 p.m. He proceeded to lead those present in the Pledge of Allegiance.

**Roll Call/Establish Quorum**

Roll call: Members present: Trustees Erbeck, Clark, Mierisch, Farrell, and Cullotta, and President Zirk. Members absent: Trustee Zambetti. Others present: Administrator Keller and Finance Director Blocker. For members of the audience please see the attached list.

**Public Comment and Discussion**

Resident Alissa Leznek of 211 Jackson Street explained that she felt the Village is lacking a place for dogs to run around, especially in the town houses where yard space is limited. In speaking with other residents, she has found that they too would like to see the Village designate a space for a dog park. She stated that most dog parks are fenced in so dogs can run without a leash; shade and water are provided, as well as waste receptacles. She provided information on local dog parks in surrounding communities. Most of these parks require a yearly permit. She inquired as to what is required to accomplish setting up a dog park. For the record, her letter is attached.

President Zirk suggested that Ms. Leznek establish a committee of interested residents. He suggested that they meet to discuss how a dog park could be established within Village limits. Since Ms. Leznek said she was willing to do that, President Zirk informed her that Village staff would contact her and invite her and any other residents on her committee to attend the next Parks meeting where they could go over some of their ideas.

**Consent Agenda**

Trustee Mierisch asked that Consent Agenda item E be removed from the motion, so it can be discussed further.

**A motion was made by Trustee Erbeck and seconded by Trustee Clark to approve the Consent Agenda, except item E, as follows:**

- A. Motion to approve minutes from the June 1, 2010 Village Board Meeting
- B. Motion to approve the May 2010 Treasurer's Report
- C. Motion to approve Ordinance 15-2010, an Ordinance confirming development contributions applicable to the Gilberts Town Center development
- D. Motion to approve Ordinance 16-2010, and Ordinance adopting the prevailing wage rates for the construction of public works in the Village of Gilberts

- F. **Motion to approve Bills and Salaries dated June 15, 2010 as follows: General Fund \$34,428.63, Developer Donations \$2,500.00, Permit Pass Thurs \$1,115.00, Performance Bonds and Escrows \$4,458.00, Water Fund \$98,717.21 and Payroll \$44,443.82.**

Roll call: Vote: 5-ayes (Trustees Erbeck, Clark, Mierisch, Farrell, and Cullotta). 0-nays, 0-abstains. Motion carried.

#### **Items for Approval**

- E. **Motion to approve Ordinance 17-2010, an Ordinance amending the Village Code to permit the licensing and regulation of food vendors**

Trustee Mierisch inquired as to why the ordinance allowed the food vendors to start at such an early hour in the morning. President Zirk informed her that the Village followed a model of a surrounding community's ordinance, and this enabled food vendors to sell at construction sites. After the explanation, Trustee Mierisch understood why the time was set so early. Trustee Farrell said that it also clarified the time issue for her as well. Trustee Mierisch added that she has been involved in children's health issues, including childhood obesity. She is concerned that allowing food vendors will make it easier for kids to receive snacks.

Trustee Erbeck went on to say that it is the responsibility of the parents to monitor what their children are eating.

Trustee Cullotta said that after reviewing the ordinance he found that the food vendors seemed to be well regulated, especially with insurance.

The food vendors will not be allowed to sell on the main roadways.

Trustee Mierisch inquired about Section 8.14.9 regarding the music or other noise that was used to get the attention of potential customers. Administrator Keller clarified her concerns. The music will be shut off while serving a line of children and not used before 10:30 a.m.

Section 8.14.15 was discussed next. Trustee Mierisch stated that there wasn't anything mentioned about fees being returned if a vehicle is suspended. The fees are nonrefundable, unless their application is denied.

**A motion was made by Trustee Clark and seconded by Trustee Cullotta to approve Ordinance 17-2010, an Ordinance amending the Village Code to permit the licensing and regulation of food vendors.** Roll call: Vote: 4-ayes (Trustees Erbeck, Clark, Farrell, and Cullotta) 1-nay (Trustee Mierisch) 0-abstains. Motion carried.

**A motion was made by Trustee Erbeck and seconded by Trustee Farrell to approve Resolution 20-2010R, a Resolution for appropriating MFT Funds.** Roll call: Vote: 4-ayes (Trustees Erbeck, Mierisch, Farrell, and Cullotta) 1-nay (Trustee Clark) 0-abstains. Motion carried.

**A motion was made by Trustee Erbeck and seconded by Trustee Farrell to approve Ordinance 18-2010, an Ordinance approving Final Plat of Resubdivision for Gilberts Town Center Unit 1B.**

President Zirk gave a brief summary of the proposed final plat and the location of the rezoned property. He then asked how residents would be advised of the new commercial lot. He suggested that a Letter of Awareness be signed by the first owner. That letter would then be attached to the deed for future homebuyers. The Board agreed with this decision. A Par representative will send a drafted letter for Village staff to review.

Roll call: Vote: 5-ayes (Trustees Erbeck, Clark, Mierisch, Farrell, and Cullotta) 0-nays. 0-abstains. Motion carried.

#### **Staff Reports**

Administrator Keller received a petition for the Indian Trails overlay rezoning. He will put it into proper format. Then on July 13 a draft will be reviewed at the Committee of the Whole meeting. A Plan Commission public hearing will follow at the end of July.

Finance Director Blocker stated that the second notices will be going out next week for those residents who haven't purchased their vehicle stickers and dog tags. Approximately 60-65% of the stickers and tags have been sold.

There are a few glitches that are being worked through for the water billing. President Zirk stated that he liked the water bill format. He suggested that an email address be added or a website, so residents have an additional way of notifying staff of any questions or concerns they have regarding their bills. Finance Director Blocker will have that added onto the bills.

The auditors are here this week, and everything is going fine.

#### **Board of Trustees Reports**

Trustee Erbeck said that he has been approached by residents who have been asking why some residents have not yet purchased vehicles stickers. He suggested that the police department use friendly citations as a gentle reminder to residents. Not only could this be used for a lack of vehicle stickers, but also if garage doors are left open, or if there are other safety concerns.

President Zirk stated that this method was used a couple of years ago, but he is unsure of why the police stopped issuing them. He feels it is an effective tool to use, and it will give the Village a feeling of having an officer friendly community.

Trustee Erbeck added that each police officer might be required to issue a certain number of friendly reminders each shift or per week. It could even be a positive comment, such as to a child wearing a helmet while riding a bike.

Trustee Erbeck went on to state his concern for the vehicle traffic driving north on Galligan Road towards the Huntley Road intersection. He feels it is a safety hazard. Village Administrator Keller will contact Kane County to see what the timeline is for them installing a streetlight at that intersection. He will also speak with Police Chief Williams regarding the matter.

**Adjournment**

There being no further business to discuss, a motion was made by Trustee Erbeck and seconded by Trustee Clark to adjourn the meeting at 7:34 p.m. Roll call: Vote: 5-ayes by unanimous voice vote. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Karen Danca

**SIGN IN SHEET**  
(Please Print)

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**Dear Members of the Gilberts Village Board-**

**June 15, 2010**

**My name is Alissa Leznek, and I am a resident of The Gilbert's Town Center Townhomes. I moved to this area in 2009 because of the quality of homes, landscape, easy access to major roads, highways, and shopping, and the small town feeling Gilberts has.**

**Over the course of the year and a half that my daughter and I have lived here, we have met many wonderful residence of our subdivision. It seems like they moved here for a lot of the same reasons we did, but many of them- who are four legged, overly hairy, speak a language all their own, have no preference in who they give sloppy kisses too, and have the urge to run and play, are the "forgotten residence" of our neighborhood.**

**The one thing that is lacking in our part of Gilberts, especially in the townhomes, is a place for our dogs to exercise. Living where we cannot have a backyard, makes doing the "doggie business" more of an effort.**

**As our neighbors with dogs often congregate and discuss what we would like to have for our pets, it all comes back to the same wish- a local doggy Bark Park. There is so much land by our gazebo and the new park off of Galligan Road, that some of that space would be ideal for a fenced in area for our dogs and residence to socialize in.**

**Dog parks are specially designated areas, usually fenced, where dogs can run freely without a leash. There are often amenities like shaded areas, water, and of course, garbage cans. Here, people can bring folding chairs to sit in, and toys for the dogs to play with.**

**There are several Bark Parks in local communities not far from Gilberts-and each one requires a yearly fee for entrance. This could be an added incentive to our Village, which could cover some of the cost of fencing, and maintenance.**

For example-

**1. Hound Town at Lippold Park, Northwest Highway and Illinois Route 176 in Crystal Lake**

**Hours: Open year-round, dawn to dusk. Information: Three-acre fenced park. Amenities include shade trees, picnic tables and a canine fitness area. Permits are required and costs: \$30 annually for residents, and \$6 for each added dog; \$45 annually for nonresidents, and \$10 for each added dog.**

**2. Bark Park, 9027 Haligus Road in Lake in the Hills-**

**Hours: Open year-round, dawn to 9 p.m. Information: Managed by the Village of Lake in the Hills, this is a fenced park with shade and drinking water. Permits are required and are available through the village. Cost: \$40 annually for residents; \$60 annually for nonresidents.**

**3. Lakewood Dog Park, Fairfield Road, north of Illinois Route 176, in Wauconda**

**Hours: Dawn to dusk daily. Information: Managed by the Lake County Forest Preserve District, the fenced 68-acre park has trees and restrooms. Daily permits are available onsite. Cost: \$44 annually for residents; \$120 for nonresidents.**

**4. Palatine Dog Park at Plum Grove Reservoir, 1100 Algonquin Road in Palatine**

**Hours: Dawn to dusk daily; closed Wednesday from 7 a.m. to noon. Information: Fenced 1.2-acre park managed by the Palatine Park District. Permit access only, applications for permits begin Dec. 1, and 300 available permits are distributed by lottery to residents first, then nonresidents. Cost: \$45 annually for residents; \$90 annually for nonresidents.**

**Our pets need a play to run and play- they deserve the “Freedom to Frolic”. I am proposing the Village help accommodate this very**

**pertinent need. Which I believe would benefit everyone: Gilberts township and its residence-both human and canine.**

**I would like to find out how and what I would need to do to get this idea turned into a reality.**

**Thank you for your time,  
Alyssa, Brittney, Peaches, and Shadow Leznek  
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