

Village of Gilberts
87 Galligan Road
Village Board
Meeting Minutes
October 5, 2010

APPROVED MINUTES

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

Village Clerk Meadows called the roll. Roll call: Members Present: Trustees Mierisch, Zambetti, Farrell, Cullotta and President Zirk. Absent: Trustee Erbeck and Trustee Clark. Others present: Administrator Keller, Chief Williams, Intern Beith and Village Clerk Meadows.

Public Comment and Discussion

President Zirk asked if anyone in the audience wished to address the Board. There was no response from the audience.

Consent Agenda

A motion was made by Trustee Mierisch and seconded by Trustee Zambetti to approve the consent agenda as follows:

- A. A motion to approve the minutes from the September 14, 2010 Committee of the Whole Meeting.
- B. A motion to approve the minutes from the September 21, 2010 Village Board Meeting.
- C. A motion to approve the Bills and Salaries dated October 5, 2010 as follows: General fund \$21,740.61, Developer Donations \$500.00, Permit Pass Thrus \$1,200, Performance Bonds and Escrows \$2,010.04, Water Fund \$33,257.42, Payroll \$56,049.85.
- D. A motion to approve the audit for fiscal Year Ending April 30, 2010.

There being no discussion, President Zirk asked Clerk Meadows to call the roll. Roll call: Vote: 4-ayes: Trustees Mierisch, Zambetti, Farrell and Cullotta. 0-nays, 0-abstained. Motion carried.

Items for approval

A motion to approve Ordinance 27-2010, an Ordinance amending Village Code Section 2.10 "Elected and Appointed Officer Compensation"

A motion was made by Trustee Zambetti and seconded by Trustee Farrell to approve Ordinance 27-2010, an Ordinance amending Village Code Section 2.10 "Elected and Appointed Officer Compensation".

President Zirk asked if there was any discussion on the motion.

Trustee Mierisch expressed concerns with the Ordinance as presented.

She noted that the amendment did not contain language addressing a decrease in compensation if officials did not attend a scheduled Board meeting. Trustee Zambetti commented on the fact that officials who did not attend meetings would not be re-elected. Trustee Mierisch noted that it has happened in the past.

Trustee Cullotta discussed past meeting conversations where it was reported that the majority of the Board Members are not holding office for the monetary benefits. They are holding office to enhance the Village and the residents' quality of life.

President Zirk commented that the compensation increase is only equivalent to about twenty dollars a month.

Trustee Mierisch once again stated her concerns with the fact that recently staff had been asked to take furlough days and some staff had been laid off.

Trustee Erbeck arrived at 7:11 p.m.

Trustee Zambetti commented on his position. He noted that it had been nine years since the officials' compensation had been adjusted. In addition, he stated that in the past Board Members were paid for each and every committee and commission meeting they attended. He reported that some previous Board Members attended all the meetings and were compensated accordingly.

There being no further discussion. President Zirk asked Village Clerk Meadows to call the roll. Roll call: Vote: 4-ayes: Trustees Zambetti, Cullotta, Erbeck and President Zirk. 2-nays: Trustees Farrell and Mierisch. 0-abstained. Motion carried.

Items for Discussion

Community Policing Overview

Police Chief Williams provided the Board Members with a power point presentation outlining the philosophy that empowers Community Policing. At the conclusion of his presentation he asked if the Board Members had any questions, comments or concerns.

Trustee Cullotta asked if Chief Williams foresees any problematic cost associated with the implementation of community policing. Chief Williams responded that the cost would be dependent on program choices and the extent in which the programs would be carried out.

Trustee Farrell inquired how long it would take to be able to measure the program's success. Chief Williams reported that with respect to the community it would take about two years. He went on to say that educating the community on the new philosophy takes time and marketing.

Trustee Zambetti asked if Chief Williams had implemented Community Policing in the Village of Rolling Meadows. Chief Williams replied yes. Chief Williams reported that in 1999 he had introduced the Community Policing philosophy in Rolling Meadows. He had also introduced the philosophy in Lombard in 1986 and Macomb in 1996. He went on to report that the programs were successful in all communities.

Trustee Mierisch asked if programs such as D.A.R.E. and Red Ribbon would be included in Community Policing. Chief Williams replied yes if the school expressed an interest.

Trustee Mierisch inquired how internal communication would be handled. Chief Williams reported that due to the twelve hour shifts there are many officers he does not see. However, all officers are obligated to read the daily incident log book.

Trustee Erbeck reported that recently he had a two hour meeting with Chief Williams.

Trustee Erbeck remarked on an experience an acquaintance had with the Village of Rolling Meadows Police Department. He went on to report that the day after the acquaintance reported an incident the Police Department contacted him/her and conducted a phone survey. Some of the questions included in the survey dealt with customer service issues. Chief Williams confirmed that surveys are relatively easy to perform and provide departmental quality control.

President Zirk commented on the need for all officers to handle residents in a fair and consistent matter.

Chief Williams concluded his presentation by stating that he would be drafting program options for the Board to consider during the upcoming budget discussions.

President Zirk commended Chief Williams on the positive change within the Police Department.

Trustee Reports

Trustee Mierisch reported that she had spent the day at Judson College participating in C.E.R. T. emergency exercise.

Trustee Mierisch went on to report that on October 21 she will be participating in Table Top exercise involving evacuation of an At Risk/Functional Needs Population.

President's report

President Zirk commended Finance Director Blocker for her relentless work on tracking down malfunctioning water meters. Administrator Keller elaborated and also commended employee Aaron Foley.

Administrator Keller reported that there are a few residents on the water bill payment plan that had fallen behind.

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There being no further business to discuss, a motion was made by Trustee Erbeck and seconded by Trustee Cullotta to adjourn from the public meeting at 8:29 p.m. Vote: 5-ayes by unanimous voice vote.

Respectfully submitted,

Debra Meadows

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