

VILLAGE OF GILBERTS
VILLAGE BOARD MEETING
January 15, 2008
7:30 p.m.

CALLED TO ORDER

Village President Wajda called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m. President Wajda led those present in the Pledge of Allegiance.

ROLL CALL/ESTABLISH QUORUM:

Members present: President Wajda, Trustees Erbeck, Zambetti, Mierisch, Mueller and Garcia. Absent: Trustee Mengarelli. Others present: Administrator Keller, Attorney Harbottle, Engineer Kanthack, Village Bond Counsel Hummel, Police Chief Joswick, Finance Director Blocker and Deputy Clerk Meadows. President Wajda declared a quorum present.

PRESENTATION

Annual Coloring Contest Winners

President Wajda awarded the achievement certificates to the coloring contest winners. The following is a list of the 2008 coloring contest names and ages:

- Age two-Lilly Danca
- Age six-Morgan Haefling
- Age seven-Katelyn Pathana
- Age eight-Audra Ser Voas

2006 IMLRMA Risk Management Award to the Village of Gilberts

Mr. Blain Kurth the representative for the IMLRMA Risk Management presented the Village Board with a 2006 safety award. The safety award was presented to the Village for their outstanding efforts in keeping the workplace a safe environment for all employees.

PUBLIC COMMENT AND DISCUSSION

President Wajda asked if anyone in attendance wished to speak at this time. No one from the audience responded.

Executive Session- A motion was made by Trustee Mueller and seconded by Trustee Garcia to close a portion of the meeting to be closed to the public, effective immediately with business to follow as permitted by 5 ILCS 120/2 (c) (11) to discuss litigation against, affecting the Village which has been filed and is pending. Roll call: Vote 5 ayes (Trustee Zambetti, Mierisch, Mueller, Garcia and Erbeck) 0- nays, 0- abstained, 1-absent. Motion carried. The Board recessed and went into Executive Session at 7:40 p.m.and return to the public meeting at 8:00 p.m.

A motion was made by Trustee Mueller and seconded by Trustee Garcia to reconvene to the public meeting. Roll call: Vote: 5-ayes. (Trustees Mierisch, Mueller, Garcia, Erbeck, Zambetti and President Wajda). 0-nays, 0-abstained, 1-absent. Motion carried.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A motion was made by Trustee Mueller and seconded by Trustee Garcia to approve the minutes of December 4, 2007 December 11, 2007 and December 18, 2007. Roll call: Vote: 5-ayes (Trustee Mierisch, Mueller, Garcia, Erbeck and Zambetti). 0-ayes, 0-abstained. Motion carried.

APPROVAL OF BILLS AND SALARIES

A motion was made by Trustee Mueller and seconded by Trustee Mierisch to approve the amended payment of bills as pursuant to the list dated 01/15/08 and presented to the Trustees prior to the meeting as follows: General Funds \$139,081.99, Developers Donations \$2,500.00, Permit Pass Thrus \$21,700.43, Performance Bonds and Escrows \$15,544.80, Water Fund \$53,752.99 and Payroll \$124,579.90 for a grand total of \$357,160.11. Discussion followed: Roll call: Vote 5-ayes (Trustees Mueller, Garcia, Erbeck, Zambetti and Mierisch). 0-nays, 0-abstained). Motion carried.

ORDINANCES/RESOLUTIONS/PROCLAMTIONS/MOTION TO BE CONSIDERED

A motion was made by Trustee Erbeck and seconded by Trustee Mierisch to approve the Plat of Easement for AT&T located approximately 20 feet north of the Sanitary Lift Station No. 2 at Silver Trail Parkway and Galligan Road. Roll call: Vote: 5- ayes (Trustees Erbeck, Zambetti, Mierisch, Mueller and Garcia). 0-nays, 0-abstained. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Trustee Mueller and seconded by Trustee Erbeck to ratify the motion made at the Village Board Meeting on December 18, 2007 made by Trustee Mueller and seconded by Trustee Erbeck to approve the Snowhunters of Northern Illinois' alternate snowmobile route as depicted on the photo dated 12/13/07 and made part of the December 18, 2007 minutes. There was some discussion. Roll call: vote: 5-ayes (Trustees Zambetti, Mierisch, Mueller, Garcia and Erbeck). 0-nays, 0-abstained. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Trustee Mierisch and seconded by Trustee Erbeck to adopt Ordinance #08-02, An Ordinance Amending the Village Codes, Section 11 "Traffic and Motor Vehicles" to restrict parking on Paper Bark Lane and Silver Trail Parkway. There was some discussion. Roll call Vote: 5-ayes: (Trustees Mierisch, Mueller, Garcia, Erbeck and Zambetti). 0-nays, 0-abstained. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Trustee Mueller and seconded by Trustee Garcia to adopt Ordinance #08-02, An Ordinance Amending the Village Code, Section 14.4. There was some discussion. Administrator Keller stated the amended Ordinance removes inconsistencies with respect to fee connections to the Village's potable water and sanitary sewer systems. This amendment would have no effect on existing developer's annexation agreements. Roll call: Vote: 5-ayes, (Trustees Mueller, Garcia, Erbeck, Zambetti and Mierisch). 0-nays, 0-abstained. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Trustee Mierisch and seconded by Trustee Garcia to approve Engineering Services Agreement with Baxter and Woodman for East Industrial Park and Industrial Drive Water System Improvements IEPA Loan Program Project. Roll call: vote: 5-ayes. (Trustees Garcia, Erbeck, Zambetti, Mierisch and Mueller). 0-nays, 0-abstained. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Trustee Mueller and seconded by Trustee Garcia to approve the Treasure's Report for December 31, 2007 for filing. Roll call: Vote: 5-ayes, (Trustees Mueller, Garcia, Erbeck, Zambetti, and Mierisch). 0-nays, 0-abstained. Motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS-Water & Sewer Rate Study

Trustee Garcia reported the Public Works Water Oversight Committee has recommended the Board approve a water and sewer rate increase. EEI had conducted a water study and supplied the Village with various scenarios. Two of the Public Works Committee Members recommended the Board adopt scenario number one. The recommended water and sewer rate increase would allow the funding of both operating/maintenance expenses and a facility rehab fund. The proposed fee for water and sewer is \$4.50 per 1,000 gallons. There was a lengthy discussion with respect to the second scenario provided by EEI.

Administrator Keller stated the Board Members might want to consider sending all residents an invitation to an open house on January 29, 2008 beginning at 5:30 p.m. and ending at 7:30 p.m. The open house would provide an opportunity for the residents to ask questions and state their concerns. Board Members, Village Professionals and EEI Representatives would be available to field their questions and concerns.

Administrator Keller stated the Village would have posters and information available for the residents to review. In addition to the open house, staff will place a summary of the water rate study on the Village web site. Residents will be invited to send comments via the web site and staff will supply answers electronically.

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Administrator Keller recommended this matter be placed on the February 5th Board Agenda for Board consideration. Administrator Keller stated if this matter received Board approval the rate adjustment should go into effect with the April/March billing. In addition, Administrator Keller reported EEI recommends the Village review the water and sewer rates every three years.

REPORTS FROM CONSULTANTS, OFFICERS, BOARD, COMMISSIONS

Village Administrator-Administrator Keller stated the Metro West Council of Governments is hosting a breakfast with area state legislators on January 29th from 7:30-9:30 a.m. in Geneva. Topics will include the cost of pensions and unions and the proposed changes to the "Streamline Sale Tax". Trustee Mierisch stated she is interested in attending.

Administrator Keller provided the Board with the status of the ComEd ICC proceedings. He presented an exhibit, which depicted the original ComEd proposed route of the transmission lines and the Village of Huntley's proposed transmission line route. Administrator Keller advised that final testimony is scheduled on January 29th and 30th in Chicago.

Village Engineer- Engineer Kanthack reported on Friday, January 18th Dixon Engineering will be climbing the Conservancy water tower and performing the upper inspection for Baxter & Woodman. The tank contractor, CBI, Inc. will provide a portable generator so Dixon can also verify the operation of the aviation light and upper interior lights.

In addition, Engineer Kanthack reported the IEPA Loan Assistance application process is proceeding on schedule.

There was some discussion with respect to the date that IDOT will be removing the barricades located along Route 72. Trustee Mueller noted that there are still barricades along the Tyrrell Road extension, which also need to be removed.

Engineer Kanthack reported that he would be meeting with Kristy Butts (ComEd) sometime next week to discuss the installation of the streetlights at Route 72 & Tyrrell Road, Galligan Road and Silver Trail Parkway. The Board Members stated that in addition to the above referenced lighting they would also like to see ComEd install lighting along Galligan Road preferable cobra lighting.

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Village Attorney-Attorney Harbottle stated her report was included in the Board Packets. In addition, Attorney Harbottle reported the amended recapture agreement with respect to the Binnie Hills subdivision was sent to the Village Clerk last week with a copy to the President of the Binnie Hills HOA.

Village Treasurer-Finance Director Blocker reported she is currently working on the budget adjustments. This matter will be discussed at both the next FLO Committee meeting and the Village Board Work Session.

Village Clerk-Deputy Clerk Meadows stated she had no to report at this time.

Village Planner- Village Planner Duffy has no report at this time.

Police Chief-Chief Joswick stated his report was included in the Board Packet. In addition, he informed the Board Members of an incident involving a school bus crossing the railroad tracks as the cross bars were going down and a train was coming.

Chief Building Inspector-Administrator Keller noted Chief Building Inspector Svedberg's report was included in the Board Packet.

Plan Commission Chairperson- No report at this time.

There was a lengthy discussion with respect to Strategic Planning. Administrator Keller informed the Board he has been in contact with a potential facilitator. The Board would prefer the Strategic Planning process be completed in a timely matter (2-3 months). By completing the process in a reasonable time, the other outstanding issues (Comprehensive Plan, Zoning & Subdivision Ordinance) can be addressed.

REPORTS FROM TRUSTEES AND VILLAGE PRESIDENT

Trustee Mueller-He stated he had nothing to report at this time.

Trustee Garcia-Trustee Garcia reported the Public Works Oversight Committee discussed the possibility of the Village providing snow and ice removal to the Villas. The Village would require the HOA to sign a Hold Harmless agreement. However, the Village would replace any mailboxes that were damaged by Village snowplows. In addition, to the Hold Harmless agreement the HOA would need to authorize the Village Police Department to issue citation to any vehicles parked illegally. Administrator Keller will draft the agreement and forward to legal for review. This matter will go before the Board for consideration.

There was some discussion with respect to refunding the Villas vehicle sticker fees so the HOA could use the funds for road maintenance. Finance Director Blocker will provide Trustee Garcia with the dollar amount generated from the Villa's vehicle sticker sales.

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There was some discussion with respect to the mutual aid agreements. The Police Department Mutual Aid agreement has been adopted. However, the Public Works Mutual Agreement is still in the process of being drafted.

Trustee Erbeck-Trustee Erbeck reported the Village would be receiving \$5,300.00 dollars from FEMA the funds could be used to purchase the Public Works radios. He identified the need for communication equipment at the Village Elementary School.

Trustee Erbeck reported on March 15, 2008 Life Source along with the CERT's Committee will be conducting a blood drive. The blood drive will be held at the Gilberts' Elementary School. Principal King will include the information in the school's next newsletter. The Village will also be including the information in the next newsletter and on the Village web site.

The CERT's committee will be constructing a web site once the Board Members review and approve the web site the Committee would like to link their site to the Village web site.

President Wajda-President Wajda reported Public Works Supervisor Burke noted some of the HOA's have contracted tree trimming contractors and the work appears to be to aggressive. In addition, Public Works Supervisor Burke has attended street maintenance training and has ideas on how the Village would proceed with a road maintenance program.

ADJOURNMENT:

They're being no further business; a motion was made by Trustee Garcia and seconded by Trustee Erbeck to adjourn the meeting. Roll call: Vote: 5-ayes (Trustees Erbeck, Zambetti, Mierisch, Mueller and Garcia). 0-nays, 0-abstained. Motion carried.
Adjournment time: 9:00 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Debra Meadows, Deputy Clerk

