

Village Board
Committee of the Whole
87 Galligan Road
Gilberts IL 60136
Meeting Minutes
January 11, 2011

APPROVED MINUTES

Call to order / Pledge of Allegiance

President Zirk called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. He proceeded to lead those present in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Roll Call / Establish Quorum

President Zirk asked Clerk Meadows to call the roll. Roll call: Members present: Trustees Clark, Mierisch, Farrell and President Zirk. 3-absent: Trustees Erbeck, Zambetti and Cullotta. Others present: Administrator Keller, Finance Director Blocker, Chief Building Inspector Swedberg, Assistant to the Village Administrator Beith and Village Clerk Meadows. For members of the audience please see the attached list.

President Zirk reported that there was enough members present for a quorum. However, no action could be taken.

Items for consideration

Minutes from the January 4, 2011 Village Board Meeting

President Zirk asked if there were any comments on the minutes from the January 4, 2011 Village Board Meeting. No comments were provided the minutes will be placed on the next consent agenda.

December 2010 Treasurer's Report

President Zirk asked if there were any comments on the December 2010 Treasurer's Report. No comments were provided. The December 2010 Treasurer's Report will be placed on the next consent agenda.

Items for Discussion

Garbage RFP

Administrator Keller reported that the Village announced a request for proposal for refuse, recycling and yard waste removal services. All copies of the waste hauler's proposals have been made publicly available.

Administrator Keller elaborated on the current agreement with Allied Waste Service. He reported that the current agreement between the Village and Allied waste Service expires on April 30th. The Village sent a letter on December 17th notifying them of the Village's decision to opt out of the current agreement.

Administrator Keller commented on staff's recommendation to secure a contract with MDC based on "Proposal 2" the lowest-cost alternative for a five-year period. Administrator Keller proceeded to introduce Mr. Greg York, General Manager for MDC. He asked if anyone had any questions for Mr. York. At this time there were no questions asked of General Manager York.

Trustee Mierisch inquired if the contract comparisons were apples to apples with respect to including all waste hauling within the Village limits. Administrator Keller responded by stating that the proposals are for residential services only. He recalled past Board discussion which directed staff to allow commercial users to secure their own waste hauling contracts. He went on to discuss options in which the Village could regulate the commercial waste haulers.

Administrator Keller noted that included in the proposals was an option in which the Village could include the waste hauling fees on the water bills. Trustee Mierisch asked if the Village had been in contact with the HOA's that currently have the waste hauling fees built into their association cost. Finance Director Blocker replied that she is in the process of contacting the Home Owner's Associations.

Trustee Clark inquired about the status of the current waste receptacles. He asked if they would need to be returned to Allied and if there would be a fee if the receptacles had been lost or damaged. Administrator Keller reported that the Village along with Mr. Lintner (Allied Waste Services representative) and Mr. York are working out some of the transition concerns.

Trustee Clark reported that Allied Waste Services had already notified the commercial users about the loss of the Village contract and informing them of their commercial rates. Trustee Clark suggested that in the interest of fairness the Village recommend to the other potential commercial waste haulers to consider supplying the Village's commercial users with their waste hauling rates.

Trustee Farrell inquired on how multi-business complexes would be handled. Administrator Keller replied that staff was in the process of working out the various details.

Trustee Clark inquired on the accounting standards that would be used with respect to combining the water and waste hauling fees. Finance Director Blocker is working with the auditors to develop a transparent accounting practice in which to separate the enterprise fund receipts.

Trustee Mierisch discussed the section in the proposal that identifies dividing the Village into three sections and picking-up waste on two different days of the week. General Manger York responded by reporting that most likely Timber Trails would be serviced on one day and on the alternate day the remainder of the town would be serviced.

President Zirk expressed his satisfaction with the MDC proposal. He noted that in his opinion the neighborhoods look tacky with garbage sitting on the curb two days a week. In addition, he agrees with allowing the commercial users the opportunity to secure their own waste hauling contracts.

President Zirk expressed his appreciation for the excellent service Allied Waste Service had provided to the Village throughout the years. He noted that the reason for the change was only due to cost considerations.

Trustee Mierisch asked if the Village would have access to a customer service representative. Finance Blocker replied yes.

Resident Sharon Glasshof asked if residents would have a choice in waste receptacle sizes. Administrator Keller replied yes, there are two size options.

Trustee Clark inquired if there would be a fee if a receptacle was lost. Administrator Keller will have to check on that.

There being no further questions, Administrator Keller reported that staff will work with MDC and the Village Attorney in drafting an agreement for Board consideration.

Building Fees

Chief Building Inspector Swedberg gave an overview on his recommendation to change the single family dwelling unit building permit fees computing formula to be based on per square footage.

President Zirk agreed with the premise on computing the fee for a single family dwelling unit building permit fees on per square footage. However, he believed the Board's primary focus with respect to amending the building fee schedule was with their concerns on the cost of the ancillary permits (water heaters, signs, decks, pools, roofs). The Board Members concurred.

A lengthy discussion ensued with respect to the cost of the ancillary permits.

The Board Members used the installation of a water heater as an example. The Board compared the average cost of a water heater to the cost of the building permit, inspection fees, and refundable bond cost.

Trustee Farrell recommended the inspection fees be built into the permit cost.

Administrator Keller reported that the permit fees can be set at whatever amount the Board deems appropriate. He commented on the fact that the permit fees were not meant to generate revenue. The fees are intended to be a life safety measure and insure installation or construction is performed correctly.

The Board Members discussed in length the requirement of a refundable bond deposit. Chief Building Inspector Swedberg commented on the intent of the refundable bond deposit. He noted that bond is held until the project is completed and has received a final inspection. The refundable bond policy is an incentive for residents and contractors to complete the permitted projects. Finance Director Blocker reported that depending on when the final inspection is completed it can take two to three weeks before the bond is returned. The Board Members along with staff discussed ways in which to expedite the return of the bond checks.

Staff Reports

Administrator Keller reported that he had meet with Mr. Polk, Mr. Conway, Ms. Tonelli, Attorney Curran, and Attorney Schuster to discuss the concerns with Elgin Recycling operations. Trustee Mierisch asked if the Village has drafted a timeline in which Elgin Recycling will need to be in compliance with their special use conditions. Administrator Keller responded by saying he is hopeful Mr. Polk and Mr. Conway can compromise and work together. In addition, Elgin Recycling's new equipment is due to arrive next week and he hopes this will alleviate the noise concerns.

Administrator Keller reported that the request for an amendment to Elgin Recycling's Special Use Permit will be brought before the Board for consideration in February.

Finance Director Blocker reported that there are three vacant homes with the water shut-off.

President Zirk commented on Finance Director Blocker's demeanor. He noted that she does not seem as frustrated with the water billing as in past years. She agreed. Finance Director Blocker stated since the Village has taken over the water and wastewater operations water billing and meter reading has become unproblematic.

Chief Building Inspector Swedberg reported that Public Works has experienced very little snow plow damage and very little private property damage. In addition, Public Works is tweaking their snow plow methods. Ms. Glasshof recognized the improved snow plowing technique in her cul-de-sac. The Board Members complimented the Public Works employees on the great job they have done keeping the streets clear of snow.

Board of Trustees Reports

Trustee Mierisch inquired if Ryland Homes had went ahead and installed signage without Village approval. Administrator Keller replied yes. Administrator Keller reported that he along with Chief Building Inspector Swedberg are working on this concern.

President Report

President Zirk inquired about the status of the Neumann Homes property. Administrator Keller reported that the Village has brokered a deal in which the Village will receive \$25,000 from the bond companies.

There was some discussion with respect to the status of the ComED transmission lines.

Adjournment

There being no further business to discuss, a motion was made by Trustee Clark and seconded by Trustee Farrell to adjourn from the public meeting at 8:11 p.m. Roll call: Vote: 4-ayes by unanimous voice vote. 0-nays, 0-abstained. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Debra Meadows

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