

APPROVED MINUTES

**Village of Gilberts
Board Meeting
87 Galligan Road
Gilberts, IL 60136
Meeting Minutes
January 18, 2011**

Call to Order/Pledge of Allegiance

President Zirk called the meeting to order at 7:02 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, Zambetti, Farrell, Cullotta and President Zirk. 1-Absent: Trustee Erbeck. Others present: Administrator Keller, Chief of Police Williams, Finance Director Blocker and Village Clerk Meadows. For members of the audience please see the attached list.

Presentation

Chief's Commendation Award-Officer Steve Mueller & Officer Michael Oberth

Chief Williams provided those in attendance with an opening statement. He stated that from time to time Police Officers are asked to respond to extraordinary circumstances from which the community at large is ill prepared. It falls onto training, experience, skill and abilities of the officers to act often alone to end horrific events and return the community to a sense of safety and well being.

On August 18th of last year Gilberts' Police Officers, Steven Mueller and Officer Mike Oberth were tasked with such a response. At approximately at 8:20 a.m. they were dispatched to a domestic disturbance involving a shooting with the shooter at large. Their response and subsequent actions were so exceptional that it warrants public recognition. Chief Williams thanked the Board for allowing him the time to publicly present the Officers with the department's gratitude and visible recognition of their efforts to maintain the safety of the community.

President Zirk proceeded to read the commendations. He read Officer Mueller's commendation first. "On August 18, 2010 you were assigned, along with Officer Michael Oberth, to a domestic dispute involving a reported shooting at 364 Evergreen Circle, Gilberts, Illinois. Upon arrival you immediately approached the residence, placing yourself in reasonable apprehension of a deadly force encounter. You assessed the scene, discovering an individual whose clothing was covered in blood.

Consistent with proper procedure, you took the individual, into custody, searched the scene discovering one deceased individual, called for medical assistance, secured the crime scene and called for additional assistance. Your actions in this matter as the first officer on the scene were consistent with the highest standards of the department. You correctly followed all protocols of initial crime scene investigation, preventing further violence, securing the crime scene for a more thorough examination and evidence processing and guaranteed the ability of a complete follow up investigation. You are hereby awarded this Chief's Commendation in recognition of your exceptional performance".

President Zirk proceeded to read Officer Oberth's Commendation. "On August 18, 2010, you were assigned, along with Officer Steve Mueller, to a domestic dispute involving a reported shooting at 364 Evergreen Circle, Gilberts, Illinois. Upon arrival you immediately approached the residence, placing yourself in reasonable apprehension of a deadly force encounter. You assessed the situation and assisted Officer Mueller in securing the crime scene and called for additional assistance. Your actions in this matter as one of the first officers on the scene were consistent with the highest standards of the department. You correctly followed all protocols of initial crime scene investigation, preventing further violence, securing the crime scene for a more thorough examination and evidence processing and guaranteed the ability of a complete follow up investigation. You are hereby awarded this Chief's Commendation in recognition of your exceptional performance".

The Board Members along with the audience applauded the officers.

Public Comment

President Zirk asked if anyone in the audience wished to address the Board at this time. In addition, he asked that comments with respect to agenda item 7 A. "Bark Park" were reserved until that discussion begins.

Consent Agenda

- A. A Motion to approve Minutes from the January 4, 2011 Village Board Meeting**
- B. A Motion to approve Minutes from the January 11, 2011 Committee of the Whole Meeting**
- C. A Motion to approve December 2010 Treasurer's Report**
- D. A Motion to approve Bills and Salaries Dated January 18, 2011**

President Zirk asked if there were any questions or comments on the consent agenda items. There were no comments. A motion was made by Trustee Clark and seconded by Trustee Cullotta to approve the consent agenda as presented as follows:

- A. A motion to approve Minutes from the January 4, 2011 Village Board Meeting**
- B. A Motion to approve Minutes from the January 11, 2011 Committee of the Whole Meeting**

- C. A Motion to approve the December 2010 Treasurer's Report
- D. A Motion to approve Bills and Salaries Dated January 18, 2011 as noted: General Fund \$41,528.31, Developer Donations \$1,000.00, Permit Pass Thurs \$467.50, Performance Bonds and Escrows \$1,306.00, Water Fund \$31,186.48 and Payroll \$59,697.23. Roll call: Vote: 5-ayes: Trustees Clark, Mierisch, Zambetti, Farrell and Cullotta. 0-nays, 0-abstained. Motion carried.

Items for Discussion

Consideration of Resolution 03-2011, a Resolution Supporting the Efforts of the Happy Tails Bark Park Committee in developing a Bark Park

President Zirk commented on the benefits of facilitating the Bark Park Open House held earlier this evening.

Administrator Keller summarized the concerns and comments brought to the forefront at the open house. The concerns focused on the proposed Gilberts Town Center location, aesthetics, parking, security and noise. In addition, staff has received comments via email which will be shared with the Board.

Administrator Keller discussed the rudimentary resolution brought before the Board. He noted that the resolution was a concept and could evolve to include additional expectations and or conditions and was not meant for Board action tonight. However, the resolution identifies some of the conditions the Board may want to outline for the group to address.

Trustee Mierisch recalled past agreements with other organizations (Grizzlies, YMCA, and Renegades). She noted that the draft Bark Park Resolution contained unique conditions. Administrator replied that some of the conditions are what is required of other groups. He provided examples (liability insurance, establishment of a nonprofit organization). He went on to discuss some of the other requirements derived from previous meetings such as the maintenance schedule and security. He stated that these are the type of concerns that would be unique to this type of park use on Village property.

He reported that this resolution would not obligate the Board to enter into an agreement. The purpose of the resolution was to outline expectations. The resolution serves as a precursor before entering into a formal agreement.

Trustee Mierisch cited section 2-1 which requires the group to provide the Village with a detailed business plan. Administrator Keller responded by saying the details of the resolution should be defined by the Board's expectations.

He continued to discuss the differences with the Dog Park Group. He noted that the group was not an established nonprofit organization. The other organization that the Village has agreements with has been providing services and has longevity.

Trustee Mierisch requested clarification on the steps in which to move forward. She wondered if staff was suggesting the Board consider adopting the resolution prior to the group acquiring their nonprofit status and developing a business plan. Administrator Keller replied that the adoption of the resolution shows support for the development of the Bark Park and provides the group with a level of commitment. Trustee Mierisch expressed concerns on the fact that if the group was to proceed and spend funds what if the Board in the eleventh hour changed their minds. Administrator Keller stated that the resolution is not a guarantee. He along with Attorney Tappendorf and Village Clerk Meadows had discussed the legal implications of committing future Boards to conditions entering into a contract when the Village is unsure who the entity is going to be. However, the resolution provides the group with some level of reassurance of the Village's commitment.

President Zirk discussed the difference between the current organizations and the proposed Bark Park Organization. He noted that if the Grizzlies were to go away all the Village would be left with are some football goal post and grass fields that the Village is currently mowing. Unlike the development of a Bark Park which will be making capital improvements. He commented on the fact that the Village needs to be sure they have a business plan and will be sustainable. Administrator Keller agreed. He reported that the Bark Park will be run more like a business unlike peewee football. They will have capital investments, operational expenses, and revenue coming in.

Trustee Mierisch inquired if the resolution should identify the Village's expectation if the group were to dissolve. Administrator Keller replied yes.

President Zirk reported that the resident opposed to the location of the proposed bark park was in support of the creation of a Village Bark Park. He went on to express the Board support of the creation of the Bark Park. He felt that the resolution should provide the Bark Park Committee with clear direction and expectations.

He recommended the Bark Park Committee also be allowed to provide input on the resolution to include language with respect to their expectations of the Village.

President Zirk recommended addressing the concerns brought forth at the open house (fencing, security, noise and advertising signage). President Zirk directed Administrator Keller to draft alternatives and solutions to the concerns.

There was some discussion with respect to distributing information to the Board Members. The Board Members agreed a weekly email containing all information would be best.

Trustee Clark asked if anyone on the Bark Park Committee had any concerns with the resolution. Administrator Keller reported the January 18th Board Packet was available online. However, he had not asked the Bark Park Committee for any input he wanted the Board to review the resolution first. Trustee Clark stated he does not have a problem with the resolution. He thought the biggest concern was location. He expressed concern with taking a public area and turning it to a semi-private land. Trustee Clark does not have a problem with developing a Bark Park.

Trustee Farrell commented on the fact that the Bark Park Committee has never been set on any one location.

Administrator Keller commented on the concerns with respect to the proposed location. He reminded the Board that several alternative locations were discussed in the past. However, there were reasons the Board had identified the Town Center location. A lengthy discussion ensued with respect to the alternative locations.

Trustee Zambetti expressed his support for the development of a bark park. However, he would not support a bark park that is adjacent to any residential property.

He reported that he recently investigated the Wastewater Treatment Plant area by the Eagles Club. He noted that the area is wooded. However, not under water as earlier reported. It also has parking available. In his opinion this area makes sense.

Trustee Cullotta agreed. He is not in favor of the Town Center location.

Staff will investigate the proposed wastewater plant location.

There was some discussion with respect to Homeland Security issues if the wastewater treatment plant area was to be considered. Trustee Mierisch was very concerned with any type of security breach with respect to the Village's water supply. Trustee Mierisch was not saying that she is not in favor of the location she is just concerned with security issues.

Staff Reports

Community Policing Updates

Chief Williams provided the Board Member with an overview of the implementation of Community Policing. He reported that the officers had received their initial training and also have received their beat assignments.

Chief Williams discussed the philosophy of the program. He noted that the program instills the officers to be accountable for concerns within their assigned beats. However, they will work as a team and assist when needed in other areas.

Chief Williams will begin a campaign informing the residents of the new program and philosophy. The information will be placed on the Village's website, facebook page and newsletter.

Trustee Farrell suggested sharing the information with the Home Owners Associations.

The Board Members concurred that the police department is moving in the right direction.

Enhanced DUI Program

Chief Williams provided the Board Members with a summary of the implementation of the Enhanced DUI Program. He noted that the program will require an additional second shift officer. However the program will be self supporting.

He will be meeting with the liquor license establishment owners to discuss a voucher program. The program will provide free taxi rides to patrons that had too much to drink. The liquor license establishment owners at their discretion can call a taxi to take a patron home and the police department will reimburse the owners for the taxi ride.

The Board Members thought the program invokes a sense of community.

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Citizens Police Academy (CERT Training)

Chief Williams informed the Board on the dates that the department would be offering Citizens Police Academy, CERT Training and the next Neighborhood Watch Meeting.

Finance Director Blocker reported the water meters have been read and there were only two exceptions.

Trustee Zambetti commended the Public Works Department for their great job snow plowing. The Board Members concurred.

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 8:12 p.m. Roll call: Vote: 5-eyes by unanimous voice vote.

Respectfully submitted,

Debra Meadows

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