

APPROVED MINUTES

Village of Gilberts
87 Galligan Road
Gilberts, IL 60136
Village Board
Meeting Minutes
March 15, 2011

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 Village Clerk Meadows to call the roll. Roll call: Members present: Trustees Erbeck, Clark, Mierisch, Farrell and President Zirk.

Public Comment

President Zirk welcomed new business owner Don Smith. Mr. Smith thanked the Board for the warm welcome. Mr. Smith reported that he would be opening a Dairy Mart inside the Mobile Gas Station. He discussed the operating hours of the dairy mart. The dairy mart will be open from 6:00 a.m. until 10:00 p.m. He went on to report that the dairy mart will be serving breakfast, sandwiches and ice cream. The Board Members wished him the best of luck.

President Zirk asked if anyone else from the audience wished to address the Board. There were no comments from the audience.

Consent Agenda

- A. A motion to approve Minutes from the March 1, 2011 Village Board Meeting
- B. A motion to approve Minutes from the March 8, 2011 Committee of the Whole Meeting
- C. A motion to approve February 2011 Treasurer's Report
- D. A motion to approve Bills and Salaries Dated March 15, 2011 as follows: General fund: \$14,249.90, Developer Donations \$500.00, Performance Bonds and Escrows \$193.00, Water Fund \$82,734.00 and Payroll \$60,319.24
- E. A motion to approve Ordinance 06-2011, an Ordinance Authorizing the Disposal of Personal Property Owned by the Village of Gilberts
- F. A motion to approve Resolution 13-2011, a Resolution approving an agreement with Safety Management Inc.

A motion was made by Trustee Erbeck and seconded by Trustee Clark to approve the consent agenda as presented. Roll call: Vote: 4-ayes: Trustees Erbeck, Clark, Mierisch, and Farrell. 0-nays, 0-abstained. Motion carried.

Items for Approval

A motion to approve Resolution 14-2011, a Resolution approving the Pavement Management Report
Trustee Clark expressed his concerns with the report. He noted that no funds were being allocated to a road program. Administrator Keller concurred.

A motion was made by Trustee Clark and seconded by Trustee Erbeck to approve Resolution 14-2011, a Resolution approving the Pavement Management Report.

Trustee Mierisch questioned if the Board approved the plan and funding options changed would the Board Members be allowed to deviate from the plan. Administrator Keller replied yes. The passage of the plan is just setting Village policy.

Trustee Clark asked what the timeline was for staff to present a draft Capital Improvement Plan. Administrator Keller reported that staff would be presenting a plan in the near future.

Trustee Cullotta arrived at 7:05 p.m.

Trustee Mierisch acknowledged that there was a cost savings by resurfacing the roads all at once. However, she was concerned that residents would not have reasonable access to parking. She did not want to see residents having to park their cars and walk miles to their homes. Administrator Keller commented that the Board's expectations on how the construction should be implemented would be identified during the bidding process.

There being no further discussion President Zirk asked Clerk Meadows to call the roll. Roll call: Vote:5-ayes: Trustees Clark, Mierisch, Farrell, Cullotta, and Trustee Erbeck. 0-nays, 0-abstained. Motion carried.

A motion to approve Resolution 15-2011, a Resolution authorizing payment of the Hill-Newby Recapture Agreement

Trustee Clark stated that he believed the Village is setting a bad precedent by using TIF dollars to purchase a recapture agreement.

Trustee Erbeck expressed his concern with using the TIF dollars for the purchase of a recapture agreement. He felt in the future there may be opportunities presented that would provide for a better use of the funds.

Trustee Mierisch apologized for missing the last meeting due to illness. She questioned the last staff memo which discussed the cost savings benefit of paying off the recapture agreement early. Administrator Keller reported that early payment would eliminate the annual 7% interest and save \$9,377.48 per year to the total cost of the recapture.

Trustee Mierisch commented on the fact that she was under the impression this matter was going to be considered after the conclusion of the referendum. Administrator Keller replied that the decision of which funding sources would be used would be decided after the outcome of the referendum is known.

Trustee Erbeck expressed concern that the Village had no plan in place to extend water and sewer in the industrial area in question. He recommended educating the industrial property owners of the benefits of tapping onto the Village's water and sanitary systems. In addition, he suggested the Village meet with the property owners to see if there is any interest in tapping- on. Administrator Keller reported that in 2008 the Village had presented the industrial property owners with a plan and the projected tap-on cost. If the Board Members would like staff could dust the plan off and have dialogue with the industrial property owners to see if their interest level had changed.

A lengthy discussion ensued with respect to the Village just paying off the recapture interest. Trustee Clark would not be opposed to paying off the interest.

Trustee Cullotta commented that he is in agreement with President Zirk. By paying off the recapture agreement the Village is putting on a smiley face and stimulating economic development.

Trustee Farrell suggested the Village consider discussing other pay-off options with Mr. Hill and Mr. Newby.

Trustee Clark suggested the Village investigate the cost of constructing just the water infrastructure. Administrator Keller will begin gathering cost estimates for water improvements only.

The Board Members asked Mr. DeBolt if they (Mobile Gas Station Owners) would consider a proposal for the Village to only pay-off the interest. Mr. DeBolt replied probably not. However, he could present the information to their attorney.

A motion was made by Trustee Clark and seconded by Trustee Cullotta to approve Resolution 15-2011, a Resolution authorizing payment of the Hill-Newby Recapture Agreement. Roll call: Vote: 4-ayes: Trustees Mierisch, Farrell, Cullotta and President Zirk. 2-nays: Trustee Erbeck and Clark. 0-abstained. Motion carried.

Staff reports

Administrator Keller reported that he will host an open house next Tuesday, March 22nd from 5:00-7:30 p.m. The purpose of the open house is to answer any questions voters may have on the public question to impose a Non-Home Rule Municipal Retailers' Occupation Tax and Non Home-Rule Municipal Service Occupation Tax (sales tax) at a rate of 1% for expenditures on public infrastructure.

Trustee Mierisch suggested the Village post a Public Meeting Notice in case more than two trustees attend.

Board of Trustee Reports

Trustee Farrell asked Trustee Mierisch if the CERT Members might consider assisting at the Community Days Event. Trustee Mierisch will check with the members.

Trustee Cullotta reported that this will be his last meeting. He commended the Board Members for all their hard work and time they spend on Village business. He went on to wish all the candidates running in the April 5th Consolidated Election the best of luck. Trustee Cullotta noted that thus far it had been a clean race.

President's Report

President Zirk inquired if the Board Members would be in favor of cancelling the April 5th Village Board Meeting due to the fact that is election night. The Board Members concurred.

The Board Members discussed in length the process of the online payment of water bills. Finance Director Blocker reported that residents are under the misconception that their banks are drafting checks as soon as they send their electronic payment requests. However, the payments are sent to processing centers. This can delay the receipt of their payments. The Board discussed various options in dealing with this concern. Finance Director Blocker will create a new code that will note if payments were made by a check from a bank.

President Zirk recommends that this situation be resolved. Trustee Mierisch noted that the water bills on several occasion informed residents to allow additional time if paying online through their banks.

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President Zirk recommends staff keep the Board up to date on the Community Days event planning progress.

Adjournment

There being no further business to discuss, a motion was made by Trustee Clark and seconded by Trustee Erbeck to adjourn from the public meeting at 8:02 p.m. Roll call: Vote: 5-ayes by unanimous voice vote.

Respectfully submitted,

Debra Meadows

