

APPROVED MINUTES

Village of Gilberts Village Board Meeting Minutes July 6, 2010

Call to Order

President Zirk called the meeting to order at 7:05 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 Clark, Mierisch, Zambetti, Farrell, Cullotta and President Zirk. 1-absent: Trustee Erbeck. Others present: Administrator Keller, Finance Director Blocker and Village Clerk Meadows. For members of the audience please see the attached list.

Public Comment and Discussion

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

Presentation

Introduction of John Castillo, Utilities Superintendent

Administrator Keller introduced Mr. John Castillo the new Village Utilities Superintendent. Administrator Keller reported that Utilities Superintendent Castillo had over twenty years of experience and holds the requisite licenses to operate the Village's water and wastewater facilities.

Utilities Superintendent Castillo provided the Board Members with an overview of his professional career.

Consent Agenda

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

- A. **Motion to approve the Minutes from the June 8, 2010 Committee of the Whole Meeting.**
- B. **Motion to approve the Minutes from the June 15, 2010 Village Board Meeting.**
- C. **Motion to approve the Bills and Salaries dated July 6, 2010 as follows: General Fund \$117,471.10, DUI fund \$7,521.00, Permit Pass Thrus \$800.00, Performance Bonds and Escrows \$5,040.94, Water Fund \$44,885.44, Payroll \$54,896.70.**

_Roll call: Vote: 5-eyes: Trustees Clark, Mierisch, Zambetti, Farrell and Cullotta. 0-nays, 0-abstained. Motion carried.

Items for Discussion

West End Recycling-Permitting recycling of white goods

Attorney John Regan introduced himself. He reported that he was speaking on behalf of his client West End Recycling. West End Recycling asked the Board to consider allowing them to recycle white goods. Attorney Regan went on to state that typically those who drop off materials for recycling will have a variety of metal scrap which frequently includes white goods. When the client make their decision as to which scrap buyer to make their deliveries to. They generally choose those where they only need to make one stop. Mr. Regan stated by prohibiting the recycling of white goods his client has been placed at a competitive disadvantage.

Administrator Keller reported that he had focused on the two issues that he foresees as problematic. The first concern was enforcement with respect to hazardous materials being removed. He went on to report that the Illinois Environmental Protection Agency regulates the recycling of white goods. They required all freon, CFCs, mercury switches and PCBs be removed in accordance with federal and state laws. In addition a certified technician must remove the hazardous material and attach a card certifying the hazardous materials had been removed.

Administrator Keller reported that the second concern was unsightly outdoor storage. He reported that in 2009 the Plan Commission approved amending West End Recycling's Special Use Permit to allow for outdoor storage. In addition, there has been no recent violation.

A lengthy discussion ensued with respect to the handling of white goods. Attorney Regan reported that if the Village had an issue with the acceptance of refrigerators West End Recycling had no problem with not accepting refrigerators. Trustee Zambetti reported that he believed air conditioners were also considered white goods. He stated that he is concerned for the environment and hazardous waste leaking into the Village's water supply. However, he does feel more comfortable knowing the recycling of refrigerators is regulated by the IEPA. Trustee Zambetti stated his bigger concern is with the outside storage. He would like to see strong language limiting the amount of recycling goods stored. In addition, Trustee Zambetti recommends the language is clear, concise and enforceable. Ms. Nelly Diaz, West End Operation Manger, replied that the materials are removed daily, and there is always some materials leftover. However, they are stored in the designated area permitted by the Village.

Trustee Cullotta expressed concerns with the acceptance of white goods. He reported that two years ago when they came before the Plan Commission two of the selling points was no acceptance of white goods and no outdoor storage.

He noted that West End Recycling has already amended the special use to include outdoor storage and now they're asking to be permitted to accept white goods. He noted besides economics he questioned if this request was always in the back of their minds. Attorney Regan reported that early on the Village did express concerns with the outdoor storage due to the fact that many communities had experienced problems with unsightly storage. However, his client has demonstrated compliance with the requirements of the special use permit.

There some discussion with respect as to what is the definition of white goods. Administrator Keller used the IEPA definition. Ms. Diaz reported that it is any large appliance found in a home.

Trustee Farrell asked for clarification with respect to the recycling of air conditioners and refrigerators. She wondered if prior to the appliances being brought to West End Recycling if the freon has been reclaimed. Ms. Diaz confirmed that the freon has to be reclaimed prior to acceptance and the appliance does have to contain a certified sticker.

Trustee Clark inquired if the Village does still periodically inspects the West End Recycling Facility. Administrator Keller reported yes. However, he was unsure when the facility was last inspected. Ms. Diaz believes the facility was inspected a couple months ago. Trustee Clark recommended the Village conducts regular inspections and if there were any violations West End Recycling would lose their privilege to accept white goods. He noted that this is the type of business does need to be monitored. Trustee Clark does not have a problem with allowing them to accept white goods as long as they are monitored and inspected.

Trustee Mierisch stated that she had no problem with allowing them to accept washers and dryers. However, she does have concerns with allowing them to accept refrigerators. She reported that she had taken the time to contact the competitors in the area and she was very disappointed about the lack of control. Trustee Mierisch reported that none of the competitors mentioned a certificate certifying the removal of hazardous materials.

Trustee Mierisch questioned why the other recycling company in town did not have a representative present. Administrator Keller reported that he had similar conversations with both recycling companies. However, the owner of Elgin Recycling had been out of town and was returning today.

Trustee Mierisch reported that staff had provided the Board with several options in handling this request. She stated that she recommends going through the Special Use Permit procedure and conduct a public hearing.

President Zirk reported that he was not in favor of the ninety day trial period. Administrator Keller reported that it was just an option staff provided the Board.

President Zirk asked what percentage of business Ms. Diaz anticipated the white goods would generate. Ms. Diaz estimated maybe 10% to 15% of their business would be white goods. President Zirk wonder what the business would look like if they were allowed to accept white goods. He questioned if the truck traffic would increase and if the aesthetic features would change. Ms. Diaz replied she believes the clients coming in would be clients they had lost and as far as appearance the facility would look the same due to the fact that they move the materials daily.

The Board recommended this matter proceed through the proper Special Use Permit procedures.

Monument Sign Grant

Administrator Keller reported that Kane County had awarded the Village with a \$10,000 Riverboat grant for a community entry sign with LED display. The Village had originally asked for a larger grant to cover the cost of four signs, which were estimated to cost approximately \$32,000 each including installation. In order to access the funds, the Village will be required to approve the grant agreement, which includes a commitment to provide the local match. The Village would need to commit approximately \$22,000 to complete the project, with the funds likely coming from the municipal impact fee fund.

A lengthy discussion ensued on the cost of the sign and the placement of the sign. Staff was directed to provide the Board with signage options and cost options.

Staff Reports

Finance Director Blocker reported that the vehicle stickers' compliance is at 90% and dog tag compliance is at 91%.

Finance Director Blocker provided the Board Members with an update on the water billing. Administrator Keller commended Finance Director Blocker for all her hard work.

Village Clerk Meadows reported that the Community Days planning is going well.

Board of Trustees Report

Trustee Mierisch reported that the new Citizens Corps Council Officers had been named as follows: Mike Geren, Chairman, Carol Ronan, Vice Chair and Sherri Calabrese, Secretary.

President's Report

President Zirk discussed a concern with scheduling the use of the baseball fields. He directed staff to draft a form and a procedure and share the information with the Board.

President Zirk reported that there had been an increase in vehicle break-ins and he directed staff to place information on the Village website informing residents on how to deter this type of activity.

There was a lengthy discussion with respect to who is responsible for maintaining the various Village entrances.

President Zirk questioned the Village policy on tree replacement and sidewalk replacement. Staff will research how other communities address these issues.

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.** Roll call: Vote: unanimous ayes by voice vote. Adjournment time: 8:57 p.m

Respectfully submitted,

Debra Meadows

