

**VILLAGE OF GILBERTS
VILLAGE BOARD MEETING**

March 3, 2009

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: Trustees Mierisch, Erbeck, Zambetti, Mengarelli, Mueller, Garcia and President Wajda. Others Present: Village Administrator Ray Keller, Finance Director Marlene Blocker, Police Chief Mike Joswick, Village Engineer Ed Kanthack, Chief Building Inspector John Swedberg, Village Attorney Julie Tappendorf and Village Clerk Darlene Mueller. President Wajda declared a quorum present. (See attached list for members of the public).

APPOINTMENT

A motion was made by Trustee Erbeck and seconded by Trustee Mengarelli to appoint Kristian Zoerhoff as Liaison to the Kane Kendall Council of Mayors Bicycle/Pedestrian Committee. Roll call: Vote: 6-ayes (Trustees Erbeck, Mengarelli, Garcia, Mierisch, Zambetti, and Mueller), 0-nays, 0-abstained. Motion carried. President Wajda explained that Mr. Zoerhoff was also an Ex-Officio of the Plan Commission and expressed his appreciation for his volunteerism. The Board thanked Mr. Zoerhoff and expressed their appreciation.

PUBLIC COMMENT AND DISCUSSION

Resident Nancy Farrell, 75 Regent Drive, approached the Board on invoices paid to Bell Boyd & Lloyd which she felt were exorbitant. Mrs. Farrell inquired about the dates the invoices for the trade contractors and The Conservancy bills were posted; where do the costs come from and why is the Village involved. Mrs. Farrell gave a copy of the spreadsheet to Clerk Mueller. President Wajda assured Mrs. Farrell the questions she asked will be responded to.

Resident and former Trustee Sam Boytor, 827 Tipperary, discussed the history of the 30 year old culverts under the bridge on Hennessy Court and the reason why the culvert collapsed describing the history of the water level and the swirling affect that it had on the culvert. Mr. Boytor expressed the need to have a maintenance program to avoid having debris clog up into the culverts. Administrator Keller described the action Staff and professionals took from the time the Village received a call to date using an overhead projector. The bridge has been secured by using gravel to level off the sunken portion and a metal plate was installed on top to stabilize the bridge for vehicle crossing. The bridge will be monitored daily until a permanent solution can be addressed by the Village Engineer. Engineer Kanthack discussed two alternatives; replacing the culvert with an identical culvert or installing a concrete box culvert. The cost would be approximately \$100,000 to \$300,000 depending on what method is decided upon. President Wajda discussed that other environmental agencies are involved and the need to obtain their input and coordinate any action with them. President Wajda also requests a regular update on this situation and notification to the residents living in the court. Chief Building Inspector Swedberg recommended the Village perform a comprehensive walk-through or a plan for the remaining culverts in Gilberts Glen.

Trustee Mierisch expressed her concern about the culvert off of Tipperary which does not seemed to be interacting with the culverts off of Hennessy Court and where is the water coming from. Trustee Mierisch also expressed her concern about other culverts in Gilberts Glen.

President Wajda recommended that residents be contacted to talk about any history of changes they noticed and any other issues that needed to be addressed.

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EXECUTIVE SESSION TO ADDRESS PENDING LITIGATION. – The Board had no litigation to discuss at this time.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

A motion was made by Trustee Mengarelli and seconded by Trustee Erbeck to approve the Village Board meeting minutes of February 17, 2009. Roll call: Vote: 6-ayes (Trustees Erbeck, Mengarelli, Garcia, Mierisch, Zambetti, and Mueller), 0-nays, 0-abstained. Motion carried.

APPROVAL OF BILLS AND SALARIES:

A motion was made by Trustee Mueller and seconded by Trustee Mengarelli to approve the amended payment of bills as pursuant to the list dated 3/3/09 and presented to the Trustees prior to the meeting as follows: General Funds \$36,533.32, DUI \$23,325.00; Permit Pass Thrus \$116.00, Performance Bonds and Escrows \$2,097.99; Water Fund \$63,698.54; and Payroll \$56,816.92. Discussion followed on certain vendors. Roll call: Vote: 6-ayes (Trustees Erbeck, Mengarelli, Garcia, Mierisch, Zambetti, and Mueller), 0-nays, 0-abstained. Motion carried.

ORDINANCES/RESOLUTIONS/PROCLAMATIONS/MOTIONS TO BE CONSIDERED

A motion was made by Trustee Mierisch and seconded by Trustee Mengarelli to approve Ordinance #09-05, Simplified Municipal Telecommunications Tax Rate Change. Administrator Keller; as previously discussed, that the approval of this ordinance would increase the Village's telecommunications tax rate from 4.5% to the maximum of 6%. Roll call: Vote: 6-ayes (Trustees Erbeck, Mengarelli, Garcia, Mierisch, Zambetti, and Mueller), 0-nays, 0-abstained. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Trustee Mengarelli and seconded by Trustee Erbeck to approve a Proclamation on May 22, 2009 "Official ECC Day" for Elgin Community College. Roll call: Vote: 6-ayes (Trustees Erbeck, Mengarelli, Garcia, Mierisch, Zambetti, and Mueller), 0-nays, 0-abstained. Motion carried. President Wajda informed the Board that back-up material was attached to the proclamation.

A motion to approve the Pandemic Flu Plan was made by Trustee Erbeck and seconded by Trustee Mierisch. Discussion followed. Trustee Mierisch went through the plan making corrections. Discussion followed on naming the leadership team. Trustee Mierisch emphasized the need for the Board to make sure they understood what the Village's obligations are upon approving the Pandemic Plan. After a discussion, it will be the Village Administrator, Chief of Police, Village President and Fire Chief. Chief Joswick will contact Fire Chief Thomas to confirm his commitment. Roll call: Vote: 6-ayes (Trustees Erbeck, Mengarelli, Garcia, Mierisch, Zambetti, and Mueller), 0-nays, 0-abstained. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Trustee Erbeck and seconded by Trustee Mengarelli to adopt the revised meeting schedule for March-April 2009. Discussion followed on the elimination of committee meetings previously discussed and time change for board meetings. **It was the consensus of the Board to eliminate all committee meetings and change the Committee of the Whole Board and Work Session meetings time to 7:00 p.m. Citizen Task Force Meetings will be discussed at the Work Session meeting on March 24th.** **The motion was amended to the aforementioned.** Roll call: Vote: 6-ayes (Trustees Erbeck, Mengarelli, Garcia, Mierisch, Zambetti, and Mueller), 0-nays, 0-abstained. Motion carried. Notification of the new format will go out to the respective citizens attending committees and put on the web site.

REPORTS FROM CONSULTANTS, OFFICERS, BOARDS, COMMISSIONS

Village Administrator – Administrator Keller had no report at this time.

Village Engineer – Village Engineer Ed Kanthack had no further report at this time and submitted his status report for the Board's review. Trustee Mierisch asked that any updates relative to Hennessy Court be forwarded to the Administrator Keller for the Board's information on any new incident.

Village Attorney – Attorney Tappendorf had no report at this time.

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Village Treasurer – Finance Director Blocker had no report at this time.

Village Clerk – Clerk Mueller had no report for the Board at this time.

Village Planner – There is no report at this time from our Village Planner.

Police Chief – Chief Joswick had no report at this time and submitted his weekly memo.

Chief Building Inspector - Chief Building Inspector Swedberg had no report at this time.

Plan Commission Chairperson - Administrator Keller advised the Board of an upcoming Plan Commission Meeting with the Conservation Foundation to discuss design concepts and best stormwater management practices.

Police Commission Chairperson – Chief Joswick informed the Board the Police Commission held oral interviews as part of the process in establishing the police department's eligibility list. The list will be posted on the website but will not be posted by name.

REPORT FROM TRUSTEES AND VILLAGE PRESIDENT

Trustee Mengarelli reminded the Board about the Women's League of Voter Meeting on Thursday at 7:00 p.m. for Candidates Night at the Eagles' Club for municipal and township candidates.

Trustee Garcia inquired about the tree replacement request to Ryland Homes. Administrator Keller advised that he had spoke to Ryland Homes and declined to replace the trees already planted.

Trustee Garcia reminded the Board about having a sign made up announcing the future 20-acre park on Tyrrell Road and Columbia Drive. Administrator Keller explained that quote were received for \$800 to \$900 but was also looking at other options.

Trustee Erbeck discussed organizations that are interested in using the park at Columbia and Tyrrell and suggested that a name be chosen. This matter will be discussed at the Board's work session meeting on March 24, 2009.

Trustee Erbeck would like Engineer Kanthack to have an ID card for recognition from residents when he is at Hennessy Court, which would be to a future opportunity for Engineer Kanthack. Trustee Erbeck stated he had made this request before.

Trustee Erbeck complimented Administrator Keller on his report about the Hennessy Court culvert situation and felt it was very comprehensive.

There being no further business, **a motion was made by Trustee Erbeck and seconded by Trustee Mengarelli to adjourn the meeting.** Roll call: Vote: 4-ayes (Trustees Garcia, Mierisch, Zambetti, and Mueller), 0-nays, 0-abstained, 2-absent (Trustee Erbeck and Mengarelli). Motion carried. Adjournment time: 8:45 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Darlene Mueller, Village Clerk