

**VILLAGE OF GILBERTS
VILLAGE BOARD WORK SESSION MEETING**

March 24, 2009

7:00 p.m.

CALLED TO ORDER:

Village President Wajda called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. President Wajda led those present in the Pledge of Allegiance.

ROLL CALL/ESTABLISH QUORUM:

Members present: President Wajda, Trustees Erbeck, Mengarelli, Garcia, Mierisch, Mueller, and Zambetti. Other Present: Village Administrator Ray Keller, Administrative Intern Cratty, Chief Building Inspector John Swedberg, Police Chief Mike Joswick and Village Clerk Darlene Mueller. President Wajda declared a quorum present. (Members of the Public see attached list.)

INTRODUCTION OF NEW POLICE OFFICERS

Police Chief Joswick introduced the five new part time Gilberts Police officers that just graduated from the police academy. Police Chief Joswick expressed the accomplishments made by our officer trainees. Officer George Steiner received the class leadership award and was voted class president. Officer Steiner and Officer Michael Lorkowski were second and third in academic standing in their class. The other three officers: Officer Slawomir Nowak, Paul McNamara and Kevin Mullins also successfully graduated from the program. Police Chief Joswick commended the officers on completing an eight month course and at the same time working full time jobs and taking care of their family. Their class of 30 has also raised \$7,000.00 for the Ronald McDonald House Fund for Kids.

Village Clerk Mueller presented the new officers with a significant coin to put in their pocket to let them know they were not alone when they were on duty.

PARKS TASK FORCE DISCUSSION

At the previous Committee of the Whole Meeting, the Board discussed the creation of task forces to address specific issues, rather than relying on standing committees. A lengthy discussion ensued on how to implement a task force, whether to include the Board, and what were the next steps. Discussion on having a park district by a referendum and the process followed. The Board also discussed having a parks department and a private public partnership with another municipality. It was the consensus of the Board that a Task Force would be viable for the Village however; they needed more information on direction for a task force as well as the procedure for a referendum, park district and partnership with other municipalities. It was also suggested that a meeting be held with interested parties, residents who have attended standing committees in the past, other municipalities, YMCA, Gilberts Grizzlies to get their feedback. Administrator Keller will research the Board's request for further discussion.

VILLAGE CODE UPDATES

The Board was given Titles 9, 10, 11 and 12. After reviewing the aforementioned titles, there were minor changes made to the Code which will be forwarded to Staff. Staff will make the aforementioned changes. After the changes are made, the Code will then be sent to Sterling Codifiers. After Sterling Codifiers implements all the corrections and changes, a draft copy will be sent to the Village for review. Clerk Mueller advised the Board that it will be three months before we receive it back.

OTHER VILLAGE BUSINESS

Trustee Erbeck inquired about the status of the private roads at the Villas. Administrator Keller informed the Board that he will be meeting with the engineer from EEI Engineering and a report will be submitted in approximately two weeks.

Chief Building Inspector Swedberg was informed by Chief Joswick that beavers have been observed at Gilberts Town Center behind Swanson's Grain farm. The beavers have not built any dams. Chief Building Inspector Swedberg stated the "Critter Getters Pest Control" were contacted to remove the beavers. Gilberts Town Center has not been accepted by the Village.

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President Wajda requested an update on the Hennessy Court bridge. Administrator Keller, using an overhead projector, discussed the conditions of the culverts as of 3/20/09. It was found that corrosion inside the culverts, whirling of the water at a face pace, and the condition of the road surface has caused culvert failures. The water level was low enough to get a better look inside the culverts. It was found that culverts 6 and 7 were showing signs of erosion. After a discussion, it was the consensus of the board to replace the first two culverts and replace the five on a contingency basis. As discussed at the prior meeting, Staff and Engineer Kanthack will be attending a meeting with IDOT on April 7th to receive information for eligibility for Federal funding and to find out if we can also receive funding for the initial installation of the existing culverts. Discussion followed on the emergency access plan. Resident Sam Boytor gave his permission to go on his private property and have access to his foot bridge and John Liska gave permission to go on their private property. General discussion followed on communications with residents and service trucks followed.

There being no further business, **a motion was made by Trustee Erbeck and seconded by Trustee Zambetti to adjourn the meeting.** Roll call: Vote: 6 ayes (Trustees Erbeck, Garcia, Mengarelli, Mierisch, Mueller and Zambetti), 0-nays, 0-abstain. Motion carried. Adjournment time: 9:06 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Darlene Mueller, Village Clerk
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