

VILLAGE OF GILBERTS
VILLAGE BOARD WORK SESSION MEETING
January 27, 2009
7:30 p.m.

CALLED TO ORDER:

Village President Wajda called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m.

ROLL CALL/ESTABLISH QUORUM:

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

COMMITTEE MEETINGS

At the last Board meeting, discussion followed on having to recap agenda items at committee meetings and not being able to give a thorough report due to not having all persons involved at Board meetings. It was felt that this was not productive and discussion followed on the necessities of having committee meetings. A discussion followed on giving authority to two committee members to make decisions and a cap on expenditures. After discussing this option, it was felt that it was against state statutes since the Board was the legislative body and not two trustees. Discussion followed on the cost of meetings having professional attendance and Staff personnel as well as the cost savings on limiting professionals and Staff. Discussion followed on reducing our committee meetings during these economic times. Discussion followed on other municipalities having a Committee of the Whole meeting which would encompass committee meetings by having department heads make recommendations to the Board at a Committee of the Whole meeting. Another option was researching having two meetings per month instead of four. After further discussion, the Board directed Administrator Keller to obtain detailed information on a Committee of the Whole agenda and having two meetings per month and present a list of advantages and disadvantage at our next work session.

VILLAGE CODE UPDATES

Administrator Keller gave the Board an update on the Village's Code being prepared by Sterling Codifiers. Staff has gone through the initial phase of answering questions and now it is at the stage of the Board reviewing the Code. Two sections or "Titles" have been submitted to the Board for their review and comment. Discussion followed on a procedure to efficiently go through each title. After a discussion with the Board, a time limit will be given to submit their comments or acceptance of each title. Any concerns will be addressed at the Board level. A sheet will be prepared tabulating answers to questions from specific parts of the Code. Administrator Keller requested that the Board submit their comments by January 31st. After a discussion, Administrator Keller will search a way to send the whole documents as an option but reviews for work session will be by titles. Trustee Erbeck recommended putting the Code on a flash drive.

STRATEGIC PLAN

Administrator Keller presented the first draft Action Plan to the Board. Discussion followed on a method for a smooth transition from goals to implementation and how to finish objectives. Discussion followed on who should be initiating each objective. Further discussion followed on the need to be focused at all times on the Strategic Plan. Administrator Keller will be sending the Strategic Plan to the Board on a regular basis.

A motion was made by Trustee Mueller and seconded by Trustee Zambetti to amend the agenda to discuss Item 5, Other Village Business prior to Item #4, Approval to Release Executive Session Minutes with no business to follows. Roll call: Vote: 5 ayes (Trustees Erbeck, Zambetti, Mierisch, Mueller and Zambetti), 1-absent (Trustee Mengarelli), 0-abstain. Motion carried.

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OTHER VILLAGE BUSINESS

Trustee Mueller reported at the F/L/O Committee; it was the consensus of the Committee that a meeting be set up with the Eagles Club, F/L/O Committee Members and residents to negotiate an agreement with the Eagles Club relative to their Special Use Ordinance and hours of operations.

Trustee Erbeck commended the Police Department on an outstanding job of public service to the Village. An email was received from a resident which detailed the events of what Officer Jeff Hill did to help in a situation with a lost dog. Officer Hill went above and beyond what is expected of his duties to the Village. Officer Hill still gave the feeling of a small town even though our growth is evident.

President Wajda informed the Board of Sergeant Rood's graduation from Northwestern University's Staff ten-week Command Program. Sergeant Rood, out of 53 students received "The Franklin Kreml Leadership Award" for outstanding leadership in his class. This award was judged through a secret voting of his classmates. President Wajda also informed the Board that Sergeant Rood was presented with the Flame of Hope Award for raising funds for the Special Olympics for Gilberts Police Department.

A motion was made by Trustee Erbeck and seconded by Trustee Zambetti to close a portion of the meeting to the public, with no business to follow to discuss the release of Executive Session minutes. Roll call: Vote: 5 ayes (Trustees Erbeck, Zambetti, Mierisch, Mueller and Zambetti), 1-absent (Trustee Mengarelli), 0-abstain. Motion carried. The Board recessed and went into Executive Session at 8:47 p.m. and returned to the public meeting at 8:49 p.m.

A motion was made by Trustee Erbeck and seconded by Trustee Zambetti to reconvene to the public meeting. Roll call: Vote: 5 ayes (Trustees Erbeck, Zambetti, Mierisch, Mueller and Zambetti), 1-absent (Trustee Mengarelli), 0-abstain. Motion carried.

President Wajda asked for a roll call from Clerk Mueller. Clerk Mueller called the roll with all Board Members present at the public meeting.

There being no further business, **a motion was made by Trustee Erbeck and seconded by Trustee Zambetti to adjourn the meeting.** Roll call: Vote: 5 ayes (Trustees Erbeck, Zambetti, Mierisch, Mueller and Zambetti), 1-absent (Trustee Mengarelli), 0-abstain. Motion carried. Adjournment time: 8:50 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Darlene Mueller, Village Clerk
Village Clerk