

VILLAGE OF GILBERTS
VILLAGE BOARD WORK SESSION MEETING
February 12, 2008
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: President Tom Wajda, Trustees Erbeck, Mengarelli, Zambetti, Mierisch, and Garcia. Absent: Trustees Mueller. Others Present: Village Administrator Ray Keller, Chief Mike Joswick, Finance Director Marlene Blocker, and Village Clerk Darlene Mueller. President Wajda declared a quorum present.

CERT PRESENTATION/TRUSTEE MIERISCH

Trustee Mierisch introduced resident Chris Asher, a graduate of the CERT program. Mr. Asher designed a website for CERT and will maintain it. Mr. Asher gave a presentation and explained about the different links on the website. After the presentation, discussion followed on linking the site to the Village's website. Mr. Asher was directed to contact Deputy Clerk Shirley Sorenson. Mr. Asher is working with Trustee Mierisch with continuing education for CERT graduates. The Board expressed their appreciation and thanked Mr. Asher for creating a CERT website for the Village.

REPORTS FROM COMMITTEES

President Wajda discussed his concern about noting duplicate items on agendas that should be on other committee agendas and requested that the Chairman forward any concerns not related to their committee to the respective committees. President Wajda also noted that Old Business should be discussed first before New Business. Any new items from residents should be discussed at the Public Comment portion of the Agenda and forward to the appropriate Committee.

Trustee Mengarelli reported at the B/Z/P/D Committee that a memo explaining to residents on where they can locate their satellite dishes and an amendment to the Zoning Ordinance was agreed upon in the Committee. The compliance date in the memo is April 1st. However, the Board had no problems with extending the date. Discussion followed on grandfathering. It was the consensus of the Board not to grandfather any satellite dishes because of the complexity of the situation and to continue enforcement as stated in our current Code. It is estimated that relocating the satellite dish will cost approximately \$100.00 dependant on the service used.

Trustee Garcia reported at the Public Work Oversight Committee about the commencement of putting together a plan for personnel at the sewer and water plant. Baxter & Woodman is assisting, pro bono, on the technical details. In-house billing issues and numbers are being prepared for the next proposed fiscal budget. Administrator Keller advised that the fixed rate clause to take over the water billings will be a Board decision.

Trustee Garcia advised the Board that the deteriorating roads in Industrial Park East will be put on the agenda for Public Works. President Wajda discussed with Baxter and Woodman about a road maintenance program and recommended that Chief Inspector Swedberg and Public Works Field Supervisor Burke work on a similar road maintenance program.

Trustee Mierisch reported the Economic Development Committee Meeting held a discussion about a more restrictive Adult Use Ordinance. Discussion followed on the appropriate district.

Trustee Mierisch reported that the CERT graduates are sponsoring a blood drive with Life Source at the Gilberts Elementary School on Saturday, April 26th.

Trustee Zambetti discussed the limited funds in the parks' budget and having a parking lot on the 20-acre park in Gilberts Town Center for more convenient parking for residents.

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Discussion of a football league at Gilberts Elementary School in 2009 followed. Trustee Garcia recommended that Gilberts' children play on the same team.

Trustee Erbeck recommended that a fee be established for organized sports to use Village's park fields. Fees have been established by other municipalities. Policy on advertising sports on the website followed with the consensus of Gilberts sport teams being a priority.

Discussion followed on a Park District in Gilberts and options to choose. Administrator Keller will look into this matter relative to a referendum and cost.

Trustee Zambetti reported that the Easter Egg Hunt has been scheduled for March 15th at 11:00 p.m. at Gilberts Town Center's pavilion. Trustee Zambetti would like to use the traveling sign.

Trustee Zambetti discussed an idea for a fund raiser for "Our Troops" in Iraq. Trustee Zambetti attended a dance for a fund raiser called "Yellow Ribbon". Various items are put in a U.S. Mail priority box by the fund raiser and the donator brings the box to the post office and pays \$8.95 postage. Trustee Zambetti explained how successful this method was and would like to present it at the East Egg Hunt. Trustee Zambetti was directed to fax the information to Shirley to put on the website.

Trustee Erbeck discussed the meeting President Wajda and he had with resident Ryan Botthof relative to Ryan father's issues with the Police Department at the Board Meeting on November 20, 2007. Trustee Erbeck discussed the meeting and as a result of this meeting Ryan's father was satisfied and was impressed with the Police Department for their detailed data on various issues. The matter was considered resolved.

Trustee Mengarelli explained that he felt that Chief Joswick should have a chance to make a general statement to defend the Police Department especially when the news media was present and did not hear the rest of the story. A lengthy discussion followed on why the Board should listen to residents concerns and research the matter before making any statements and be in control of what is said. Trustee Mengarelli understood the reasoning behind it, but still felt Chief Joswick still should have had a chance to make a statement to defend his department.

Trustee Erbeck discussed the shooting two members of a Village board and two officers in Missouri and the need to secure the Board Room and Administration. The Board agreed and Staff will look into it.

STRATEGIC PLANNING

Village Administrator Keller informed the Board that he and President Wajda met with Ms. Lynn Montie, Lynn Montie Associates. Ms. Montie is a facilitator on assisting the Village to create a plan for Strategic Plan Development. Administrator Keller distributed Ms. Montie brochure and worksheet showing steps to adopt a plan in June 2008. Administrator Keller and President Wajda discussed the process at length and recommended that this item be put on next week's agenda for consideration. The cost would be \$16,000 to \$18,000.00.

Lengthy discussion followed on if Ms. Montie's services would be appropriate at this time. Trustee Mengarelli felt the strategic planning could be achieved between the Board and Planning Commission; however, liked the idea but felt the Board should not go through this elaborate exercise. Trustee Garcia, because of cost for this service, would have liked Ms. Montie to attend the meeting and discussed his concern on outside people involved in the workshop. Trustees Erbeck, Zambetti and Mierisch felt that the service was needed due to the continual growth of the Village and needed to have expert advice for a long range plan for the Village. An informal vote was taken on two items: Should the Village pursue another strategic study. Trustees Erbeck, Mierisch and Zambetti voted yes and Trustees Garcia and Mengarelli voted no. Should the Village retain Lynn Montie Associate? Trustees Erbeck, Mierisch and Zambetti voted yes and Trustees Garcia and Mengarelli voted no. Final consideration will be taken at the Board meeting of February 19th.

GILBERTS – PINGREE GROVE COMMITTEE APPOINTMENT

In the agreement with Pingree Grove, a committee is to be formed relative to the sales tax revenue for Route 47 which was established by the boundary agreement settlement. Discussion followed on the 40% commitment by the Village when public improvements need to be installed in order to enable commercial

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development on the properties. The Village President and two members are to be appointed. Trustees Mengarelli and Erbeck volunteered to be on the committee.

Trustee Mengarelli discussed two articles in Smith Engineering Consultants' newsletter. One is a new wastewater treatment plant design to include a "Reedbed system" for sludge storage and dewatering and "Bioswales" which convey stormwater runoff and allow for direct filtration to the water shed. Trustee Mengarelli offered to forward this information to Plan Commission Member Kummerow for review by the Plan Commission members to be included in an annexation agreement.

Trustee Erbeck discussed an article in the Courier News regarding a program in Toronto, Canada on reducing cost by the size of the garbage bin chosen by households. By implementing this plan, waste going to landfills would be reduced. Trustee Erbeck requested that the article be brought before the Finance/License/Ordinance Committee.

Trustee Erbeck questioned virtual meeting options and voting by proxy. It was explained to Trustee Erbeck that this subject had been discussed and the Board opted not to pursue adopting an ordinance on remote meeting attendance due to the cost of equipment. Discussion using audio conference (telephone) was not an issue with the Board.

A motion was made by Trustee Mengarelli and seconded by Trustee Erbeck to close a portion of the meeting to be closed to the public, effective immediately with business to follow as permitted by 5 ILCS 120/2 (c) (11) to discuss litigation against, affecting the Village which has been filed and is pending and as permitted by 5 ILCS 120/2/(c) (1) to discuss the appointment, employment, compensation, discipline, performance, or dismissal of specific employees of the Village. Roll call.

Vote: 5-ayes (Trustees Erbeck, Zambetti, Mierisch, Mengarelli, and Garcia), 0-nays, 0-abstained. Motion carried. The Board recessed and went into Executive Session at 9:39 p.m. and returned to the public meeting at 9:58 p.m.

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

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

ADJOURNMENT:

They're being no further business; **a motion was made by Trustee Mierisch and seconded by Trustee Mengarelli to adjourn the meeting.** Roll call: Vote 5-ayes (Trustees Erbeck, Zambetti, Mierisch, Mengarelli, and Garcia), 0-nays, 0-abstained, 0-absent. Motion carried. Adjournment time: 10:02 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Darlene Mueller, Village Clerk