

Village of Gilberts
87 Galligan Road
Gilberts, IL 60136
Village Board
Meeting Minutes
February 19, 2013

APPROVED MINUTES

Call to Order / Pledge of Allegiance

President Zirk called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. He proceeded to lead those present in the pledge of allegiance.

Roll call /Establish Quorum

Village Clerk Meadows called the roll. Roll call: Members present: Trustees Corbett, Clark, Mierisch, Zambetti, Farrell, Hacker and President Zirk. Others present: Administrator Keller, Assistant to the Village Administrator Beith, Finance Director Blocker, and Village Clerk Meadows. For members of the audience please see the attached list.

Presentations

Kane County Board Members

President Zirk introduced Kane County Board Members Mr. T.R. Smith (District 9), Mr. Kurt Kojzarek (District 19), and Ms. Rebecca Gillam (District 21).

Kane County Board Member Smith provided those in attendance with a brief overview of the district he serves and the six committees he is appointed to.

Kane County Board Member Kojzarek provided those in attendance with a brief overview of the district he serves and the committees he is appointed to.

Kane County Board Member Gillam provided those in attendance with a brief overview of the district she serves and the committees she is appointed to. Board Member Gillam announced that she came bearing gifts. She had several copies of the Village of Gilberts History Book to present to the Village. President Zirk reported that the Village Board Members along with staff had all received copies of the history book. President Zirk suggested Board Member Gillam might want to consider donating the books to the Dundee and Gail Borden Libraries.

Kane County Board Member Gillam reported that the Kane County Forest Preserve District will hold a Public Information Meeting on Thursday, February 21st between the hours of 6:00p.m. - 7:30 p.m. at the Camp Tomo Chi-Chi Knolls. The purpose of the meeting is to present proposed plans for the Freeman-Kane Forest Preserve in Rutland Township.

President Zirk asked if the County Board Members would be willing in the near future to discuss the right-in and right-out on Galligan Road. The County Board Members were open to discussing this matter.

President Zirk thanked the County Board Members for their time.

Gilberts Elementary Parent Teachers Organization (PTO)

PTO President Rich Janiec discussed the elimination of the Gilberts Elementary School's pre-school program. He noted that the program was very successful with high enrollment numbers.

PTO President Janiec commented on the redistricting process. He reported that D300 School Board would form an Exploratory Committee. The committee would be comprised of D300 parents, teachers and PTO Members.

PTO President Janiec discussed the community's past show of support when the School District needed backing with their opposition to the extension of tax incentives to Sears Hoffman Estates Headquarters. He reported that many D300 parents participated in the Springfield drive down, lobbied their legislators, and rallied behind the School Board.

President Zirk discussed his difficulty with the School District's position on redistricting. He noted that the Village had loaned the School District 1.5 million dollars for the school site acquisition and funded the school site road improvements in the amount of \$120,000. With the mutual understanding that the elementary school would continue to serve the community's children as the community grew and developed.

President Zirk expressed his concerns with the redistricting process. In his opinion the process was scripted and had a predetermined outcome. President Zirk recommends the School Board be sensitive and respectful to the communities it represents during their review of boundary maps and conversation dealing with the overcrowding and underutilized facilities. He suggested maybe the question and discussion impacting the Gilberts Elementary School be focused on expanding the school.

PTO President Janiec discussed the PTO's fundraising efforts. He noted that the PTO had raised a half a million dollars for playground equipment and football fields. If redistricting took place there is a chance the Gilberts' children would not be the ones utilizing the equipment and fields.

A lengthy discussion ensued with respect to the negative impact redistricting would have on the community.

There was some discussion with respect to organizing a redistricting opposition movement. President Zirk asked PTO President Janiec if he would be willing to be the point person. PTO President Janiec replied yes. President Zirk asked PTO President Janiec if he thought it would be beneficial for the Village Board to adopt a resolution supporting the PTO's redistricting opposition movement. PTO President Janice replied yes.

There was a brief discussion on the School Boards first come first serve kindergarten registration policy.

The Board Members thanked PTO President Janice for his involvement and commitment in opposing D300 redistricting.

Public Comment

Natalie Lavdios who resides at 148 Town Center Blvd expressed her concerns with the limited fulltime kindergarten slots. In addition, she discussed the impact redistricting would have on the community and the friendships that are nurtured by having a community school.

Yvonne Morrongiello who resides at 61 Leadville Lane expressed her concerns with the proposed redistricting.

Resident and past Village Trustee Bill Lindoerfer strongly encouraged residents, PTO Members and the Village Board to put pressure on the School Board Members not to redistrict in away the would divide the Village.

He spoke of past years when his children were attending Hampshire Schools they would have to endure a 45 minute bus ride to and from school. In addition, there is a financial burden placed on the families that have children involved in after school activities. On average he or his wife would make 6 trips to the school per day.

Resident Lindoerfer closed his remarks by encouraging residents to get organized.

Resident Stephanie Edlen who resides at 69 Leadville Lane reported that she had recently sent an email to President Zirk inquiring how to get involved with the movement opposing D300 redistricting.

President Zirk reported that the Village is resolute in assisting the PTO in getting the message out to parents and supporting their ongoing efforts. He strongly encourages getting the message out to residents and engaging the School District both early and forcefully. He suggested the PTO may want to consider handing out informational flyers at the Village's Annual Easter Egg Hunt and at the Community Days Festival.

Resident and Plan Commission Kevin McHone who resides at 208 Aspen Circle expressed his heartfelt concerns with D300 considering redistricting. He vowed to assist the PTO with the opposition movement.

Resident and past Village President and long time serving Trustee Gordy Mueller expressed his concern with the proposed redistricting. He stated that historically Gilberts' has taken a backseat in District 300's priority rankings. However, Gilberts' population has increased and so has the number of registered voters. He encouraged the residents to organize and make their voices heard.

Resident and Plan Commissioner David LeClercq who resided at 170 Charleston Lane expressed his concerns with respect to the possibility of D300 redistricting. He agreed with the position of the Village Board to adopt a Resolution memorializing their support of the PTO's redistricting opposition movement.

Consent Agenda

- A. A Motion to approve Minutes from the February 5, 2013 Village Board Meeting**
- B. A Motion to approve Minutes from the February 12, 2013 Committee of the Whole Meeting**
- C. A Motion to approve the January 2013 Treasurer's Report**
- D. A Motion to approve Bills and Salaries dated February 19, 2013 as follow: General Fund \$167,677.01, Performance Bonds and Escrows \$285.61, Water Fund \$19,863.37**
- E. A Motion to approve Resolution 02-2013, a Resolution approving the Executive Session Meeting Minutes**
- F. A Motion to approve Resolution 03-2013, a Resolution authorizing the approval of the CY-2013 Recreation Programming Agreement with the Prairie Valley Family YMCA**
- G. A Motion to approve Resolution 04-2013, a Resolution authorizing the approval of the CY-2013 Programming Agreement with the Gilberts Grizzlies**

President Zirk asked if there were any questions on any items noted on the consent agenda. The Board Members had no comments. **A Motion was made by Trustee Zambetti and seconded by Trustee Farrell to approve the Consent Agenda items A-G as presented.** Roll call: Vote: 6-ayes: Trustees Corbett, Clark, Mierisch, Zambetti, Farrell, and Hacker. 0-nays, 0-abstained. Motion carried.

Items for Approval

A Motion to approve Resolution 05-2013, A Resolution authorizing the Purchase Agreement between the Village of Gilberts and Landmark Ford, Springfield, Illinois for one 2013 Ford Interceptor Car in an amount not to exceed \$23,084.00

Administrator Keller commented on a supplement email he provided the Board Members. Administrator Keller reported that approval of this resolution would authorized the purchase of a new 2013 Ford Interceptor squad car, which is consistent with the Police Department's annual replacement schedule. The new squad car would replace G-7, a 2005 Crown Victoria with a current odometer reading of 122,955 miles. Administrator Keller reported although staff is asking approval of the Resolution now the actual expenditure would not be incurred until next year's budget. If a budgetary problem should occur before taking delivery the Village retains the option of cancelling the order.

Trustee Hacker inquired what staff planned to do with G-7. Administrator Keller replied more than likely they would sell G-7 at an auction.

Trustee Farrell questioned if FY-2014 budget could support the purchase of a new squad car. Administrator Keller replied yes, the expenditure is already budgeted and funded from garbage collection revenue.

There being no further discussion, a motion was made by Trustee Zambetti and seconded by Trustee Corbett to approve Resolution 05-2013, a Resolution authorizing the Purchase Agreement between the Village of Gilberts and Landmark Ford, Springfield, Illinois for one 2013 Ford Interceptor Car in the amount not to exceed \$23,084.00. Roll call: Vote: 6-ayes: Trustees Clark, Mierisch, Zambetti, Farrell, Hacker and Corbett. 0-nays, 0-abstained. Motion carried.

Items for Discussion

Annual Dog Tag Registration

A lengthy discussion ensued with respect to annual dog tag registration. The Board Members discussed the fact that most dogs now are micro chipped and the county requires rabies tags. In addition, there is very little revenue generated from dog tag sales and compliance enforcement is difficult and counterproductive.

There was some discussion with offering a micro chipping clinic during the Community Days Festival.

Trustee Mierisch expressed concern with the fact that as a village we are allowing code violations to occur without being pro-active in our enforcement. Currently the village is only issuing violations upon resident driven complaints.

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In her opinion, staff should be active though out the community enforcing code violations and issuing fines. Just because residents don't follow the code does not mean that the Village should eliminate enforcement. Trustee Mierisch believe the Village is setting a precedent.

The Board Members concurred that the dog tag requirement is outdated and should be rescinded.

Board of Trustees Reports

Trustee Clark encouraged the Board Members and the residents to stay active in their discussion with the D300 School Board. He has seen how past school boards have divided the community. Trustee Hacker suggested the Village may want to consider writing informational articles and submit them to the local newspapers. Trustee Mierisch and Trustee Zambetti agreed with Trustee Hacker. Trustee Zambetti discussed drafting a Resolution supporting the PTO's efforts and then draft a press release.

Adjournment

There being no further business to discuss, a Motion was made by Trustee Clark and seconded by Trustee Corbett to adjourn from the public meeting at 8:47 p.m. Roll call: Vote: 6-ayes by unanimous voice vote. 0-nays, 0-abstained. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Debra Meadows