

**SPECIAL MEETING
APRIL 23, 2008**

A Special Meeting of the Village Board of Trustees was called to order at 7:00 PM, April 23, 2008. Village President Ruban absent. Trustee Bernhard came in late.

Also present: Ed Graham, Aimee Ingalls, Dave Albert, Dave Laveck, Scott Haywood, Jerry Buchenau, Kalisa Gary, Brian McKiernan, Art Krause

Open with Pledge to the Flag.

BUILDING #14 – SITE PLAN APPROVAL

A presentation was given by Brian McKiernan from CenterPoint on the Bissell building on the east side of Route 53. Concept plan has been approved, site plan has been approved by Planning and Zoning.

Brian McKiernan – Building 14 is for Bissell. Outlined for the board the boundaries of the property. Reserved the outlot on Route 53 and Mississippi for commercial development. Flooding – detention basin for storm water through park and into detention basin for release. Building is similar to what is already in the park to date. Construction phase sensitive with Midewin. Will work with the Village on construction access on Hof Road.

Trustee Matichak – asked about the berm, will it be tall so you cannot see the trucks.

Brian McKiernan – nine to twelve feet tall with landscaping on top.

Trustee Matichak – houses on Coldwater will not be able to see.

Brian McKiernan – yes.

Trustee Matichak – sub division on other side of Coldwater, will they be able to see the building?

Brian McKiernan – will have landscaping on top.

Trustee Jones – 10 foot not high enough.

Brian McKiernan – will go back and look at. Explained the Bissell site, will be a private road, CenterPoint and park will maintain. This will be the first building not in the TIF. Will be fenced, expansion pad will not be constructed. Will have dock on both sides.

Ed Graham – does the site plan show height of berm?

Brian McKiernan – will be on engineering plans.

Trustee Matichak – berm on both sides the same?

A motion by Trustee LaPaglia to open Special Board Meeting. Seconded by Trustee Kucera. All voted in favor of motion. Motion carried.

A motion by Trustee Kucera to appoint Trustee Strawn as Mayor Pro Tem in the absence of President Ruban. Seconded by Trustee Jones. All voted in favor of motion. Motion carried.

AN ORDINANCE APPROVING A FINAL SITE PLAN FOR BUILDING #14 LOCATED WITHIN THE DEER RUN INDUSTRIAL PARK, VILLAGE OF ELWOOD

A motion by Trustee LaPaglia to approve Ordinance Approving a Final Site Plan for Building #14 Located Within the Deer Run Industrial Park. Seconded by Trustee Kucera. All voted in favor of motion. Motion carried. Ordinance #912

2008-09 FISCAL YEAR BUDGET PRESENTATION

Nick Narducci – reviewed highlights of the budget. Summary of all funds, expenses for the year, explained construction projects and why budget is decreasing. Some capital items had to be removed.

Water and sewer expenses have increased, had to defer on some maintenance until DECO issue is resolved. Cut back on expenses.

MFT Fund – use MFT money to overlay roads and build up money to do the rest of the roads.

Garbage Fund – in and out fund.

Parks – a lot of work this year. Finish up the two parks, estimate of what the expenses will be. Does include for a part time Parks person to develop activities.

Capital Construction Fund – overweight truck money there, will go in Phase one on capital construction.

Phase 1 Fund – construction projects out of this fund. Annual debt service from this fund, make sure we have enough money to pay debt service. Would like to pave parking lot at Lloyd Erickson Park. Little park – electric, bathroom and water fountain and work on gazebo. Transfer from Phase 2 budget every year, have not had to use.

SSA – have issues, charge SSA for all expenses that the Village incurs, police, public works, staff people and capital. Not all the land was turned over. Ehlers doing a study, will be completed in April, then we will determine our needs. Will be no burden on tax payers. Set money aside for road maintenance. Was an increase in the cost of fuel. Use from fund balance for cost at SSA. Hope to increase this cap.

Debt Service – two payments left. Transfer from Phase 1 for bond payment. Trying to negotiate the DECO payment, reduce or refinance.

Brandon Noel Fund – no expenses, the money for improvement for Brandon Road is paid by Elwood Energy.

General Fund – explained revenue and expenses. Revenue from property tax, we are fourth in the county. Building permits are for industry rather than homes.

Police – a lot charged off SSA, salaries based on labor contract.

Streets – decreased, salary for one additional employee. Need a new roof on old Village Hall.

Building Inspector – need a full time building inspector. Code enforcement, determine if we want to hire a full time inspector.

Budget continues to decrease, make debt service payments we are fine.

Trustee Kucera – how many years out for completing streets, do we have a set date?

Nick Narducci – see how truck money comes in. Need to settle with DECO before we can go into debt again. Overlay and buy some time.

Trustee Strawn – are we going to chip and seal Gardner?

Scott Haywood – minor grinding, complete asphalt overlay. Was in budget last year, will carry over this year.

Aimee Ingalls – this is just for information, will approve in May.

Ed Graham – received a call from Craig Mundle of EMC regarding the amendment to their contract that was approved. They would like the same wording for termination of a thirty day notice. Will change the wording in the contract.

A motion by Trustee LaPaglia to adjourn meeting. Seconded by Trustee Jones. All voted in favor of motion. Motion carried.

Pat Buchenau
Village Clerk