

WORKSHOP  
MAY 5, 2010

The Workshop Meeting for the Board of Trustees was called to order Wednesday, May 5, 2010 by President Offerman. Two (2) Trustees Bernhard and Matichak absent.

Also present: Nick Narducci, Scott Haywood, Tom Gilbert and David Zafiratos

Meeting opened with Pledge to the Flag.

CENTERPOINT PARK PROPOSAL

Doug Hammel of Camiros presented the preferred concept plan for the West End Park. Explained the process of how they have decided on this concept plan and to find out where to go from here. A Public Hearing to be held to change zoning from I-4 to R-1. After everything is approved, will have to amend and update the Oslad Grant. The preferred concept plan includes adding picnic shelter between softball diamond and open field, lighting for softball diamond and concession stand and two (2) tennis courts.

Trustee Ruban – on the Oslad Grant, what are some of the amenities that can be done?

20% of the Oslad Grant can be used for beautification. We are working within the Oslad Grant.

The area on the west side of the Fire Department will be an interperative area, planting for educational and informative area.

Trustee Kucera – do we have to do the lighting?

No – the park is now open dawn to dusk.

Trustee Ruban – use as a goal for the future.

President Offerman – the committee has done a great job, good plan and feasible for the future. A few suggestions, soccer on the north and move the hard court, move to the north and save on installation of water/sewer, would like to see the larger activities more central.

Question was asked if there would be a fence or buffer by the residential area.

Doug Hammel - tree line and natural buffer.

Everyone agreed with the concept plan as presented with a few minor changes.

#### AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING ANNUAL APPROPRIATIONS FOR FISCAL YEAR 2010-2011 FOR THE VILLAGE OF ELWOOD

Nick Narducci – the Village of Elwood does an appropriation ordinance, which needs to be approved in the beginning of the fiscal year. Budget will be approved at the regular meeting in May at which time a Public Hearing will be held. Explained the budget and highlighted some of the budget items.

#### CONTRACT FOR CONTINUING BOND DISCLOSURE

Nick Narducci – when the Village has bonds, need to hire a firm to file the necessary disclosure reports. Ehlers and Associates has done this in the past, recommend that you continue with Ehlers.

## PERSONNEL ADMINISTRATIVE PROCEDURES

Nick Narducci – the current procedure for placing Village employees on administrative leave with pay pending investigation or further personnel action.

Tom Gilbert – the Village is following this procedure on our recommendation. While being investigated on administrative leave is not punishment, this procedure is before final disciplinary action.

Trustee Ruban – what is the purpose for suspension, administrative leave without pay is the same as on vacation. Investigate and found wrong, then we pay. I feel it is ridiculous to put on vacation. Need to look at more seriously the administrative leave without pay, policy needs to be changed.

Tom Gilbert – you need control of the facts.

Leave without pay is punishment. Leave pending investigation, need to keep insurance until determination is made.

President Offerman – Nick has checked with other municipalities and they do the same as ours, we have to follow the process recommended by our Attorney, we have to follow due process.

Tom Gilbert – will check with other communities and bring back.

Trustee Ruban – do what is best for the Village.

## OTHER BUSINESS

Scott Haywood – considering doing some alleys in the Village, if we do every alley with storm water and paving will cost \$436,000.00. I have the cost broken down by block, Mississippi to Jackson - \$36,100, Jackson to Lincoln - \$37,000. Will have to be a separate bid and not

included in the Capital Improvement. The alley behind Spencer Street by the apartments is bad and needs to be looked at.

Trustee Kucera – we need to do something.

Will make easier to maintain and will help beautify the town. No land acquisition is needed.

Every apron on Chicago Street would cost \$108,000 to replace.

President Offerman – how long will it take for the engineering on the alleys, will talk about at board meeting.

Scott Haywood – boring was done on Old Chicago Road, concern on the thickness of pavement, will have to do a complete overlay without grinding. The Village is responsible for culverts and several culverts to be replaced, have been contacted by some of the homeowners.

#### CLOSED SESSION – Land – Right of First Refusal

Motion was made by Trustee Wagner to go into Closed Session to discuss land - right of first refusal. Motion was seconded by Trustee Kucera. A voice vote was called: Trustee Jones – yes, Trustee Kucera – yes, Trustee Ruban – yes, Trustee Wagner – yes. Motion carried.

#### BACK IN OPEN SESSION

President Offerman explained the Village has the right of first refusal on property being purchased on Mississippi Street.

Motion was made by Trustee Wagner to approve the right of first refusal on the property on Mississippi Street, we do not wish to purchase. Motion was seconded by Trustee Kucera. A voice vote was

called: Trustee Jones – yes, Trustee Kucera – yes, Trustee Ruban – yes, Trustee Wagner – yes. Motion carried.

Motion was made by Trustee Wagner to adjourn meeting. Motion was seconded by Trustee Jones. All voted in favor of motion. Motion carried.

Pat Buchenau  
Village Clerk