

**WORKSHOP MINUTES
VILLAGE BOARD OF TRUSTEES
JANUARY 9, 2008**

PRESENT: President Ruban, Trustee's Strawn, Jones, Matichak, LaPaglia, Kucera and Bernhard, Aimee Ingalls, Ed Graham, Doug Blocker, Lou Haussmann, Mr. Hoster.

AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING WATER CONSERVATION REQUIREMENTS WITHIN THE VILLAGE OF ELWOOD

President Ruban explained why she would like the ordinance, we need to conserve water. There is no hardship right now.

Discussed the hours in morning and evening for watering lawns.

Board comfortable with ordinance.

AN ORDINANCE REPEALING ORDINANCE 744 AND ESTABLISHING ANIMAL CONTROLS WITHIN THE VILLAGE OF ELWOOD

President Ruban – need to set a number of animals that can be allowed.

A lot of discussion between Trustees regarding the number of animals.

Final decision of four (4) domestic animals per household.

DISCUSSION – ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING CERTAIN COMMITTEES TO PROVIDE RECOMMENDATIONS TO THE VILLAGE PRESIDENT AND BOARD OF TRUSTEES AND PROVIDING FOR THEIR COMPOSITION AND TERMS LENGTHS FOR THE VILLAGE OF ELWOOD

President Ruban – term limits for Planning Board, Park Committee. Feel comfortable with a five (5) year term.

Ed Graham – terms were staggered was the initial approach. Four (4) years on each appointment. Same as the Village Presidents term in office.

The Economic Development Committee and Finance Committee will be subject to terms.

Planning Board Chairman is a seven (7) year term, with six (6) members, for a total of seven on the committee.

Need to get everyone sworn in as soon as term limits are approved.

A draft ordinance to be prepared for February meeting. Will have scope of responsibility for Park Committee, Planning Board, Finance Committee and Economic Development.

DISCUSSION – ORDINANCE FOR SNOW REMOVAL

Ed Graham – this ordinance is not only for snow removal but also for soil and other materials on the streets. Ordinance to be prepared.

DISCUSSION ON HIRING PERSONNEL

President Ruban explained the purpose of this procedure. Will be changing our policy a little. Would like to have a Human Resource Committee. Made some recommendations and changes on the policy. An ordinance to be prepared.

CLARIFICATION ON ELM CROSSING – PRELIMINARY PLAT

Ed Graham – consider an ordinance for preliminary plat for Elm Crossing. Question on engineering issue in Baxter Woodman letter of November 27, 2007, a condition to the preliminary plat. Asking for clarification. There were four (4) conditions. The ordinance references the conditions but the motion did not.

Trustee LaPaglia – that was the intention with the conditions of Baxter Woodman letter dated November 27, 2007.

Was not stated in the motion.

Mr. Hoster – pass without conditions.

Boards request to address the conditions at the meeting next week.

Doug Blocker explained about the trees, water looping and why are they required to loop, will extend main and loop in the second phase. Baxter Woodman wants the loop in the first phase.

Mr. Hoster – explained about the dual access. We stepped into Mr. Bolker's shoes. I do not believe Mr. Bolker's agreement had two accesses, only one access point. Agreement between Village and Mr. Bolker is conflict with

village ordinance. Do not believe he could have had two access points. Want to be give the same treatment as Mr. Bolker. Why are we being asked to loop? Pass without conditions. Hartz asked to be passed without restrictions.

Aimee Ingalls – this will be an Agenda item for the regular meeting next week.

BOLKER – ROAD REQUIREMENT

Cass Wenland, Attorney for Mr. Bolker. Explained water main design, approved by Baxter Woodman, installed by the Village. Trying to resolve the September 2004 Agreement. Rezoning of C-1 to C-2 classification. Service station on east side of Route 53 and not the west side. Referred to Section 26 in the terms of agreement. May 2005, Ordinance 781, streets four tons, 8,000 pounds, not in agreement. Lost the sale for the medical center. Problem with service station because of weight limits on roads.

Village ordinance conflicts with our Agreement, want to resolve with the Village, see if something can be worked out, especially with Ordinance 781. We want to know what the position is.

Gas City currently a prospect. Weight limit on Mississippi a problem. Stand by policy or re-examine for these properties, need to come to a resolution.

Mr. Bolker – medical center, Village told them to go somewhere else.

Lou Haussmann explained the design of Mississippi, east of 53.

Ed Graham – commented, no correspondence with issues suggested in discussion.

No issues on zoning.

CODIFICATION

Aimee Ingalls – this project was started a few years ago and never was completed.

Ed Graham – codification of original laws since the Village started.

Will be done by a firm in Ohio, called American Legal Publishing Corporation. Will organize the ordinances for easy reference. Once the ordinances are codified, will be put on the internet.

They will honor our agreement same as in 2002.

FINAL CHANGE ORDER – S. A. ISSERT CONSTRUCTION

Mississippi Avenue Section B

Final change order, Village Engineer and Contractor agree on quantities. We approve the change order and then goes to State. There will be a final pay request.

SMOKE FREE ILLINOIS

Aimee Ingalls explained that the letter was sent to all businesses. Some businesses have banned smoking entirely at their building.

Trustee LaPaglia asked about the letter in the water bill regarding the garbage cans. Are we getting charged monthly?

Was told you receive one free and replacement will be charged.