

WORKSHOP MINUTES  
VILLAGE BOARD OF TRUSTEES  
AUGUST 12, 2009

PRESENT: Village President Offerman, Trustees Bernhard, Jones, Kucera, Matchak and Ruban. Also present Ed Graham, Village Attorney.

Absent: Trustee Wagner

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING EXECUTION OF AN AMENDED STATE OF ILLINOIS IDNR/OSLAD/LWCF PROJECT APPLICATION FOR IMPROVEMENTS TO CENTERPOINT PARK

President Offerman explained that the state has advised the Village we can increase our OSLAD Grant to \$400,000.00. Nick Narducci will be submitting an amendment to the previous grant. OSLAD will be at the Village of Elwood on August 19, 2009 to view the park.

LINCOLNWAY CONSTRUCTION – BILL BOLKER

- 1) Shoppes of Elwood Information
- 2) Letter of Credit for Unit 2 and 3
- 3) Escrow Agreement for Traffic Signal at Rt. 53 and Mississippi

Bill Bolker from Lincolnway informed the board that a lease has been signed for a restaurant, 4,000 square feet, in January of 2010 will be applying for a liquor license. Name of the restaurant is Silver Dollar.

Bill Bolker – Letter of Credit, work has been completed, the village engineer recommended that \$50,000 be held back. Village needs to release so we can get our money.

Will have Letter of Credit reviewed with Baxter Woodman.

Escrow agreement for traffic signals – I thought the Village was going to apply for some stimulus money for the lights, did not apply for the money.

Agreement with Attorney from Gas City and my Attorney, deposited with Bank of Elwood \$40,000.00.

Problem with truck traffic, board needs to direct the Police to allow the semi's to come into the job site. Request a load limit sign and warning sign for drivers on Mississippi.

Trustee Ruban – they will not be ticketed for making deliveries.

Bill Bolker – want load limit on street.

President Offerman – will look at agreement for the \$40,000.00.

Ed Graham – consult with Baxter Woodman on signs that were posted. Agreement will be reviewed.

Trustee Matchak asked if Gas City was still coming to Elwood?

#### SKATE PARK PETITION

Seven kids presented their plea for a skate park. Also had a drawing of what they would like the skate park to look like. They feel the snow hill or there is an empty lot on Park Street for the skate park.

Was told the empty lot on Park Street was owned and not a vacant lot.

President Offerman thanked them for their presentation and that they had done a fantastic job, will review with the Park Committee.

#### LETTER OF CREDIT RELEASE REQUEST – MEADOWBROOK UNIT 5

Baxter Woodman will be contacted to see if a punch list needs to be completed. Some of the work has been completed.

#### DISCUSSION ON BUILDING PERMIT FEES

President Offerman – Village of Manhattan offered a stimulus program to generate construction in their community. Need to review our impact fees in more detail to see if this would be beneficial for our community.

Ed Graham – must be competitive.

#### TELEPHONE SERVICE SAVINGS – ONE CALL AND AT&T

The finance department has done a review of the savings for telephone service with One Call and AT&T. They are recommending One Call.

#### COMMUNITY DAY PARADE

The board does want to have a float in the parade. Pat told them that Waste Management will provide shirts, hats, candy and other promotional items. Requested that the board members to help with the float.

#### IML ANNUAL CONFERENCE – September 24-26, 2009

The board was asked if anyone will be going to the conference, need to make reservations.

#### DISCUSSION ON AIMEE INGALLS'S COMPENSATION

Ed Graham – the question regards the compensation amount paid out to Aimee Ingalls.

Trustee Ruban – talked to the Mayor on the payout, information to see what she was entitled to through her contract. Has been paid to her and should have come before the board for approval. Question is was she entitled to the pay? Want to see the paper work as to what she was paid, need to be shown.

Want a new ordinance to make sure this does not happen again. Who was responsible for payment?

Ed Graham – invoices that come to the board as part of the bill listing, not included is the payroll expenses.

Payment should have been brought to the board for payment. Board should be entitled to see.

President Offerman – the contract spelled out what she was to be paid. If you have a question, contact Robbie.

#### DISCUSSION – VILLAGE ADMINISTRATOR

President Offerman – would be temporary basis, interim for six months, no contract, same pay as previous administrator, will work on projects.

Ed Graham – just be introduced to you, no decision tonight, will be on the Agenda for regular meeting.

Pat Buchenau  
Village Clerk

