

WORKSHOP MINUTES  
VILLAGE BOARD OF TRUSTEES  
JUNE 10, 2009

PRESENT: Village President Offerman, Trustees Bernhard, Kucera, Matichak, Ruban and Wagner. Also present: Ed Graham, Nick Narducci and Robbie Day

Absent: Village Administrator Ingalls and Trustee Jones

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING "THE OFFICIAL ZONING ORDINANCE"  
KNOWN AS ORDINANCE 656 AND SUBSEQUENT AMENDMENTS  
THERE TO FOR THE VILLAGE OF ELWOOD

Ed Graham explained the property is on Baseline Road near the sewer treatment plant. Dray Storage is on both sides of Baseline Road. The zoning will be I-4.

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING "THE OFFICIAL ZONING ORDINANCE"  
KNOWN AS ORDINANCE 656 AND SUBSEQUENT AMENDMENTS  
THERE TO, INCLUDING BUT NOT LIMITED TO ORDINANCE 788 AND 882  
RELATED TO SIGNAGE REQUIREMENTS FOR THE VILLAGE OF ELWOOD

President Offerman explained the changes, business hour signs not to exceed on square foot in area; help wanted signs not to exceed one square foot in area; open/closed signs (including neon and LED) not to exceed four square feet in area.

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE VACATION OF A CERTAIN SEGMENT  
OF AN UNIMPROVED ALLEY LOCATED EAST OF JACKSON STREET AND  
WEST OF CHICAGO STREET, NORTH OF PARKS STREET AND SOUTH OF  
NORTH STREET, WITHIN THE VILLAGE OF ELWOOD

President Offerman – need to have a meeting with homeowner to find out if they agree with the vacation. Village owns the alley, transfer land

half of the land to the property owner, will be an additional value to their property.

Trustee Ruban – should be contact the homeowners before we approve the ordinance.

Ed Graham – can go either way. We have no need for the alley.

President Offerman – will contact homeowners before the next meeting.

#### DISCUSSION REGARDING RECREATIONAL VEHICLES, BOAT AND SNOW-MOBILES ON TRAILERS OR CAMPERS

Joe Miedona, 888 Arrowhead Drive – I store my boat three months out of the year, I enjoyed hunting. Boat is in my back yard, worried about tearing up the lawn.

Jerry Weiss, 107 E. Morris – government trying to crack down on people that have been good to themselves. I know you are concerned about cars up on blocks in need of repairs they must be able to be moved and should be moved within twenty-four hours that should not hurt anyone.

Trustee Wagner – do not want six or so boats in a yard.

Trustee Kucera – trying to get some neatness in town.

Trustee Wagner – ordinance will be amended and changed.

President Offerman – we need to have rules without pressure, this is not a punishment, more a safety issue. As a governing body, we have to work with everyone, this is not a punishment.

Jerry Weiss – the property is ours.

Trent Miedona, 890 Arrowhead – a neighbor and I have put together some suggestions that may help. One trailer per household with a current license, no trailer on grass, either paved or graveled, fenced back yard (no gravel) and in good repair condition. My boat is eight to ten feet off sidewalk.

Pat Butler, 504 Linebarger – we have a fifth wheel trailer in our side yard, cannot see from the street, trailer on side of house on gravel, forty to fifty feet from road. We have never had a complaint about our trailer being on our property. Agree there should not be more than one on the property.

Trustee Ruban – you are not in violation. Some discretion needs to be used. Will have some changes, bear with us.

Cherise Infusino, 118 Bush Drive – we could push our boat back five feet, will sink when it rains. When was this ordinance written? I have a concern with kids going and coming from school with no sidewalk rather than a boat backing out and hitting them.

Dan Beushausen, 897 Meadowbrook – I have my boat close to the house to charge the battery. The boat is for our pleasure.

Robin Grigoletti, 508 Beattie Street – we have a camper and boat on the side of our house, on a concrete driveway. We go every weekend with our camper and boat. Not fair for someone to tell us this should not be there.

Trustee Kucera – not everyone looks awful, will bring property values down. Some people need to do something.

Trustee Wagner – we have no problem with you.

President Offerman – the ordinance is suspended right now.

Trustee Wagner – I have talked to other villages, their ordinance has them on the side or behind the house.

President Offerman – appreciate everyone’s input.

Pat Beushausen, 897 Meadowbrook – we had a fence put up with a large gate to get into our yard. We are not out to displease the village’s appearance.

Cherise Infusino, 118 Bush Drive – do you still have my list. I love Elwood, why couldn’t a neighbor come and discuss the problem with each other.

Trustee Kucera – there are thirty-three people in violation.

Pat Beushausen, 897 Meadowbrook – a number of people in town does not have a back yard to accommodate a boat or trailer.

Trent Miedona, 890 Arrowhead – some people do not have the option to put on the side of their house, they have to keep up front.

President Offerman – thanked everyone for their comments.

Trustee Matichak – I have no problem with boat or trailers.

Trustee Ruban – may not be ready for our next meeting, we have no time frame.

Ed Graham – check with the village web-site for the posting of the Agenda for meetings, the topics to be discussed will be on the agenda. Agenda is also posted on the bulletin board at the front of the building.

DISCUSSION REGARDING POTENTIAL AMENDMENTS TO MISCELLANEOUS ORDINANCES RELATED TO VILLAGE ADMINISTRATOR POSITION AND AUTHORITY

President Offerman – Ord. 669 – Section 6, do we want to change with Board approval on full time employees. Part time employees up to Department Heads, summer help to fall under Department Head. On some of the other ordinances, need to clean up the wording.

RECREATION COORDINATOR POSITION

President Offerman – ad was placed in paper, resumes were reviewed and interviews were held by Aimee Ingalls and Mike Walsh.

Trustee Ruban – what does this involve. We need to be careful adding more employees on at this time.

Trustee Wagner – was a full time position and now a part time.

Was told was always a part time position.

Don LaPaglia explained was a part time position to set up programs for the Village. Our Park Committee would recommend programs and the coordinator would set programs up. Worked with soccer and baseball.

Trustee Wagner – need someone with experience for this position.

ELWOOD COMMUNITY DAYS - Liquor License and Park Rental Application.

President Offerman explained about Community Days.

They need the Liquor License approved so they can apply for their state license.

LETTER OF CREDIT – Water Distribution System – CenterPoint Properties

President Offerman – 100% of work completed, no other bills to be paid, project finished.

EMPLOYEE HEALTH INSURANCE RENEWAL

Nick Narducci explained the coverage for dental and health coverage. Will be an 8.26% increase. No decision to be made tonight. There will be an increase in the employee contribution. There are a number of options to look at. Staff recommends the 8.26% increase. The employee contribution for single employees and family employees needs to be reviewed. There are a lot of issues to be considered. Need to change the plan but needs more study.

Trustee Ruban - what do you recommend.

Nick Narducci – recommend we make changes, Option 6.

Pat Beushausen, 897 Meadowbrook – how many other companies have you checked into.

Nick Narducci – 12 companies.

OSLAD GRANT

President Offerman – need to approve a resolution that the Board is favorable with the matching funds. We are asking for \$200,000.

BUDGET

Nick Narducci explained the increases added to the Budget. \$450 to Police Department Vehicle Maintenance and \$4,000 added to the

Special Service Area Vehicle Maintenance, \$10,000 to Street Department for labor negotiations.

No comments from the Board

Nick Narducci – will approve the Budget in July, any changes can be made before we approve.

Trustee Ruban – have department heads been contacted.

Nick Narducci – yes, not everyone is happy with the budget.