

WORKSHOP MINUTES
VILLAGE BOARD OF TRUSTEES
NOVEMBER 11, 2009

The Workshop Meeting for the Board of Trustees was called to order Wednesday, November 11, 2009 by President Offerman. All board members present.

Also present: Nick Narducci, Tom Gilbert, Robert Britz, several representatives of CenterPoint and Doug Hammel representing Camiros LTD.

Meeting opened with Pledge to the Flag.

AN ORDINANCE RECONSTITUTING THE POLICE DEPARTMENT FOR THE VILLAGE OF ELWOOD

No discussion.

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING "THE OFFICIAL ZONING ORDINANCE" KNOWN AS ORDINANCE 656 RELATED TO THE PARKING AND STORAGE OF RECREATIONAL VEHICLES, BOATS AND SNOWMOBILES ON TRAILERS WITHIN THE VILLAGE OF ELWOOD

President Offerman – there has been a lot of discussion on this ordinance. Five (5) feet off property line back and side lots, not in front of house, stored in driveway for 72 hours for loading and unloading.

No other discussion.

AN ORDINANCE ADOPTING A POLICY GOVERNING FINAL COMPENSATION PAYMENTS TO SEPARATED EMPLOYEES, INCLUDING MANAGEMENT, NON-MANAGEMENT, FULL TIME, PART TIME AND SEASONAL EMPLOYEES AND WORKER'S COMPENSATION SETTLEMENTS FOR THE VILLAGE OF ELWOOD

Trustee Matchak asked if the pay is more than \$2,500.00 will they have to wait thirty (30) days.

Nick Narducci – this will notify the board.

Trustee Matchak – will have to get the OK from the board if pay out is over the \$2,500.00.

President Offerman – would have to call a special meeting if over.

Nick Narducci – just a notification.

AN ORDINANCE FOR THE LEVY AND ASSESSMENT OF TAXES FOR THE FISCAL YEAR BEGINNING MAY 1, 2009 AND ENDING APRIL 30, 2010 FOR THE VILLAGE OF ELWOOD

Tom Gilbert – need to determine everything to keep the rate where it is right now, will be contacting the Assessor to see if anything has been added. Want to keep the rate at what it is now.

Nick Narducci – the Village receives \$154,000, we are the fourth lowest in the County, three (3%) of the tax bill goes to the Village.

CENTERPOINT INTERMODAL CENTER AT DEER RUN – FORMER PEOPLES ENERGY PROPERTY

Eric Gilbert explained that CenterPoint purchased the property known as Peoples Energy. There are four (4) items to be addressed. 1) new water main extension to serve the former Peoples Energy Site; 2) funding the “upsizing” costs of water main along Brandon Road from 8”

to 12" diameter; 3) reconstruction of Noel Road; 4) vacation and permanent closure of existing Noel Road west of the proposed "Noel Road Realignment". All items were addressed and explained.

Trustee Kucera asked if the road will have heavy traffic.

Trustee Ruban stated that money from Elwood Energy to be used for Brandon Road to the south.

President Offerman – point five that was discussed is the reconstruction of Brandon Road north of Noel Road by CenterPoint.

PARK AND RECREATION BASEMENT BUILD OUT

President Offerman explained that the Park Committee would like to move the basement build out to the larger space in the basement, move the space under the board room to the east.

FITNESS CENTER USAGE POLICY

Park Committee recommended the Village Board review the policy and adopt a policy for the use of the fitness center.

APPOINTMENT – PLANNER

President Offerman appointed Camiros, LTD as the new planner for the Village. Three firms were interviewed by Nick Narducci, Doug Jenco and Trustee Ruban with a recommendation of the Camiros, LTD.

Doug Hammell representing Camiros explained about their firm.

CHANGE MEETING DATES

Recommendation presented for changing meeting date of Workshop to the first Wednesday of the month with the Village Board Meeting on the third Wednesday, would allow more time to get board packets prepared.

RECOMMENDATION FOR PARTIAL PAYMENT – D CONSTRUCTION – BUSH DRIVE

Partial payment to D Construction for Bush Drive in the amount of \$291,334.90.

FOOD BASKETS FOR THANKSGIVING AND CHRISTMAS

Pat explained that the Jackson Township and the Village split the cost of the baskets prepared for residents of Jackson Township. Was also contacted by Cypress Medical, they are interested in doing a food and toy drive for their employees to be given to Jackson Township.

EXECUTIVE SESSION – Litigation and Land Acquisition

Motion was made by Trustee Kucera to go into Executive Session to discuss Litigation and Land Acquisition. Motion was seconded by Trustee Jones. A voice vote was called: Trustee Bernhard – yes, Trustee Jones – yes, Trustee Kucera – yes, Trustee Matichak – yes, Trustee Ruban – yes, Trustee Wagner – yes. Motion carried.

Motion was made by Trustee Jones to go back in Open Session. Motion was seconded by Trustee Wagner. A voice vote was called: Trustee Bernhard – yes, Trustee Jones – yes, Trustee Kucera – yes, Trustee Matichak – yes, Trustee Ruban – yes, Trustee Wagner – yes. Motion carried.

ACTION ON ISSUES RAISED THROUGH EXECUTIVE SESSION

No action to be taken.

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

Pat Buchenau
Village Clerk