

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MEETING
NOVEMBER 10, 2009
MINUTES

1. CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Knigge called the Committee of the Whole Meeting to order on Tuesday, November 10, 2009, at 7:00 p.m. at the Village Hall.

2. ROLL CALL

On roll call by Tracee Keagle, the following Trustees were:

Present: Trustees Murphy, Knight, Mayo, Lochmayer, Barbini and Wahl

Absent: None

Also present were Village Administrator Dan Quick, Public Works Director Dave Geary, Attorney Rudy Magna, Tracy Fessler, Chuck Gleason, Matthew Smith, Lake County Board District #5 President Bonnie Thomson Carter, Director of Lake County Public Works Peter Cole, Cathy Scott, John Gach and the Press.

3. ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION

A. Resolution of Endorsement of United Vision Document for the Central Lake County Thruway By Member Entities

Administrator Quick referred to the packet of information the Board received previously that explained the whole project. Administrator Quick introduced Chuck Gleason with the Lake County Division of Transportation and Matthew Smith from the Trans Systems Consulting Firm, who is managing the project. Staff is asking for a resolution from the Board to support this project.

Chuck Gleason explained the project and used visuals. Starting in 2005 during a transportation summit, this project was voted the number one project to follow for a corridor study. A grant was acquired through IDOT with 11 communities involved. A governance board was set up made up of 11 Mayors and 5 County Board Members. Four task forces underneath that included the Technical Task Force served on by Administrator Quick. They tied all the information from all the task forces together and came before the Governance Board. Out of all that, the Unified Vision for the Central Lake Thruway (formally known as the 120 Bypass) was formed. Through the study, location was determined and what it would look like. It starts on the west side of the County line at US Route 12 to Route 41 in Waukegan. The bypass starts west of Wilson Road and comes back in at Almond Road. It will be a four-lane arterial which was determined using several traffic studies and looking at existing and future needs.

The cost will be just under 500 million dollars and that includes everything. It is estimated that half of the cost would come from the government and the other half can be obtained with user fees and tolls. Each involved community will need to

endorse 2.5 years of a feasibility study to lobby it downstate. There has been an application submitted for a Tiger Grant for phase 1.

Discussion continued regarding traffic studies, financial studies, Village impact studies, economic development, types of intersections, tying into Route 53, existing Route 120, expressways, tolls and toll amounts, drive times, right-of-way, traffic controls, state ownership and resolutions.

B. 2009/2010 Senior Citizen Busing and Transportation Intergovernmental Cooperation Agreement with Wauconda Township and the Village of Island Lake

Administrator Quick asked if there were any questions from the Board regarding this resolution. Trustee Wahl wanted to know why the Village of Wauconda pays more and what amount the other villages in our Township contribute.

Administrator Quick said he thinks the answer is because Wauconda is larger. He explained that the way it is set up is what former Mayors had previously agreed to. At one point other villages agreed to help fund the service, to help it, but it is not equally funded. This is a service the Wauconda Township supplies.

Administrator Quick's opinion is that the Village contribute nothing and the Township should prepare a levy to fund this service equally across the Township. There are towns within the Township that are not identified.

Trustee Mayo wanted to know if the Township collects tax for this service. They do, so the Village is paying twice for the service but the Township does not agree. Trustee Barbini wanted to know what the timeline would be if the Village wanted to discontinue this agreement. Administrator Quick reminded the Board that this agreement has never come before the Board. Trustee Barbini asked if it was a "gentleman's agreement." Mayor Knigge explained that, however it was decided before, there would be no more "gentleman's agreement." The Village will contact the Township to let them know the Village will no longer be paying for this service. Administrator Quick added that if there is some other explanation as to why it was done this way, the Village could invite Supervisor Swanson in to make his case, but this is extra dollars the Village just doesn't have. It is a service that the Township offers that should be equally shared among Township residents. The Board unanimously agreed and wanted to notify the Township in writing that this will be discontinued.

C. Lake Michigan Water Update

Director Geary wanted to give the Board an update on the progress of the Lake Michigan Water Project. A video was shown that can be viewed on-line at www.wauconda-il.gov and then clicking on Lake Michigan Water Project. There is also a list of frequently asked questions. Director Geary said that the governance document has been shared with legal counsel, and they have begun the process of working through the finite details. There is also a draft plan for getting the word out to residents. The allocation process, the governance document and the marketing plan are important for the next steps, and staff is

asking the Board for a resolution reaffirming our Board's support for the progress and process involving the Village. One day down the road, there will be a referendum, but for now we need this allocation and resolution of support.

Trustee Barbini wanted to know if it was premature to start marketing. Director Geary replied that we should start talking about it now. Mayor Knigge added that the single biggest issue facing Wauconda in the future will be our quality of water. Trustee Murphy wanted to know if all the communities are firmly committed to it. Director Geary said that all the communities have paid the same and are in this together.

Bonnie Thomson Carter said that it is understood that all the communities involved are together. If one community has a weak case, it could go through because they are part of the group. The more communities that are involved, the better it is. It lowers the cost. People are starting to understand its importance. We have to educate the public that the supply will not meet the demand. As public officials, we must identify future needs and do something about it. This is the time for the Lake Michigan allocation. It wasn't available five years ago, and it might not be available five years from now. Once we get the allocation, we put the show on the road and educate the people with water as the future goal.

Discussion continued regarding unincorporated areas, special service areas, referendums and future planning.

D. Other Business
None

4. ADJOURNMENT
Meeting adjourned at 8:17 p.m.

Tracee Keagle