

REGULAR BOARD MEETING
TUESDAY, DECEMBER 1, 2009
MINUTES

1. CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Knigge called the Board of Trustees to order on Tuesday, Dec. 1, 2009, at 7:00 p.m. in the Village Hall.

2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Pledge of Allegiance was led by Boy Scout Troup 90.

3. ROLL CALL

Upon roll call by the Village Clerk, the following Trustees were:

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

Absent: Mayo

QUORUM PRESENT

4. PUBLIC COMMENT/CONSENT AGENDA

Chris McSwain; 6502 Highline Rd., Crystal Lake, IL; made comment on the video gaming ordinance. He stated it would be detrimental for local business if the Village were to opt out of allowing video gaming. It is very tightly monitored and it would bring money into our businesses.

Bill Geary; P.O. Box 146, Wauconda, IL; stated that the American Legion has been a part of the community for over 40 years. They have been struggling lately and believe that video gaming would be a real shot in the arm for the Legion. He strongly recommended that the Board not reject the ordinance.

Kevin Christensen; 422 Clearview Ave., Wauconda, IL; said they are in favor of not shooting down this opportunity. The goal is to bring customers to Wauconda. They don't think it's a moral issue. They appealed to the Board to reconsider.

Cathy Scott; 219 George, Wauconda, IL; believes in the freedom of choice. We had a short, but successful experience with the horse betting place. This would allow the Village another form of income.

Tom Murphy; Murphy's Pub, 114 Slocum Lake Road; informed the Board that his business is struggling, especially since the smoking ban. Eighty percent of his customers are smokers. He agrees that it is a freedom of choice to be able to access video gaming.

5. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

A motion was made by Trustee Murphy to move item I, "An Ordinance Prohibiting Video Gaming," to "New Business" and to approve the rest of the Consent Agenda. This motion was seconded by Trustee Lochmayer.

Ayes: Trustees Knight, Lochmayer, Barbini, Wahl, Murphy

Nays: None

Absent/Abstain: Trustee Mayo

MOTION DECLARED CARRIED

6. PRESENTATIONS

- A. Holiday Donations to Wauconda Township and the Wauconda/Island Lake Food Pantry

Mayor Knigge presented two checks for \$1,000.00 each to Supervisor Glen Swanson for Wauconda Township and for the Wauconda/Island Lake Food Pantry. Mr. Swanson informed the Board that last year they served 75 families. This year the numbers have increased.

7. MOTION TO APPROVE CONSIDERATION OF CONSENT AGENDA BY OMNIBUS VOTE

A motion was made by Trustee Knight, seconded by Trustee Barbini, to approve the amended consent agenda.

Ayes: Trustees Lochmayer, Barbini, Wahl, Murphy, Knight

Nays: None

Absent/Abstain: Trustee Mayo

MOTION DECLARED CARRIED

CONSENT AGENDA

- A. Approve Committee of the Whole Meeting Minutes from Sept. 8, 2009
- B. Approve Committee of the Whole Meeting Minutes from Nov. 11, 2009
- C. Approve Bills for Payment from 11/13/09 through 11/24/09 Totaling \$1,146,013.90
- D. Approve Release of Letter of Credit and Accept a 5-Year Maintenance Bond for the Cove Subdivision
- E. Pass Ordinance for Amendment of the Agreement Establishing the Solid Waste Agency of Lake County, Illinois (Ordinance No. 2009-O-67)
- F. Pass Ordinance Declaring Certain Property as Surplus and Authorizing the Liquidation of Same (Ordinance No. 2009-O-68)
- G. Approve Purchase of a 2009 Decatur Radar Speed Message Trailer from Veto Enterprises, Inc., of Sycamore, Illinois, in the Amount of \$7,950.00
- H. Approve Purchase of a 2009 Chevrolet Impala from Boehmer Chevrolet, of Wauconda, Illinois, in the Amount of \$19,548.00

8. MOTION TO APPROVE ITEMS A THROUGH H ON THE CONSENT AGENDA

A motion was made by Trustee Lochmayer, seconded by Trustee Murphy, to approve the Consent Agenda by Omnibus vote.

Ayes: Trustees Barbini, Wahl, Murphy, Knight, Lochmayer

Nays: None

Absent/Abstain: Trustee Mayo

MOTION DECLARED CARRIED

9. NEW BUSINESS

- A. Ordinance Prohibiting Video Gaming Within the Village of Wauconda (Ordinance No. 2009-O-69)

Trustee Barbini stated that he will be voting against this Video Gaming Ordinance because video gaming will generate much needed revenue and the Village Board needs to support local businesses. When Chief Larsson was asked if there is the potential of crime increasing, he said there is no data to support the idea that this would occur.

Trustee Murphy stated that he will be voting no on this issue because he wants to support our local businesses, agreeing with many of the comments made this evening.

Trustee Lochmayer said he echoes all of the previous statements. He has reviewed the details of this ordinance, and he will vote no.

Trustee Knight said that he can appreciate all of the statements made but he has talked to many residents of Wauconda who are in favor of the ban on video gaming in Wauconda, and he will vote yes.

Trustee Wahl did some research on-line. She mentioned that South Carolina outlawed video gaming because there was a failure to regulate this gaming. While she doesn't want to deny anyone the opportunity, she doesn't think the State of Illinois has any strong regulations in place to control it and, therefore, she is not comfortable allowing video gaming in Wauconda.

Mayor Knigge stated that we should not ban video gaming at this time. We need to support our local businesses. He commented that the State has put us in a bad spot by not giving us enough information on the regulations that will be governing this. He asked if we want this in our community to raise revenues. He also suggested that possibly the revenues earned from video gaming be earmarked for special escrow account for special projects which have been cut because of budget constraints.

A motion was made to vote on the Ordinance Prohibiting Video Gaming Within the Village of Wauconda by Trustee Barbini and seconded by Trustee Murphy.

Ayes: Trustees Wahl, Knight

Nays: Trustees Murphy, Lochmayer, Barbini

Absent/Abstain: Trustee Mayo

MOTION DECLARED FAILED

10. STAFF & OFFICERS' REPORTS

Administrator Dan Quick thanked the Village Board for purchasing the speed trailer. It is a great tool for the Police Department.

Assistant Administrator and Economic Development Director Linda Krajniak informed the Board that the November Economic Development Administrative Report was out with the six goals we agreed upon. They read a little differently because some of the verbiage was changed, but not the meaning. She also informed the Board that she received a call from CVS Pharmacy asking to ride around Wauconda in search of a possible location for their business.

Mayor Knigge thanked Ms. Krajniak for the excellent report. He mentioned he liked the listing of the various properties available, and he then asked for a status on the newsletter.

Ms. Krajniak stated they are looking at the final numbers, wanting to make sure everything is absolutely correct, hoping to get it to the designer by the end of next week.

Police Chief Douglas Larsson provided the Village Board with a written report. This report includes the Main Street Traffic Data, the initiatives discussed with Trustee Knight, the Neighborhood Partnership Patrol Program, Tobacco Sales Compliance Program, the Communications Center update and a listing of the monthly statistics.

The Mayor thanked the Chief for the excellent report and for the community work that he is doing. He has heard from the public that they appreciate seeing the police out in their neighborhoods.

Battalion Chief Rucker, representing the Wauconda Fire District, reminded the Village Board that the Fire Department is running their yearly Keep the Wreath Red Program. A holiday wreath with red lights is hung on each Fire House. If there is a fire related to decorations, a red bulb is replaced with a white bulb. It is hoped that the wreath will remain completely red through the holidays.

Building & Zoning Director and Public Works Director Dave Geary reported this is the third year that Public Works has participated in the Snow Plow Driver Training Course which allows for the drivers to practice. The Mayor and several others also got to experience driving a snow plow through an obstacle course at the Public Works site.

Wauconda placed 4th on the chart listing all communities' electronic recycling efforts in Lake County.

Building & Zoning has completed 60 inspections and issued 6 home permits.

The Church Street Sidewalk Project was discontinued as there was a cost difference of \$49,000 due to a need to realign the road. The Safe Routes to School Grant only provided \$35,000 for this specific sidewalk.

Tom Ziemba, 126 W. Church Street, asked for further clarification.

Mr. Geary informed him that we would need to obtain another grant as the Village doesn't have the extra funds for this project at this time.

11. MAYOR'S REPORT

The Water Supply Group will be complete the end of January. The Group will provide a 250 page document that will be brought to the Board for approval. A plan is being set up for future planning.

The Mayor stopped by the Thanksgiving Event sponsored by the Moose. They brought 50 recruits from the Great Lakes Training Center into Wauconda to bowl at Wauconda Bowl and have dinner at the Moose Lodge, and then they went to the American Legion. It was a very successful day.

Today he was at the monthly Mayor's luncheon with the Mayors of Barrington, Lake Zurich, Long Grove, Kildeer, and Deer Park to informally talk about the situation of things going around in each one of their municipalities.

Thursday evening, Dec. 3rd, there will be a meeting at the Wauconda Township Hall to discuss the bike path.

Saturday, Dec. 5th is the Holiday Walk from 11:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. Thanks to Dave Geary and the Public Works Dept. for putting up the holiday lights. The downtown area looks very nice.

On Dec. 8th Chief Larsson will be inducted as President of the Lake County Police Chief's Association. This is a prestigious accomplishment.

The COW meeting will be changed to Dec. 9th because of the previously mentioned event for Chief Larsson.

The Mayor will be presenting a State of the Village Report at the next Rotary Meeting.

12. COMMITTEE REPORTS & TRUSTEES' COMMENTS

Trustee Murphy reminded everyone to come out for the Holiday Walk, Saturday, Dec. 5th, 11:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. Be sure to dress warmly.

Trustee Knight said that he met with Chief Larsson and will be putting together a meeting. He will also be checking on a new software program for the Department.

Trustee Mayo was absent this evening.

Trustee Lochmayer said to please bring friends and family to the Wauconda Holiday Walk. The Chamber Grill will be fired up, and they will be fixing hamburgers and hotdogs. And remember that the Oscar Mayer Wienermobile will be there.

Trustee Barbini met with administrators this morning and provided a written report on Implementation of the Strategic Goal – To Achieve Financial Stability. There are two goals listed. First, to develop and adopt a balanced budget for FY 2010/2011 and to develop and implement a plan (including timeline) to educate residents about Village finances and how to achieve long-term financial stability. He reiterated that educating our residents is key.

Tom Ziemba suggested that we might look into setting up Volunteer Days to get the community involved in helping out the Village.

Trustee Wahl updated the Board on the new committee which has been formed. She will be meeting with Mayor Knigge and Administrator Quick to discuss goals for this new committee. She will set up a meeting with Trustee Mayo and Trustee Knight.

She then shared a copy of an article on Shopping Locally. She asked if the traffic tracker used by the Police Department to gather data on speeding could also be used to measure the volume of traffic to use as a factor to entice businesses to come to Wauconda.

13. OPEN MEETING TO THE PUBLIC

Brad Mayer; 447 Oak Grove Cir; had a question about the minutes that are not on the internet. The Village Clerk informed Mr. Mayer that there is not a time line requirement for posting minutes and that if he wants to see any minutes which have been approved and are not currently posted on the website, they are available at the Village Hall Office in print form.

Cathy Scott informed the Board that some of the businesses will be participating in a special discount card offer. A limited number of cards will be given out which will allow the holder to receive special discounts.

14. CLOSED SESSION MATTER(S):

A motion was made by Trustee Knight, seconded by Trustee Murphy, to move into Closed Session.

Ayes: Trustees Wahl, Murphy, Knight, Lochmayer, Barbini

Nays: None

Absent/Abstain: Trustee Mayo

MOTION DECLARED CARRIED

15. ACTION ON CLOSED SESSION ITEMS – IF REQUIRED

A motion was made to open the closed session minutes from June 6, 2009, by Trustee Murphy, seconded by Trustee Barbini.

Ayes: Trustees Murphy, Knight, Lochmayer, Barbini, Wahl

Nays: None

Absent/Abstain: Trustee Mayo

MOTION DECLARED CARRIED

16. ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Trustee Lochmayer, seconded by Trustee Knight, to adjourn the meeting at 9:17 p.m.

Ayes: Trustees Murphy, Knight, Lochmayer, Barbini, Wahl

Nays: None

Absent/Abstain: Trustee Mayo

MOTION DECLARED CARRIED

Ginger Irwin, Village Clerk