

MINUTES
Meeting of The Committee of the Whole
March 8, 2016
Kallsen Center

Members Present: B. Maher, Village Trustee
 T. J. Grady, Village Trustee
 M. Pannitto, Village Trustee
 J. Vandenberg, Village Trustee
 B. Brady, Village Trustee

Members not Present: B. Younker, Village Trustee

Staff Present: D. Niemeyer, Village Manager
 M. Mertens, Assistant Village Manager
 S. Tilton, Assistant Village Manager
 L. Godette, Deputy Village Clerk
 L. Valley, Executive Secretary
 B. Bennett, Commission Secretary

Item #1: Call Meeting to Order - Trustee Maher called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m.

Item #2-Consider Approval of the Minutes of the regular meeting of the Committee of the Whole Meeting on February 9, 2016 – Motion was made by Trustee Grady, seconded by Trustee Brady to approve the minutes of the Committee of the Whole Meeting on February 9, 2016. Vote by voice call. Trustee Maher declared the motion carried.

Item #3- Discuss Open Items List -

1. Mayor/Mayor Pro-Tem – Trustee Maher
Upcoming Schedule for Committee and Special Village Board Meetings.
 - Budget Meeting on March 21, 2016
2. Clerk’s Office
 - FOIA Update
 - Document Management
 - Transparency Policy
3. Budget, Audit & Administration Committee – Trustee Brady
 - Ethics Ordinance
Drafted – upcoming meeting with staff and Village Attorney, Draft Ordinance ready by March 28, will go to Village Board with 1st reading on April 5, 2nd reading in April, will be in place by May 1.
 - Videotaping of Board Meetings
All going well
 - Financial Statement
Presented by auditors to the Audit Committee

- Internal Auditor
1st reading, 2nd ready at next Board Reading
4. Building & Compliance Committee - Trustee Pannitto
 - ICC Code Updates
Working on Fire Codes
 - Property Maintenance
3 abandon properties in town, 1 approved for tear-down.
 - Commercial Construction Project Status
Trustee Pannitto gave an update on all current projects
 5. Finance & Economic Development Committee – Trustee Maher
 - Financial Policy
Staff working on review on purchasing policy
 - Marketing – Downtown District
 - Marketing & Communication with Residents
Monthly packet and more user-friendly information on-line being created.
 - Tourism Consultant Recommendations
RFQ on Branding and the use of social media.
 - Tinley Park Mental Health Center Redevelopment
In process of Master Planning, public meetings (next meeting is 3/23/16 at 6:30 p.m.) regarding interest of the residents. All the information is on our website.
 - North Street
Ownership divided partially by LLC & Village.
 - South Street
Waiting for review on change in codes
 - Old Central Middle School
Interest on this site – in discussion – Possible townhome development
 - Expanded Plaza
Discussing plans to add funds to Zabrocki plaza
 6. Planning & Zoning Committee – Trustee Vandenberg

Trustee Vandenberg noted that resumes are being accepted for Planning & Zoning Commission members due to the resignation of several of the current members. Resumes will be accepted until March 31, 2016 with appointments being made on April 5, 2016. There will be a training session for the new members after appointment.

 - Legacy Plan Code Update – Phase 2
Plans for a Citizens Committee (Resident Advisory Committee) as well as a Planning Consultant Review
Liquor Code on hold pending Citizen Committee review.
Reserve – Under review awaiting completion of investigation.
 - Plan Commission Projects
Trustee Vandenberg gave an update on all the current projects and appeals.
 - Sign Code Text Amendments
Trustee Vandenberg and Assistant Village Manager Mike Mertens noted they would be working on a clean-up of sign regulations on an Overlay District to the Rich Township proposal for Hospitality Marketing.

They also noted they want to make the process easier to obtain a sign for the business owners.

At the recommendation of the Roger Brooks presentation, Trustee Vandenberg discussed a possibility of an incentive plan for some businesses to erect blade signs.

7. Public Safety Committee – Trustee Grady

- Red Light Cameras

Paperwork filed for changeover on vendor.

8. Public Works & Boundaries Committee – Village Manager Dave Niemeyer

- Oak Lawn Water

A redundant water line from Oak Lawn to this area is out to bid.

- Oak Park Avenue Reconstruction
- Cook County Services Project

Possible annex of Kimberly Heights area with money from Cook County to help with water and sewer improvements.

- Legacy Pond

Storm water detention pond at 175th and Ridgeland to handle the adjacent neighborhoods to the North and South and main downtown area.

Comments from Public

- Mr. Trent Ridgeway asked about the larger stakeholder group having to do with tourism with regards to the tourism consultant recommendations and wanted to know if there would be citizen involvement.

Village Manager Niemeyer explained that would be a Board decision.

- Request notification about additional sessions for citizen input on the Central Middle School to the newspaper as well as the website and mailings.
- Request for meeting notes, accurate count.
- Regarding the NICOR agreement – he asked if the agreement went out for RFQ to any of the deregulated partners for energy sales. Is the contract up for public review?

Assistant Village Manager, Steve Tilton explained this pricing was part of the consortium, based on the market and the length of the agreement. He explained the contract would be available after approval.

- On the Oak Lawn Water piece – is the 2nd line for tolerance or to increase the amount of water and sell it to other communities? Can we sell to other communities? Due to the age of the current line have we looked into the reinvestment cost?

Village Manager Niemeyer explained it is for capacity and to have a redundant system in case of an emergency. We already sell to Mokena and New Lenox at this point there are no other customers. Maintenance is something we always talk about in our budget meetings.

- A concerned citizen questioned the expanded plaza. Where are the funds coming from? Who wanted this expansion?

Trustee Maher said the funds have not been identified as of yet. We are trying to stimulate development in the downtown area and this was part of that possible development. Per the Roger Brooks study it would create a focal point for the area to encourage more investment in the downtown area.

- A concerned citizen asked - Have we ever checked out what is businesses are successful in other towns?
- Who wrote the Legacy Plan?
- Why didn't we get notification on the Reserve and why was there no commercial on the first floor.

Trustee Vandenberg noted we want to make the code pleasant to deal with in order to entice businesses to come into our town, but we can't force certain types of businesses to open in our community.

Trustee Maher noted this is the Branding concept we are working on. Per Roger Brooks we need to decide what we want to be.

Trustee Maher explained that we have several Commissions and Committees with public meetings that worked together to come up with the Plan to focus the commercial in the main center of the Village. The code was done in-house and tried to make it as user-friendly as possible.

Trustee Maher explained that the Reserve did not have to go before the board as it met all the requirements and was in compliance with the Legacy Plan/Code.

Trustee Brady explained that each circumstance is complex and previous developments were turned down as the lenders would not finance this type of building.

- Concerned citizen asked about parking in the downtown area.

Trustee Maher noted the Village has been working on a parking plan for a long time. This is part of Legacy Plan.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion was made by Trustee Maher, seconded by Trustee Pannitto to adjourn the Committee of the Whole Meeting. Vote by voice. Trustee Maher declared the motion carried and the meeting was adjourned at 9:18 p.m.