

MINUTES
Finance and Economic Development Committee Meeting
January 17, 2017 – 6:30 p.m.
Council Chambers at
Tinley Park Village Hall
16250 S. Oak Park Ave.
Tinley Park, IL 60477

Members Present: B. Maher, Chair, Village Trustee
 M. Pannitto, Village Trustee
 K. Suggs, Village Trustee

Members not Present: None

Other Board Members Present: D. Seaman, Mayor
 T. J. Grady, Village Trustee
 J. Vandenberg, Village Trustee
 B. Younker, Village Trustee

Staff Present: D. Niemeyer, Village Manager
 P. Rea, Village Clerk
 B. Bettenhausen, Village Treasurer
 S Neubauer, Police Chief
 K. Workowski, Public Works Director
 J. Urbanski, Assistant Public Works Director
 P. Wallrich, Interim Community Development Director
 T. Condon, Village Attorney
 J. Prinz, Village Engineer
 L. Godette, Depute Clerk
 B. Bennett, Commission Secretary

Item #1 - The meeting of the Finance and Economic Development Committee Meeting was called to order at 6:38 p.m.

Item #2 – CONSIDER APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE FINANCE AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON DECEMBER 6, 2016 – Motion was made by Trustee Pannitto, seconded by Trustee Suggs to approve the minutes of the Finance and Economic Development Committee Meeting held on December 6, 2016, 2016. Vote by voice. Chairman Maher declared the motion carried.

Item #3 – DISCUSS PURCHASING POLICY – Trustee Maher stated the purchasing policy is meant to serve as a guideline for an effective and efficient means of purchasing materials, equipment and services while adhering to legal requirements. The current adopted policy was from the 1970's and in need of updating to meet changes in federal, state and/or local legislation. Highlighted recommended updates to the policy include, but are not limited to, the following:

- Village Manager Spending Authority
- Cooperative Purchasing
- Franchise Agreements
- Potential Vendor Meetings
- Travel Reimbursement

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- Disclosure Statement

A copy of the Draft purchasing policy and a summary spreadsheet of the major changes and additions to the purchasing policy were distributed to the Committee.

Purchasing policy was recommended to be advanced to the Village Board for first reading in February.

Item #4 – DISCUSS SOLICITATION LICENSING REVOCATION FOR SPARKS ENERGY

– Village Clerk Pat Rea expressed a request that the solicitation license for Sparks Energy be terminated due to their actions over all or part of their solicitation practices in the Village of Tinley Park. Beginning in late November or early December, Tinley Park citizens began calling the Clerk’s Office regarding the aggressive tactics of this solicitor. In fact, their tactics, according to our citizens, read almost identical to that of the Better Business Bureau. (article distributed)

On December 2, 2016, complaints continued to be received by the Clerks office. The Village Manager and Police Chief were made aware of the citizens discontent and discomfort at the front door of their homes caused by Sparks Energy. On December 9, 2016, complaints continued to be received regarding Sparks Energy and the Sparks Energy Supervisor, Mr. Michael McGee was notified. The discussion was frank and he was notified that his solicitors would not be welcome in Tinley Park if their activity continued as it had. He was notified that if the solicitors did not correct their actions, the intention to proceed to take actions to revoke their license would occur. He was advised they could continue to work in the Village, but they must change their behavior or it would be recommended to the appropriate Village Board Committee that this license for solicitation be revoked.

In early January the complaints began again and this has brought the recommendation of revoking the solicitor’s license for Sparks Energy to this Committee.

Attorney Condon noted a change in the Ordinance should not be necessary for revocation but an amended Solicitor’s Ordinance should be considered adding a section of Prohibited Acts as follows:

Aggressive door to door solicitation - it is unlawful for any person to engage in door-to-door solicitation in an aggressive manner. For the purposes of this section, an “aggressive manner” means:

1. Continuing to solicit from a person after the person has indicated, by word or conduct, he or she does not wish to make a donation or purchase.
2. Approaching a person when that person is entering or exiting a motor vehicle or assisting another in doing so.
3. Intentionally touching or attempting to touch a person without that person’s consent.
4. Threatening a person, by word or conduct, with physical harm or violence.
5. Using profane or abusive language towards a person.
6. Any other works or conduct that would cause a reasonable person to fear for his or her safety, the safety of his or her property or the safety of another person accompanying that person.

Motion was made by Trustee Suggs, seconded by Trustee Pannitto to do a first reading on the Ordinance amendments and then move forward to appoint a Hearing Officer to initiate revocation of the Sparks License. Vote by voice. Chairman Maher declared the motion carried.

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Item # 5 – DISCUSS VILLAGE PROCEDURES ON ECONOMIC INCENTIVES – Trustee Pannitto previously asked the Finance & Economic Development Committee to discuss new development and tax incentive offers. Trustee Pannitto stated he was still reviewing this and requested it be tabled to a future agenda.

Item #6 – RECEIVE COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC – None

ADJOURNMENT

Motion was made by Trustee Suggs, seconded by Trustee Pannitto to adjourn this meeting of the Finance and Economic Development Committee. Vote by voice call. Chairman Maher declared the motion carried and adjourned the meeting at 7:00 p.m.

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cc: *Village Board*
Village Manager
Assistant Village Managers
Village Treasurer
Deputy Village Clerk