



*February 8, 2010*

The Committee of the Whole meeting was called to order in the Village Hall at 7:00 p.m. on February 8, 2010 by President Clint Carey. The pledge of allegiance was recited. Roll Call was taken showing the following as being present: Trustees Steve Wiedmeyer, Ricky Popilek, Stephanie Mette, Greg Marston, and Larry Gillie. Trustee Joshua Cossiboon was absent. Also present were Scott Hartman, Village Manager; Dean Frieders, Village Attorney; Laura Pisarcik, Finance Director; Pat Doherty, Public Works and Michelle Figuerola, Village Clerk. A quorum was present.

Finance Director Pisarcik explained the details of the financial reports. Ms. Pisarcik went through the revenues and the cash in the bank at this time. A memo was prepared to explain the funds and different locations of the money. As of December, 2009 there is approximately \$3.9 million dollars in the Village bank accounts, in which all of it is broken up into different funds. There were no further discussions or questions regarding the financial reports. Mr. Hartman stated that the reports are available online within the packet for public review and that he is available if anyone has any questions.

The SSA task force had a meeting regarding the maintenance SSA's. It was decided that they bring it forth to the whole board for discussion and direction. Trustee Wiedmeyer stated that he and Trustee Marston have had discussions regarding SSA#4 and deciding whether or not to leave it as is, eliminate completely or add in the rest of the Village to even out the costs. Trustee Gillie stated that he believes that the SSA was set up for a purpose and that there is no need to make any immediate changes. Trustee Mette asked if there would have to be a referendum in order to make any changes to the taxes, and Mr. Hartman confirmed that. Trustee Mette asked if the maintenance SSA would affect future developments within the Village, Mr. Hartman stated that they would not other than Cambridge Lakes and the Heritage District. Bernie Thomas of 909 Scottsdale asked if a park district will be put in place anytime under SSA#4 which can also do some of the work governed by SSA#4. Mr. Hartman stated that if a park district is formed, it would have to be done by referendum and would be a separate entity from the Village. A park can also be formed once the Village grows and revenues are coming in, a parks department can be formed just like a public works department. Trustee Marston stated that they have been discussing the elimination of SSA#4 and replacing it with a village wide revenue tax instead of a Cambridge Lakes tax so that the amount could be distributed evenly. Mr. Thomas asked if this goes to referendum, would the rate increase. If the property owned within the Village is not affected by SSA#4, the tax would increase. Trustee Popilek stated that the rate is based on the EAV of a home. President Carey would like to see a transition in place if SSA#4 is going to be distributed evenly or possibly a delayed bill after the home is sold. He stated that maybe there is a possibility that rebates could be looked at. Brian Paskiewicz of 1279 Waterfront asked what the difference in delaying the bill if the resident may wait ten years to sell their home. Mr. Paskiewicz stated that if the fund is at a deficit, adding more people to the tax would reduce that problem. He also stated that the Heritage District and Carillon residents have access to the use of roads as much as he does. President Carey stated that he can't speak for those residents, however, when the homes were purchased, the homebuyers knew what they were getting into when they signed the papers. Mr. Paskiewicz stated that he did realize that and that his taxes would

increase, however, he feels that he should not be the only one paying for things that everyone is using. President Carey stated that eventually this will become whole, but until then it is better to wait this out and not jump into anything hasty. Trustee Mette stated that the Board has to take a stand to be pro-active and not re-active. Trustee Popilek stated that it is a complex issue that needs to be thought through. Ryan Hallgren of 1156 Shoreline agreed with Trustee Popilek that the SSA is dividing the Village. He stated that he pays into SSA#4; however, he does not see the benefit of it since Cambridge is still plowing his streets. He also stated that he has no problem paying into it if everyone were paying, fair and equal. Jon Peschke of 14N005 Reinking Rd. asked if the origination of SSA#4 could be looked at again. Mr. Peschke stated that the reason SSA#4 was put in place was to pay for everything being built by Cambridge in Cambridge Lakes to be paid off in a specified amount of time. Trustee Marston stated that the village ordinance states the Village Board can raise SSA#4 not to cap \$2 million. Mr. Peschke stated that the irrigation system is unique to Cambridge Lakes. Richard Stramaglia of 41W116 Mansfield stated that the Heritage District does not use the irrigation system. Trustee Marston stated that the task force did not disagree with the origination of SSA#4, however, at the time the Village did not contemplate annexing all of the additional property and potential subdivisions. Trustee Marston stated that something else to think about is cutting projects that may not be necessary. Mr. Hallgren stated that he understands where the Heritage District is coming from as well, he feels the original agreement should have been split up to make it fair for everyone. Mr. Stramaglia stated that the only reason the subdivision ordinance was approved was because of the SSA's being put in place. Mr. Stramaglia stated that Cambridge Lakes wants the Heritage District to pay for services that are not provided in Heritage District. President Carey stated that there will be further discussions regarding this, and will be discussed for some time to come. Mr. Hartman asked if there would be any information the Board would find helpful. Trustee Popilek stated he would like to see a more specific detail on how the potential change in EAV would impact the community. Trustee Popilek stated that everyone should try to get as many questions together as possible for the next meeting. Mr. Thomas asked if there were surrounding towns that could be contacted to see how they are handling these types of situations. Mr. Hartman will put the information together that has been requested. Ms. Pisarcik stated that at the next C.O.W. meeting, budget will be discussed.

President Carey introduced Mr. Hallgren to the Village Board regarding community gardens. He would like to set up a community garden within the Village. Mr. Hallgren has done a little research and has seen the benefits of the gardens. He would like to bring the residents together as well as have healthier produce that can be given away or used in the home. There were discussions regarding locations for the community garden. The Village Board is supportive of having a community garden.

President Carey reminded everyone that the next Village Board meeting will be on Tuesday, February 16<sup>th</sup> due to the holiday.

**Executive Session was Omitted**

**Adjournment of the Regular Board Meeting:**

**Motion:** To adjourn the regular board meeting at 8:10 p.m.

**Maker:** Stephanie Mette, second by Steve Wiedmeyer

**Vote:** All in favor, none opposed, motion passed

Respectfully Submitted:

Michelle Figuerola

Michelle Figuerola, Village Clerk