



April 5, 2010

The regular Village Board meeting was called to order in the Village Hall at 7:00 p.m. on March 15, 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 Joshua Cossiboon and Larry Gillie. Also present were Scott Hartman, Village Manager; Dean Frieders, Jeremy Lin, Village Engineer; Deputy Chief Shawn Beane, Police Department; Pat Doherty, Public Works; Jim Kelly, Building Director; Gary Zichkur, MGD Water; Laura Pisarcik, Finance Director and Michelle Figuerola, Village Clerk. A quorum was present.

Public Comments:

Brian Paszkiewicz of 1279 Waterfront thanked the Board and staff for all the hard work that is put in on behalf of the Village. He stated that there needs to be more cuts made to the budget to help reduce the deficit. He also stated that the Village needs to begin to protect itself for 2011/2012 and discontinue relying on the state and Cambridge for revenue. Ryan Hallgren of 1156 Shoreline stated that he has researched the use of impact fees for operating expenses, and he has not been able to find any other municipality that does this. Mr. Hallgren spoke about a case law in Hinsdale where the Village was taken to court regarding the use of impact fees, which he feels should be looked at.

Public Hearing:

President Carey stated that there has been no progress made regarding the first amendment to the annexation agreement for Bell Land. At this time, the hearing is closed.

Consent Agenda:

Motion: To approve the consent agenda which includes the regular Board meeting minutes from March 15, 2010 with one correction to the minutes and including the bill list from March 5, 2010 in the amount of \$78,556.13

Discussion: Trustee Marston asked if there had been a mistake on the bill regarding the Village President's cell phone bill that shows charges over \$400.00. Ms. Pisarcik had divided the bill by the minutes to total get the total cost and the charges that were over \$400.00 were correct.

Maker: Steve Wiedmeyer, second by Larry Gillie

Vote: S. Wiedmeyer, aye; L. Gillie, aye; R. Popilek, aye; S. Mette, aye; G. Marston, nay; J. Cossiboon, aye
5 ayes, 1 nay, motion passed

Items for Separate Action:

Motion: To formally accept the Highland Avenue Lift Station subject to the receipt of maintenance in the amount of 10% of the construction cost plus the cost of the remaining lettering work

Maker: Steve Wiedmeyer, second by Stephanie Mette

Vote: S. Wiedmeyer, aye; S. Mette, aye; R. Popilek, aye; G. Marston, aye; J. Cossiboon, aye; L. Gillie
6 ayes, 0 nay, motion passed

Motion: To reduce the Neighborhood 19 public improvement bond from its original amount of \$290,458.30 to \$200,201.80 and release the redundant Continental Bond No. 295088

Maker: Greg Marston, second by Steve Wiedmeyer

Vote: G. Marston, aye; S. Wiedmeyer, aye; R. Popilek, aye; S. Mette, aye; J. Cossiboon, aye; L. Gillie, aye
6 ayes, 0 nay, motion passed

Motion: To approve **Ordinance#2010-07** regulating alarms within the Village of Pingree Grove

Maker: Greg Marston, second by Joshua Cossiboon

Vote: G. Marston, aye; J. Cossiboon, aye; S. Wiedmeyer, aye; R. Popilek, aye; S. Mette, aye; L. Gillie, aye
6 ayes, 0 nay, motion passed

Motion: To adopt an Ordinance establishing a Gas Utility Tax for the Village of Pingree Grove at the rate of 5%

Maker: Ricky Popilek, second by Larry Gillie

Discussion: Trustee Marston has concerns about adding the increase. Trustee Gillie stated that sustainable revenue sources are needed and it is the time to put this in place. Trustee Cossiboon stated that he cannot support a tax that does not support the Village financially but covers the budget hole. Trustee Wiedmeyer asked if other surrounding communities have this tax, Ms. Pisarcik stated that most do.

Vote: R. Popilek, aye; L. Gillie, aye; S. Wiedmeyer, nay; S. Mette, nay; G. Marston, nay; J. Cossiboon, nay
2 ayes, 4 nay, motion failed

Discussion Regarding the Budget:

There were discussions regarding the budget and the amendments made. President Carey asked if there were any questions with no replies. There will be a committee of the whole meeting to present any questions that may be thought of at a later time. If the trustees have any questions, they can bring them to the Committee of the Whole meeting.

Village President's Report:

President Carey stated that there are residents that would like to continue events. There are volunteers that would like to take over the events and begin fund raising. There will be a resolution for the next meeting authorizing the committee to be set up.

Staff Reports:

Village Manager Hartman stated that the Charette will begin on April 10th for the Heritage District plan. There are schedules regarding the Charette located throughout the Village Hall and the website. There were a few trustees that wanted to reconfirm that the cost of the TPUDC would not exceed \$50,000.00. Mr. Hartman stated that there are a few additional items that were needed and he would be supplying them. President Carey and Trustee Mette opened up their homes and invited TPUDC for dinner. Mr. Doherty stated that the bathrooms at the parks are open. The large pothole on Reinking Rd. was filled, and staff will be working with Cambridge on the others. Ms. Pisarcik stated that she will give the Board the extra layers that go with the budget ready for the C.O.W. meeting. April 19th is the finalization for the budget. Ms. Pisarcik stated that the finance department won the C.A.F.R. Award (Comprehensive Annual Financial Report) for the fiscal year ending 2009. This is the first time the Village has received this award. There will be a formal presentation at a later date. Mr. Kelly stated that there is no new construction, however there are smaller permits coming through. Deputy Chief Beane stated that the Police Department applied for a \$5,000.00 grant and should know by Thursday if they received it. He also thanked Mr. Doherty and the Fire Department for attempting to burn down the prairie grass. President Carey thanked the Police Department for solving the car burglaries. Trustee Wiedmeyer asked what type of progress there would be with Bell Land since the public hearing has been closed. Attorney Frieders stated that since there had been no progress and no plans for the immediate future.

Old Business:

None

New Business:

None

Adjournment to Executive Session:

Motion: To adjourn to executive session regarding threatened or imminent litigation and personnel at 7:50 p.m.

Maker: Larry Gillie, second by Stephanie Mette

Vote: All in favor, none opposed, motion passed

Re-convene to the Regular Board Meeting:

Motion: To reconvene the regular Board meeting at 8:00 p.m.

Maker: Steve Wiedmeyer, second by Greg Marston

Vote: All in favor, none opposed, motion passed

Adjournment of the Regular Board Meeting:

Motion: To adjourn the regular board meeting at 8:01 p.m.

Maker: Greg Marston, second by Steve Wiedmeyer

Vote: All in favor, none opposed, motion passed

Respectfully Submitted:

Michelle Figuerola

Michelle Figuerola, Village Clerk