

MINUTES OF THE WORKSHOP MEETING
OF THE VILLAGE OF WESTERN SPRINGS
PRESIDENT AND BOARD OF TRUSTEES
Monday, October 10, 2016

President William T. Rodeghier, Presiding
Call to Order, 7:00 p.m.
Jeanine M. Jasica, Village Clerk

Board Members Present

Berry Allen
Alice Gallagher
Suzanne Glowiak
Sheila Hansen
James Horvath
Edward Tymick

Others Present

Patrick Higgins, Village Manager
Ingrid Velkme, Deputy Village Mgr
Pamela Church, Director of LES
Grace Turi, Director of Finance
Matthew Supert, Director Mun Svcs.
Brian Budds, Deputy Director of LES
Patrick Kenny, Director of Fire & EMS
Martin Scott, Director of CD
Tracy Alden, Director of Rec
Michael Jurusik, Village Attorney

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

President Rodeghier led the audience in the Pledge of Allegiance.

ROLL CALL

As noted above.

Electronic attendance at meeting: None.

READING OF AGENDA – ADDITIONS – DELETIONS

There were no changes to the agenda.

SWEARING IN OF PROBATIONARY POLICE OFFICERS MEAGAN MCPHERSON AND SEAN O'LOUGHLIN

Chief Church introduced Board of Police and Fire Commissioners Janet Dahl and Dr. James Maragos who were in the audience, as well as Fire Department Chaplain Christina Vosteen, for the swearing in of Probationary Police Officers Meagan McPherson and Sean O'Loughlin. Chief Church acknowledged her command staff in the audience including Sergeant Joseph Rourke who is in charge of the new officer's field training program. Clerk Jasica swore in the two new officers. A third new officer, Joe Canciari, is currently attending the Academy and will be sworn in before the Board upon graduation from the Academy. Ms. McPherson and Mr. O'Loughlin recently graduated from the Police Academy and are currently in a 12 week officer training program. President Rodeghier welcomed the two new officers and congratulated them on their appointment.

CITIZEN COMMENTS

Resident Beverly Moon, Wolf Road, expressed her concerns about her property flooding. The flooding problem increased significantly after a home was built two years ago on 41st and Johnson Avenue. President Rodeghier said he spoke with Director Scott and the Village Engineer regarding her concerns. Director Scott said the Village Engineer has been out and has provided some recommendations and possible remedies. President Rodeghier said Ms. Moon's concerns will be reviewed by Village staff and the Village Engineer to determine what is going on and a solution to this problem. Rev. Christina Vosteen explained First United Methodist's program which provides flood buckets to residents who need them.

CONSIDERATION OF AGENDA ITEMS

1) PUBLIC WORKS AND WATER – TRUSTEE ALLEN

A) Capital Projects Update

Trustee Allen presented the monthly capital projects summary report which had minor updates. Manager Higgins said the East Platform train project will be bid in November and construction should begin in 2017.

2) PROPERTIES AND RECREATION - TRUSTEE GALLAGHER

A) Recognizing The Western Springs Community Center Association (WSCCA) For 33 Years Of Volunteer Involvement With Saving, Promoting And Supporting Operations In The Grand Avenue Community Center

Trustee Gallagher presented the draft resolution which will be read and presented on October 24, 2016 to recognize the contributions WSCCA to the community over the past thirty years or so. President Rodeghier will recite the resolution at the next meeting.

B) WSCCA Sculpture

The unveiling of a public art sculpture donated by the WSCCA is planned for November 6, 2016 at 2:00 p.m. All residents are welcome to attend the unveiling and event which will be from 2-4 p.m. Trustee Horvath said Charles Neal, who spearheaded the efforts to save Grand Avenue School at a community center, will be in attendance.

3) **GENERAL GOVERNMENT COMMITTEE – TRUSTEE GLOWIAK**

A) Resolution Approving the Regular Meeting Schedule for the 2017 Calendar Year of the President and Board of Trustees of the Village of Western Springs

Trustee Glowiak provided the Board with the proposed meeting schedule for 2017 meetings of Village Boards and Commissions as well as a resolution approving the schedule. The General Government Committee reviewed the proposed schedule and recommended approval. If a problem arises with any of the meeting dates, the Board or Commission may make an adjustment as the date draws near and will follow the Open Meetings Act requirements for proper notification. With no objection from the Board, consideration of approval of the 2017 meeting schedule was added to the October 24, 2016 omnibus vote list.

B) Resolution Approving the Issuance of a Raffle License to LTHS for Post Prom Event 2017

The Village received a request for a raffle license from Lyons Township High School Parent Teacher Council (LTHS PTC) in conjunction with their 2017 Post Prom event. This entity is well-known in town and the recommendation of the committee is to approve the license request with a waiver of the fee and bond requirement. State law requires the Village Board to review these types of raffle applications. The approval resolution will be added to the October 24, 2016 omnibus vote list.

C) Ordinance - Liquor License Request – Solstice

The committee reviewed a request from Matt Bumba of Solstice for a class “G” license (wine shop, gourmet food, etc.) which would allow them to sell specialty packaged liquor in similar manner to Mecenat, Vie and Davanti. Currently, Solstice holds “B” and “H” liquor licenses. Holding the class “G” license would allow customers who find a wine they like to purchase it and take it home. The

committee also discussed modifications to the liquor code to allow the sale of specialty products such as wine in cans and boxes as well as craft beer in larger bottles. The committee recommends issuance of the class “G” license to Solstice.

D) Ordinance - Liquor Code Amendments

The committee also reviewed a few proposed amendments to the liquor code which include a change in the notification process for special events for repeat events with liquor. The onus would be on the applicant rather than the Village to provide the notification to surrounding residents. Additionally, a modification to the process to expand the outdoor café season was discussed which would provide for approval by the Village Manager to extend the outdoor dining season in the event of mild weather in the late fall/early winter as well as early spring months. These liquor license requests, as well as Solstice’s class “G” request, would be presented to the Liquor Commission for review before the Board considers approval of each.

E) Low Flying Air Traffic

Trustee Glowiak said she and other Board members had been receiving some complaints about low flying air traffic from Midway Airport. Deputy Village Manager Velkme initially learned this was a temporary situation while maintenance was being done on some of the runways. Ms. Velkme spoke with the Deputy Commissioner for Aviation at Midway today who said normally this runway path is being used 10% or less but due to runway construction and due to wind conditions, there will be at least three more closures before the end of the year for maintenance work. This noise is supposed to be a temporary situation due to pavement maintenance.

4) PUBLIC HEALTH AND SAFETY - TRUSTEE HANSEN

Trustee Hansen thanked Chief Kenny, Deputy Chief Mayor and the Fire Department for the outstanding Open House Event which the Fire Department hosted for the community this evening. The event was very well attended by Village families.

5) FINANCE - TRUSTEE HORVATH

A) Fire Pension Fund – No report.

B) Police Pension Fund – The Police Pension Fund Board will meet October 19, 2016. An investment advisor will be selected at that meeting. The valuation for the 2017 pension fund contribution will also be presented.

C) Call for BOLI

Trustee Horvath requested a Board of Local Improvements (BOLI) meeting to address payment and reimbursement requests for Timber Trails. The Finance Committee will review the request and make a recommendation to the Board regarding approval. President Rodeghier set the BOLI meeting for Monday, November 14, 2016, at 6:59 p.m.

- D) Resolution Determining to Levy an Additional Library Tax for Construction, Maintenance, Repairs and Alterations of Library Buildings and Equipment for the Fiscal Year Commencing January 1, 2017 and Ending December 31, 2017

Trustee Horvath presented a letter from Thomas Ford Memorial Library Director Anne Kozak. The Library requested that the 2016 levy, to be collected in 2017, include a .02% levy for the maintenance, repair and alterations of the library building and equipment and amounts to approximately \$117,000. The request is presented to the Village Board as the Library does not have the authority to levy taxes and the Village does this on their behalf. A draft resolution was provided for the Board's review with one minor date change to the referendum date which should be February 28, 2017. The Library request will be included on the October 24, 2016 omnibus vote list.

- E) Determination of Levy – First Draft

Trustee Horvath said the determination of the first draft of the 2016 levy is underway. The 2016 levy, which will be collected in 2017, will include .7 %, based on the CPI allowance, as well as 2.05% to capture new growth. The draft levy will be provided to the Board for review no later than the November 14 workshop meeting.

6) **PLANNING AND ZONING - TRUSTEE TYMICK**

- A) Update on Foxford Station Project

Trustee Tymick reported that the Board still anticipates that work will commence on the Foxford Station site in the very near future. The Board will be presented with two ordinances prior to the October Board meeting which will provide for an extension of the time limit, to close on the alley vacation and to commence construction on the project, per the conditional use permit which is due to expire later this month. The draft ordinances will be included on the October 24, 2016 omnibus vote list and will include a date extension thru December 19, 2016.

- B) Downtown Parking Study

The downtown parking study is underway and residents are invited to complete the survey on-line via the Village's website.

7) **VILLAGE PRESIDENT RODEGHIER**

No report.

8) VILLAGE CLERK JASICA

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9) MANAGER HIGGINS

A) ICMA Annual Conference, Kansas City, Missouri Awards

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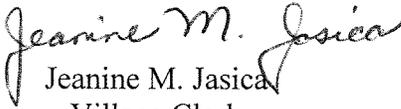
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No report.

MOTION:

Trustee Tymick moved, seconded by Allen, to adjourn the meeting. The motion passed on a unanimous voice vote. The meeting adjourned at 7:54 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Jeanine M. Jasica". The signature is written in black ink and is positioned above the printed name and title.

Jeanine M. Jasica
Village Clerk