

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR BOARD MEETING
OF THE PRESIDENT AND BOARD OF TRUSTEES
Monday, March 26, 2012
7:00 p.m.

President William T. Rodeghier, Presiding
Call to Order, 7:05 p.m.
Jeanine M. Jasica, Village Clerk

Board Members Present

Suzanne Glowiak
Sheila Hansen
James Horvath
Deborah Lyons
Edward Tymick
Patrick Word

Others Present

Patrick Higgins, Village Manager
Michael Jurusik, Village Attorney
Pamela Church, Director of Law Enforcement
Services
Ingrid Velkme, Director of Admin Svcs
Grace Turi, Director of Finance
Matthew Supert, Director of Municipal
Services
Tracy Alden, Director of Recreation
Jeff Ziegler, Village Engineer

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 7:05 p.m.

ROLL CALL

As noted above.

Electronic attendance at meeting: None

CITIZENS COMMENTS

Ms. Marcy Rossi, 4468 Franklin, was in attendance to address the Board on her concerns about fluoridation. President Rodeghier suggested that she get in touch with former Trustee James Maragos, who just wrote an article for Tower Topics about this issue. He told Ms. Rossi that the issue would have to go through the Committee process, but that will not take place for a while. President Rodeghier asked that Ms. Rossi be notified when this issue will be discussed by the Public Works and Water Committee. Matt Supert, Director of Municipal Services, stated that this issue probably will not come before the Committee before late summer or early fall.

Mr. Jim Larsen, 4521 Harvey, spoke on behalf of green space and open lands. When he was a member of the Park Board in the 90's, they identified key spaces in the Village that could be lost to an expanding housing market. One of those areas was 53rd and Wolf that was to become the second fire station. The Park Board was able to purchase and preserve that parcel and it is now open space in Springdale Park. The Park Board purchased the lot just east of the former Clark School and has preserved that as open space. In 1997, the Village published an Open Space Master Plan after much input from the community. A couple of years later, the Village, the Park and School District 101 reached an agreement to close Ellington Avenue at Hillgrove and

make that space all one for the safety of the school children. Timber Trails was also addressed at that time. Now the Board has a second chance to preserve this site. He urged the members to work creatively and openly to preserve the natural environmental heritage that is available in Timber Trails II and to work in concert with the Timber Trails I residents.

Annie Tandy, 4035 Howard, would like the entire community to vote on the issue of fluoride, not just a Committee of two.

Nancy Sutherland, 4039 Central, a 30 year resident of the Village and member of the Board of Directors of Openlands, is in favor of the Village maintaining the west half of Timber Trails as green space which will enhance the lives of the residents. If it remains a park, the Village can preserve the oak and hickory trees and the existing topography of the area. It is also historic for the Pottawatomie Indians. She urged the Board to listen to the residents and work with Openlands to preserve Timber Trails West as green space. It will only enhance the wonderful place that is Western Springs.

Janet Redsor, 4030 Howard, agreed with Ms. Tandy, about the fluoride issue and asked if the community will be allowed to vote on this issue. She stated that when it comes to her personal health, she would like to have a say on this issue. President Rodeghier said the reason trustees are elected is to make decisions for residents. He does not think it is an issue that would be a part of a referendum question; he insisted the Board is not taking the issue lightly. There will be much discussion and opportunity for questions and for the public to weigh in on the issue in the months to come. It will be an open issue.

Annie Tandy commented that people felt that the Tower Topics article by Dr. Maragos was one sided and that their side had to be heard. But President Rodeghier rebutted that saying the article addressed the increase in fluoride in the water and what affect that would have, not whether or not fluoridation should occur.

Lu Ann Grabowski, 5716 Franklin, LaGrange Highlands, said the Village has a great sense of community and a great history and wondered what the reaction would be if a developer offered to buy the land where the water tower sits, and build condominiums. She stated that the same thing happened in Timber Trails which is much older and more valuable. She claimed that 60% of the residents voted in favor of the \$10 million referendum for open lands in 2004. She would like to see the Board work with Openlands to preserve the rest of Timber Trails.

Marci Rossi said that she checked the ADA and CDC websites and the information given by Dr. Maragos for children under the age of 5 was incorrect. She had material to distribute to the Board.

Sarah Marfield, 5430 Wolf, said the Village has a unique opportunity to preserve Timber Trails as open space.

EXPLANATION OF OMNIBUS VOTING PROCEDURE

President Rodeghier stated the Illinois State Statutes allow a municipality to collectively vote on a group of ordinances, resolutions, and other motions, such as awards of contract, appointments, etc. This is known as an omnibus vote. All the items contained on the omnibus vote list have been previously discussed by the President and Board of Trustees on at least one occasion, and often on several occasions. By placing them on the omnibus vote list, a single vote may be taken to approve them. Prior to the omnibus vote, a Trustee may remove any item from the list and have it discussed and voted on separately.

CONSIDERATION OF AN OMNIBUS VOTE (Trustee Lyons)

MOTION:

Trustee Lyons moved that the following ordinances, resolutions and motions as contained on the meeting agenda for March 26, 2012, be adopted and/or approved under an omnibus vote:

AGENDA ITEM NO. 1- APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF MARCH 12, 2012 AS READ

AGENDA ITEM NO. 2 – ORDINANCE NO. 12-2665 AMENDING THE WESTERN SPRINGS MUNICIPAL CODE OF 1997, TITLE 5: POLICE REGULATIONS; CHAPTER 2: ANIMALS RELATIVE TO THE REGULATION OF ANIMALS AND ELECTRIC OR ELECTRONIC PET CONTAINMENT SYSTEMS

AGENDA ITEM NO. 3 – ORDINANCE NO. 12-2666 AMENDING THE WESTERN SPRINGS MUNICIPAL CODE OF 1997, TITLE 5: PUBLIC HEALTH AND SAFETY; CHAPTER 1: NUISANCES; SECTION 1: NUISANCES ENUMERATED; AND TITLE 6: POLICE REGULATIONS TO ADD A NEW CHAPTER 7: RULES OF CONDUCT FOR VILLAGE BUILDINGS AND LANDS

AGENDA ITEM NO. 4 – ORDINANCE NO. 12-2667 AUTHORIZING THE DISPOSAL OF SURPLUS PERSONAL PROPERTY OWNED BY THE VILLAGE OF WESTERN SPRINGS (Three Vehicles: One 2004 Ford Expedition and one 1999 GMC Hook Lift Diesel Truck from the Department of Municipal Services and One 2004 Ford Expedition from the Department of Fire & EMS)

AGENDA ITEM NO. 5 – ORDINANCE NO. 12-2668 AMENDING TITLE 4: LIQUOR CONTROL; CHAPTER 1: ALCOHOLIC LIQUOR; SECTION 4-1-10A (9) OF THE WESTERN SPRINGS VILLAGE CODE OF 1997, AS AMENDED, RELATIVE TO THE CREATION OF A CLASS “I” (SPECIAL EVENTS ON PROPERTY OWNED OR LEASED BY A NOT-FOR-PROFIT ORGANIZATION) LIQUOR LICENSE WHICH CAN BE ISSUED IN THE VILLAGE OF WESTERN SPRINGS, COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS (2012 ADA DIABETES SUMMER CAMP PROGRAM FUNDRAISING SPECIAL EVENT AT 4384 HAMPTON AVENUE BY THE THEATRE OF WESTERN SPRINGS AND THE AMERICAN DIABETES ASSOCIATION, ILLINOIS)

AGENDA ITEM NO. 6 – ORDINANCE NO. 12-2669 AMENDING TITLE 4: LIQUOR CONTROL; CHAPTER 1: ALCOHOLIC LIQUOR; SECTION 4-1-10A(9) OF THE WESTERN SPRINGS VILLAGE CODE OF 1997, AS AMENDED, RELATIVE TO THE CREATION OF A CLASS “I” (SPECIAL EVENTS ON PROPERTY OWNED OR LEASED BY A NOT-FOR-PROFIT ORGANIZATION) LIQUOR LICENSE WHICH CAN BE ISSUED IN THE VILLAGE OF WESTERN SPRINGS, COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS (LAUGH FOR LITERACY 2012 SPECIAL EVENT AT 4384 HAMPTON AVENUE BY THE THEATRE OF WESTERN SPRINGS AND THE CONGREGATION OF ST. JOSEPH OF LA GRANGE PARK)

AGENDA ITEM NO. 7 – RESOLUTION 12-2178 APPROVING THE ISSUANCE OF A RAFFLE LICENSE UNDER TITLE 3 (BUSINESS REGULATIONS), CHAPTER 12 (CHARITABLE GAMES, RAFFLES, BINGO AND OTHER GAMES OF CHANCE REGULATIONS) SECTION 3-12-3 (RAFFLES) OF THE WESTERN SPRINGS MUNICIPAL CODE OF 1997, AS AMENDED, FOR APPLICANT CONGREGATION OF ST. JOSEPH WITH A LICENSE FEE WAIVER AND BOND WAIVER

AGENDA ITEM NO. 8 - MOTION TO WAIVE THE COMPETITIVE BIDDING PROCESS AND AWARD A CONTRACT TO PRAIRIE ARCHWAY INTERNATIONAL TRUCKS OF SPRINGFIELD, IL UNDER THE STATE PURCHASING PROGRAM FOR A 2012 INTERNATIONAL 4X6 DUMP TRUCK IN THE AMOUNT OF \$117,843.75

The motion was seconded by Trustee Hansen.

The motion passed on a roll call vote. Voting aye: Trustees Hansen, Horvath, Lyons, Tymick, Word, Glowiak and President Rodeghier. Voting nay: none.

REPORTS

9) MONTHLY FINANCIAL REPORT – FEBRUARY 2012 (Horvath)

The February monthly report on a cash basis was presented for the Board's review. Trustee Horvath thanked Director Turi for providing a recap of all funds, a list of cash and investments, a check register and the 13th period check register for February. The month ended with a small deficit due to timing of revenue receipts against the fund's expenditures. Revenue receipts in February are on target with utility taxes and photo enforcement slightly higher than budgeted. The fund's expenditures include \$233,353 in encumbrances which will be paid in the future. A couple of those items are Forestry with respect to the replacement of ash trees infected with the emerald ash borer and an accrual for the financial audit of 2011 which is underway.

In the General Fund Report, the actual year-to-date shows a deficit of approximately \$162,000, but the projected budget deficit was anticipating a deficit of \$334,000, so that is a plus. This is normal for this time of year. In the Water/Sewer Fund, the budgeted cost of the water plant is \$8,352,000. The Village has totally encumbered the balance that we anticipate to incur in the rest of 2012. Director Turi said the loan process with the IEPA is working well. We are on target with disbursements.

The cash disbursements this month were \$540,000 more in February than in January. The main reason is the IRMA contribution which is an annual fee for liability insurance. It totaled approximately \$320,000. Also, health insurance rates were not finalized until January. So in February we had a little bit of a double up. The 13th period check register shows \$771,000 in expenditures, not necessarily expenses, made in January and February that relate to 2011. One is payment of \$475,000 to J. J. Henderson for reverse osmosis and the electrical upgrade in the Village buildings for \$145,000. This doesn't tell the whole story because most of the upgrade was paid for by grants, but this just shows the expenditures.

President Rodeghier asked if the receipts from the State of Illinois were still lagging. Director Turi said they are still months behind and it is inconsistent on how they disburse their dollars. Mr. Higgins said they have been prompt on their payment to the water plant.

MOTION:

Trustee Horvath moved, seconded by Tymick, to approve the February monthly financial report. The motion passed on a roll call vote. Voting aye: Trustees Horvath, Lyons, Tymick, Word, Glowiak, and Hansen. Voting nay: none.

Trustee Horvath will report on the Finance Committee meeting at the next meeting but he asked for a report from Director Turi concerning vehicle stickers. She reminded the residents that vehicle stickers

are due on cars by April 2nd. The Village sent out about 10,000 applications. About 60% have been sold. The Village will have Saturday hours this weekend. You can also purchase stickers on line.

6) VILLAGE PRESIDENT RODEGHIER

President Rodeghier attended a meeting concerning the Emerald Ash Borer sponsored by the Metropolitan Mayors Caucus. He reported it is a disastrous disease for trees, but it can be managed. It probably is only buying time until the tree dies, but there is a treatment. The key is to have a plan of attack because it could be a financial burden for the Village. Matt Supert said it was confirmed in August of 2011 that the emerald ash borer was found in trees in the Village. He is working on a plan and is preparing a brochure concerning the issue to be sent to every resident, giving information on what to do and how the Village will respond. He relayed a story told by the mayor of Fort Wayne, Indiana where they responded to the loss of elm trees by replacing them with ash. Whole subdivisions have lost all their trees, which lowers property values and increases energy bills during the summer. Some municipalities have removed all the ash trees. Village Manager Higgins stated a survey of all trees was done in the fall and the condition of the ash trees was noted. There is a line item in the budget for tree replacement, but he would like to extend the losses over a 7 to 10 year period. Mr. Higgins urged residents to look at the brochure and treat their own trees.

President Rodeghier, Manager Higgins, Trustees Horvath, Lyons and Glowiak are going to Springfield on Wednesday to talk to legislators about issues affecting municipalities.

7) VILLAGE MANAGER HIGGINS

No report.

8) VILLAGE ATTORNEY JURUSIK

No report.

ADJOURN

With no further business to come before the Board, President Rodeghier asked for a motion to adjourn.

MOTION:

Trustee Lyons moved, seconded by Glowiak, to adjourn the meeting. The motion passed on a unanimous voice vote.

The meeting adjourned at 7:54 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Jeanine M. Jasica
Village Clerk