

MINUTES OF THE WORKSHOP MEETING OF THE VILLAGE OF WESTERN
SPRINGS PRESIDENT AND BOARD OF TRUSTEES
Monday, September 10, 2012

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

Board Members Present

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

Others Present

Patrick Higgins, Village Manager
Ingrid Velkme, Director of Administrative
Services
Grace Turi, Director of Finance
Pam Church, Director of Law
Enforcement
Matthew Supert, Director
Municipal Services
Patrick Kenny, Director Fire & EMS
Tracy Alden, Director of Recreation
Martin Scott, Director of Community Dev.
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.

CITIZENS COMMENTS

LouAnn Grabowski, 5716 Franklin Avenue, LaGrange Highlands, requested that the Board pay attention to whether or not the developer completes an NFR (No Further Remediation) for the entire Timber Trails site. President Rodeghier said he would report later in the meeting regarding the sale of the Timber Trails site.

CONSIDERATION OF AGENDA ITEMS

1) PUBLIC WORKS AND WATER - TRUSTEE GLOWIAK

A) Reverse Osmosis (RO) Status Update

Trustee Glowiak said the conversion to the new transformer at the water plant on September 5 went smoothly with no problems. The Public Works and Water Committee recommended that the Board approve some change orders which total \$24,703.31. The detail of each change order and cost estimate was included in the Board packet including:

- COR #20 – Asbestos Abatement 1st Floor - \$7,497.00
- COR #21 – Additional Railing in Raw Water Room - \$4,203.20
- COR #22 – Deteriorated Roof Planks - \$6,053.95
- COR #23 – Membrane Room Structural Steel Additions - \$3,289.86
- COR #24 – Acoustical Ceiling - \$3,659.30
- COR #25 – Trench Drain Credit (\$1,490.40)
- COR #26 – Membrane Room Parapet Wall Wood Blocking - \$2,065.40

Director Supert will provide the final cost figure for these change orders, which will not exceed \$24,703.31, prior to the September 24 Board meeting. The resolution providing Board approval will be finalized and this item was added to the September 24, 2012.

The Amiad equipment was scheduled for set-up in mid-October which will remove the iron from the water. The committee plans to continue to study the level of additional fluoride added to the water in the October and November timeframe as well as once the plant is on-line and some raw water mix numbers are available.

B) Woodland Avenue Construction

The Woodland Avenue roadway construction is progressing well and may be completed a little earlier in October rather than by Thanksgiving if the weather continues to cooperate. The pedestrian crossing at Woodland and Ogden Avenue was scheduled to be repaired in the next few weeks. The Village had not yet heard from IDOT on the Village's request for them to take a look at the crossing.

2) PROPERTIES AND RECREATION - TRUSTEE HANSEN

A) Tower Green Stairs Project

Trustee Hansen reported that the Tower Green stairs project start date was expected to be a little later in September.

B) Spring Rock Park AT&T Cell Lease Renewal

AT&T (Cingular Wireless/Cellone Wireless) requested a five year extension to the lease for cell equipment located at Spring Rock Park on the water tower. This lease extension is outlined in the current contract and would extend the existing lease agreement for an additional five years at a new base rate of \$31,500 annually, plus the additional amount for any amendments that have been provided for LTE upgrades. This is the last five year renewal term provided for under the contract previously executed by the Village with AT&T.

3) GENERAL GOVERNMENT – TRUSTEE LYONS

- A) The General Government Committee met on September 5 but there were no items to report.

4) FINANCE – TRUSTEE HORVATH

- A) Fire Pension Fund Update

Trustee Horvath said a third quarter pension fund review would take place in early November.

- B) Police Pension Fund Update

Trustee Horvath said a third quarter review of this fund would be conducted in October.

5) PLANNING AND ZONING - TRUSTEE TYMICK

- A) Trustee Tymick notified the public of an upcoming Board of Zoning Appeals Meeting, on Tuesday, September 11, at 7 pm, to review a request for a zoning adjustment to rebuild a garage that burnt down.

6) PUBLIC HEALTH AND SAFETY - TRUSTEE WORD

- A) Stop Sign Ordinance Amendment – Rose Avenue at Maple Street

Trustee Word reported that in June 2012 the Board passed Ordinance 12-2687 to allow stop signs on the corner of Rose Avenue at Maple. The ordinance needed to be amended to correctly list north and southbound traffic rather than east and westbound traffic. The signs are installed as intended but the ordinance needs to be corrected. The amended ordinance was added to the omnibus voting list for September 24.

- B) Request to Declare Surplus Property – 2005 Jeep – DLES

The Public Health and Safety Committee requested permission to declare one 2005 Jeep vehicle currently owned by the Village as a surplus item. The estimated value of the vehicle is \$5,000.00. This vehicle was recently awarded to the Police Department. This vehicle was seized by the department on June 14, 2009 in accordance with Article 36 of the Illinois Compiled Statutes and has been in storage for three years. The vehicle will be declared as surplus and sold at auction. The disposal ordinance was added to the omnibus voting list for September 24.

C) West Suburban Public Safety Dispatch Consolidation Study

Trustee Word reported that the Public Safety Dispatch Consolidation Study Group with representatives from the Village of LaGrange, LaGrange Park and Western Springs developed a vendor evaluation approach to develop and distribute a request for proposal from vendors. The objective is to study the feasibility of combining emergency dispatch responsibilities either through a regional service provider or through an intergovernmental agreement between the three members. The consolidation study group reviewed vendor proposals and have selected AECOM as the preferred project vendor to further study consolidation of dispatch functions for the three villages. AECOM's proposal calls for a study fee of \$74,982, the cost of which each of the three villages would pay one third.

President Rodeghier said that last year the Metropolitan Mayors Caucus did a study and offered an incentive for villages to look at consolidation of services. The Village decided early on to take advantage of this incentive and President Rodeghier met with the presidents of the Village of LaGrange and LaGrange Park and solicited their support to sign on to this study to explore whether consolidation of dispatch was something that was feasible. Several meetings have occurred since that time. It makes sense to look at this possibility since revenues are declining and expenses are going up. The Village is looking at this possibility in an effort to control costs. AECOM was selected based on their experience, their presentation, and their track record in consolidation studies. At the end of the study, the three villages will be presented with a roadmap on how to do this. Cost comparisons of all elements will be addressed. The village presidents of LaGrange and LaGrange Park were also presenting a recommendation to their respective boards to approve the AECOM study fee and move forward with the Public Safety Dispatch Consolidation Study to develop more detailed recommendations, costs and benefits. A motion approving the Village of Western Springs portion of the study cost in the amount of \$25,000 was added to the omnibus voting list for September 24, 2012.

D) West Nile Virus Press Release

Trustee Word shared a flyer with suggestions on how to avoid the West Nile virus provided by the Cook County Health Hospitals System provided to the committee

by Chief Kenny. This information was provided to the local newspapers and was posted on the Village's website.

OTHER BUSINESS

REPORTS

7) VILLAGE PRESIDENT RODEGHIER

A) Timber Trails Sale

President Rodeghier reported that the Timber Trails land that had been acquired by a holding company of PNC Bank through a foreclosure sale had been sold to Medley Capital which is a New York investment firm on August 31, 2012. The Village received an email which said Medley Capital intended to engage a construction contractor and of the ones they had interviewed, they selected Dartmoor Homes who was the former contractor at the site. No one has requested that the Board or the Village do anything about what is in place. The intentions of the owner are not known at this time but a construction contractor has been engaged.

Manager Higgins reported that he did speak with a Dartmoor representative that day and he was scheduled to meet with them on September 11. Dartmoor did inform him that they had organized another LLC named Timber Trails Development Corporation that is going to manage the property and they are planning to market the existing 16 vacant units as soon as possible. They will be selling property and their intention is to stick with the same architectural units that they were marketing before and the same land plan for both phase one and phase two.

B) October Workshop Meeting Schedule Change

President Rodeghier said staff requested to move the October workshop meeting to October 1, 2012, as several staff members were unavailable on October 8. With no objection from the Board members, the Board workshop meeting was moved to October 1.

8) MANAGER HIGGINS

No report.

9) VILLAGE ATTORNEY JURUSIK

No report.

10) VILLAGE CLERK JASICA

Clerk Jasica reminded residents to register to vote for the November 6 election if they haven't already. National Voter Registration Day is September 25. Voters have until October 9 to register and then there is a grace period. Check the County Clerk's website for more details. Early voting starts October 22. Early voting locations are listed on the Clerk's website www.cookcountyclerk.com.

ADDITIONAL CITIZENS COMMENTS

Mr. Paul Karas, 4033 Grove, said he heard President Rodeghier mention that Dartmoor is the proposed constructor at Timber Trails. He said he had a variety of concerns with Dartmoor and that someone needs to do due diligence.

Ms. Ellen Raymond of Burr Ridge asked if Dartmoor planned to be in the voluntary plan for further remediation. President Rodeghier said he did not know.

ADJOURN

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

MOTION:

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

The meeting adjourned at 7:34 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Jeanine Jasica
Village Clerk