

VILLAGE OF EAGLE REGULAR BOARD MEETING
“UNAPPROVED” MINUTES – MARCH 13, 2008

President Spurrell called the monthly meeting of the Eagle Village Board to order at 7:30 p.m. The Clerk confirmed Open Meeting Law requirements. Roll was taken: B. Spurrell, Scheff, Kussmann, Salmela, Thomas, Couch, and R. Spurrell – all present. Trustee Scheff led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Minutes of the February 14th regular meeting and the special meeting of March 5th were reviewed. Trustee Couch received confirmation from Trustee Kussmann, under the February 14th library report, that the expansion plans and issues are indeed very much alive and important. Moved by Couch, seconded by Scheff to approve both sets of minutes as submitted. Motion carried unanimously.

Moved by Salmela to approve the monthly treasurer’s report including the March regular disbursements, Ck. #'s 12848 – 12881. Kussmann seconded motion. All in favor.

Citizen Comments:

Russ Ehlers, 305 Hawthorne, expressed an increased interest in the possible round-about and encouraged Board members to take advantage of an available grant.

Jim Frisch, 817 Sutton, referring to Agenda #11, consideration of impact fees for Senior Housing Apartments, suggested that a public hearing be held for input from residents.

Pam Meyers, Waukesha County Supervisor, commented that she is still researching the Amendment to the County Highway Map, but is unsure where the Village stands on record. Once a more definitive answer is obtained, she will return back to the Board.

Announcements:

President Spurrell read correspondence received from the Oak Ridge Cemetery Association thanking the Village Board members for the memorial honoring Don Jones, past Village Board President.

Trustee Couch questioned an outstanding debt to the Village for a development project; the issue should be referred to the appropriate committee for action. President Spurrell remarked that he is still pursuing which fees can be collected.

Police Chief Ehlers has obtained a new reporting system at no cost, stating that various reports will now be available. He reported that for 3rd shift, the trend indicates that there is 1 police investigation every 2.6 hours. He will continue to present this type of data and other reports in written version to the Board.

Fire Chief Heim reported that they have had 35 opportunities thus far and \$10,000 was used to purchase additional equipment. At the direction of Trustee Couch, Heim will pursue testing of the siren system.

Discussion followed regarding the transfer of funds for equipment and building modifications to the fire station. Chief Heim presented a hit list of expenditures for slight

additions and remodeling. The renovation would include building a secure storage room in the basement, renovating the “vault” and EMS supply room, purchase of new furniture for his office, and the purchase of new tables and chairs. The total project cost is an estimated \$8,231.81. The money, if approved, would be taken out of the ambulance savings account with no expense to the taxpayer. He stated that according to projections, a new ambulance would not need to be purchased until the year 2017. President Spurrell indicated that because this is a non-budgeted item, Village and Town approval is required. Moved by Salmela to approve the transfer of the funds to cover the renovation, from the ambulance savings account to the fire station account. B. Spurrell seconded. Following a brief discussion, the motion carried unanimously.

Planning Commission:

Moved by Couch, seconded by Salmela to approve the CSM as submitted by Circle CZ Plaza LLC for properties located on Jacob Lane in the Town of Eagle (extra-territorial). All in favor.

President Spurrell reported that at the public hearing held prior to the Board meeting, several objections were expressed toward the rezoning petition, (B-1 Central Business to RD-1 (Two-Family Residential), filed by Rob Chapman for property located at the corner of Partridge and Wisconsin Street. Concerns included build ability due to soil contamination and run-off. Those in attendance at the hearing would be in favor of a 1-family dwelling, but not a 2-family. Trustee Salmela questioned the lot size required for RD-1 zoning; 24,000 sq. feet. It was noted that the lot does not meet this requirement and questioned why the Planning Commission recommended approval. President Spurrell stated that the Commission looked at the zoning aspect but did overlook the lot size requirement. They felt a 2-family dwelling would serve as a buffer between the business and residential districts. Mr. Chapman asked for suggestions as to how he should proceed. Suggestions included taking advantage of on-going meetings for ideas and possibilities, leave the existing B-1 zoning, and Smart Growth. Moved by Salmela to deny the rezoning petition. Thomas seconded. Motion carried; all in favor. The Board will continue to work with Mr. Chapman for possible use of the property.

The multi-use Trail Easement and Storm Water Maintenance Agreement for Fox Chase East were reviewed. President Spurrell noted that these related documents were included with the Developer’s Agreement that was approved on October 11, 2007, however, according to Village Attorney Reilly, the minutes did not specifically indicate same. Also, in a memo received from Reilly, the developer had requested a change in the recreational trail easement exhibit; “The subdivision’s Homeowners Association and future lot owners within Fox Chase East shall not be responsible for snow removal of the hard surfaced portion of the Recreational Trail”. Trustee Kussmann remarked that this is very premature, as far as no one is responsible for shoveling; eventually someone will be responsible. After discussion, moved by President Spurrell to approve the Grant of Easement, striking the added verbiage (approve as originally presented and included with the Developer’s Agreement) and the Storm Water Management Practice and Maintenance Agreement. Couch seconded. Motion carried; all in favor.

Elaine Ledrowski, Curator/Director of the Eagle Historical Society, explained to the Board their intention to improve the lighting in the building by removing ceiling tiles, exposing existing beams, and installing track lighting. The money will come from their fundraisers. Trustee Kussmann remarked that the structure is of architectural and historical significance and suggested various kinds and ways of preservation. Moved by Scheff, seconded by Salmela to proceed with the refurbishing of the lighting. Under discussion, President Spurrell included the incorporation of Kussmann's idea; preserving the architecture of the building. So moved and seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

Regarding impact fees for the Senior Housing Apartments and consideration of waiving, President Spurrell stated that Bielinski continues to look at a cost effective plan. He has spoken with Cal, the assessor, regarding a tax base; approximately \$30,000 - \$35,000, maybe \$40,000 - \$45,000 that the structure would generate. Discussion followed. Trustee Kussmann remarked that with the increase in senior population, other programs and services will also increase; e.g. park and rec, emergency, etc. If the Village does not collect the impact fees imposed on the senior housing project, the money will have to come from elsewhere; he is opposed to waiving the impact fees. Trustee Couch remarked that while he disliked the statement made by Brian Depies from Bielinski who indicated that the project could be scrapped if the fees were not waived, perhaps consideration should be taken toward a partial waiver, to avoid the possibility of losing both, the apartments and a grocery store. Kussmann stated that Bielinski needs to be approached; what does the Village need to do. President Spurrell then remarked that the senior housing will help retail and vice-versa, whatever comes first. He continued by stating that both the police department and library are in need of the impact fees; possibility of waiving the water impact fee. To that, Kussmann stated that water volume is not the issue, but water quality. Also, what happens when retailer #2 and #3 come in; are those fees going to be waived as well. Trustee Couch remarked that impact fees are often used as a concession, a tool. Trustee Thomas requested clarification regarding the possibility of deferring payment. After further discussion, President Spurrell stated he would contact Harry and/or Frank Bielinski and set up a meeting with the Development Assistance Committee.

Committee Reports/Action Items:

Streets & Sidewalks – In view of the harsh winter, Trustee Kussmann stated that various Village residents who are responsible for shoveling their sidewalks contacted him regarding the difficulty of keeping their sidewalks clear. He thinks that perhaps there is possible reasonableness in the Village assisting these people who are trying to do the right thing; there might be some merit where the resident(s) purchase e.g. a 20-gallon bucket and the Village would provide the salt/sand. He then moved that this idea be referred to the Street Committee. Scheff seconded. Motion carried on a 6-1 vote, with Couch being opposed.

Chairman Couch reported he would be delaying the sidewalk replacement project along Hwy 59 (from St. Theresa's to Juedes' property) until he learns more about what the DOT has planned for in that area and also the downtown area. Discussion followed regarding the edge of the existing sidewalk. Couch will follow thru for possible solutions.

Joint Park & Rec – President Spurrell stated he had a message for the Village's representative, Trustee Salmela. He was reading the Palmyra Enterprise about the programs coming up. He then put the disclaimer out, that there are some good programs and a lot of benefits for it, however he cannot keep quiet about some of his dissatisfaction. This is not to say park & rec is not doing their job. He wanted to relay his concerns to not just our Village representative, but to the committee as a whole. The Building Committee has talked earlier about the usage of the community room. Spurrell stated that he did express his concern to Don Malek, Town committee member about the cleanliness of the room and that there was a bit of displeasure because a letter was sent out indicating that everyone participating help in cleaning up after themselves. There was a note left on Election Day from the Park & Rec indicating that a mess was made from whoever used the room earlier, and she was not cleaning it up. Spurrell reinforced the idea of working together; there are numerous groups using this room. Also, there was time over a weekend that soccer balls were left all over, when other programs were using the room. He emphasized the need to be considerate of others. Getting back to the Enterprise, Spurrell indicated that he was flabbergasted by some of the fees and would have a hard time justifying what he read as fees, if any resident would ask; e.g. Weight-Loss Walking Club - \$55.00 resident; \$65.00 non-resident. What equipment is being used, if any and what will happen when soccer, baseball etc. start up that require purchase of the necessary equipment in order to keep the program running. There are some expenses that need to be made, however he has a hard time justifying some of them. Also he does not want to see park & rec go from a community program to a moneymaker. Discussion followed regarding paid leaders, volunteers, the selection process etc. Spurrell also commented on an activity called "Messy Hands" that includes the statement "wear clothes that moms won't care if they get dirty"; this event is here in this building and being advertised; we have issues with people cleaning up after themselves and we're advertising to be ready to get messy. He mentioned that baton twirling was another program to be held in this building, again program selection. He feels that the programs being offered, where they're being held and how much they are costing needs to be looked at. For the record, he stated fees need to be reasonable. He relayed to the Village representative, Salmela – "please take back to the committee a concern of mine".

Development Assistance –Trustee Couch reported that there are approximately three (3) developers who have shown an interest in the commercial project – a grocery store. He has met with developers, the owner of the property, learned of banking possibilities and options, possibility of putting in the infrastructure to entice any developer to put in their particular project and funding grants available. In his opinion, it

is important to coordinate this project with the senior housing to keep both projects going.

Trustee Kussmann with input from the rest of the committee prepared a simple 10-question public survey to be distributed to all residents via their water bills, to find out how they rank the priority of a grocery store. Surveys will also be made available in the Clerk's office. Questions include the type of store, waiving of fees, whether they would stop there, how much would you like to be involved in the project, etc. A comment section follows each question. Following a brief discussion it was decided the committee and any other interested parties will meet on Tuesday, March 18th for a grant writing workshop. President Spurrell then clarified a minor wording revision in the survey and it was determined that the surveys will be due back by April 30th. Moved by Couch to approve the survey for distribution and mailing. Kussmann seconded. Motion carried, all in favor.

Smart Growth – Trustee Scheff reported that at their last meeting, the committee in working with the nine (9) phases of Smart Growth have finalized phase 1, will be finalizing phase 2 and starting phase 3 at next month's meeting. On the downside, he stated that attendance has dwindled. He did indicate however that if anyone is interested in keeping informed, a link will be provided on the Village website.

On the topic of the website, Trustee Thomas reported that originally the Board had talked about using the server of the police department at no cost; this is no longer a viable option. He suggested purchasing a server at the cost of \$6.95 per month. After doing some research regarding a domain name, the Village can purchase a dot.gov name, e.g. eaglewi.gov. at a cost of \$125.00 per year. The .gov domain would also be much easier for individuals to remember. President Spurrell stated that the expense could be taken from the unclassified account. Moved by Couch, seconded by Salmela to approve the expenditures as indicated. Motion carried; all in favor.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 10.01 p.m. on a B. Spurrell/Scheff motion, carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Shirley Mealy
Village Clerk