

VILLAGE BOARD MEETING – September 20, 2010

Village President Jeff Flaws called the Regular Village Board meeting to order at 7:02 p.m.

Members Present: Jeff Flaws, David Lang, Eugene Mayernick and Ken Mace

Excused: Lyle Orwig, Wolf Hemschik and Tom Hardin

Also Present: Clerk Tamez; Chief Jezak; Sharon and Robert Schmidt, 1025 Criglas Road; Thomas Soika, 942 Severn Road; Al Retzer, 1007 Criglas Road; Richard and Charmaine Horace, 1010 Severn Road; Rod Radzinski, 927 Criglas Road; Michael Proulx, 943 Criglas Road; Gene Szymaszek, 915 Severn Road and Michael Payant from Crispell-Snyder, Inc.

Clerk Tamez noted that proper notice of this meeting had been posted in accordance with the open meeting laws of the State of Wisconsin.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

No public comments were received.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

On a motion by Trustee Mace, second by Trustee Lang, Board members approved the Village Board minutes of the September 7, 2010, meeting as amended to include “a small engine for a portable water pump” under the approval for financing for fire engine and related equipment and waived reading thereof.

FIRE CHIEF MONTHLY UPDATE

Chief Jezak presented his monthly report. There were 29 calls for August 2010. Total runs for 2010—221. There were 4 fire calls (3 in the Village, 1 in Genesee), 3 motor vehicle accidents (none in the Village, 3 in Genesee), 16 EMS calls (9 in the Village, 7 in Genesee) and 5 mutual aid calls given and 2 mutual aid call received.

Chief discussed various issues including the invoice for the new fire engine, the plan to replace current pagers that will not work with the new narrow banding system and current staffing numbers.

PRESENTATION BY CRISPELL SNYDER CIVIL ENGINEERS

Michael Payant from Crispell-Snyder, Inc., appeared before the Board to make a presentation on his firm. The presentation included information on the company’s history, employees, technology and references. The Board thanked him for coming and presenting alternative solutions and ideas to the Village. Information on the company will be retained in the Clerk’s office.

ADOPTION OF FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT PLAN FOR THE VILLAGE OF WALES

Motion by Trustee Lang to approve the Financial Management plan including the Debt Management, Fund Balance and Investment policies for the Village of Wales as prepared by Ehlers and Associates, second by Trustee Mace, passed.

Trustee Lang and President Flaws thanked the Board members, Todd Taves from Ehlers and the office staff for helping to complete the project. The plan will be revisited annually to keep it up to date.

DISCUSSION: WASTE AND RECYCLABLES CONTRACT WITH VEOLIA ES SOLID WASTE

The Clerk has been in contact with Veolia to discuss the Village's waste and recyclables contract. Background on this agenda item: Waukesha County started to negotiate a countywide contract with Veolia about 4 years ago. The County, Veolia and various attorneys came up with a contract that was so involved that it was rejected by most of the participating communities and those communities have been doing a scaled-down smaller version better suited for each of their community's needs. The Clerk will be talking to Waukesha County and Veolia to discuss which option is better for the Village.

WATER DRAINAGE ISSUES—RESIDENTS ALONG CRIGLAS AND SEVERN ROADS

Charmaine Horace, 1010 Severn Road, along with a number of other residents, addressed the Board regarding the water drainage issues they are having in their subdivision. Charmaine's main concerns are about groundwater and how it is entering her home. Charmaine stated she has had water problems ever since she and her husband purchased the home. She presented a report she had done in 1993 by an engineering firm to help explain her situation. She stated that the ditches the Village fixed back then are not working and the Village should have waited for her engineer's report before working on them. Charmaine also stated that all the groundwater from west of Hwy 83 ends up draining by her home, because that is the natural drainage pattern that has been occurring for hundreds of thousands of years. She would like the Village to do something to change the pattern. After discussion involving Charmaine's problem, a number of neighbors addressed the Board regarding their water concerns. Pictures and drainage maps of the area were submitted and the Board reviewed the problem. One of the issues in the area seems to be the inability to move the surface water quickly and properly. The Board thanked the residents for bringing the matter to its attention and the Village Engineer will be contacted immediately to discuss remedies to the problem. Charmaine said it was not enough to move the surface water quicker, the Board needed to address the groundwater issue. President Flaws stated that the Village can help fix the drainage of surface water, but there is nothing it can do to redirect the natural flow of groundwater. The Board will keep the residents apprised of its progress in dealing with the surface water drainage issues.

BILLS APPROVED FOR PAYMENT

Bills submitted for 2010 expenses were approved on a motion by Trustee Lang second by Trustee Mace, passed.

Correspondence and miscellaneous files were submitted.

ADJOURNMENT

The Board adjourned at 9:24 p.m. on a motion by Trustee Mace, second by Trustee Mayernick, passed.

Submitted by:
Gail E. Tamez, Clerk