

VILLAGE BOARD MEETING – March 19, 2012

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

Members Present: Jeffery Flaws, David Lang, Eugene Mayernick, Ken Mace, Risa Kuhlman and Wolfgang Hemschik

Also Present: Clerk Tamez; Fire Chief Jim Moon; and Tom Stelzer, Strand Associates.

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

Tom Stelzer from Strand Associates addressed the Board regarding the engineering services Strand offers. He passed out informational packets and discussed communities they work for and the services they provide them. The Board thanked him for coming and told him they would keep his firm in mind.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

On a motion by Trustee Mace, second by Trustee Mayernick, Board members approved the Village Board minutes of the March 5, 2012, meeting and waived reading of same. Trustee Hemschik abstained.

FIRE CHIEF MONTHLY UPDATE

Chief Moon presented his monthly report. There were 21 calls for February 2012. Total runs for 2012—50. There were no fire calls, 4 motor vehicle accidents (2 in the Village, 2 in Genesee), 8 EMS calls (5 in the Village, 3 in Genesee) and 9 mutual aid calls given.

President Flaws thanked Chief Moon and the department members for their recent assistance and complimented them on their professionalism.

CERTIFIED SURVEY MAP FOR WELSH/WHITMORE - CONCEPTUAL

The Board reviewed a conceptual Certified Survey Map (CSM) for the Welsh/Whitmore properties located on Boettcher Road. President Flaws explained that the owners of the Welsh property located in the Village wanted to split in half a 100 ft. strip of land adjacent to the Whitmore property, detaching 50 ft. and attaching it to the Whitmore property in the Town of Genesee while retaining the other half. The Board by consensus had no objection to the conceptual CSM and the change it would make to the Village's Corporate Boundary. The owners can proceed with the detachment and attachment process at their own expense.

REFINANCING OPTIONS FOR EXISTING FIRE DEPARTMENT LOAN

Trustee Lang reviewed with the Board information received from Ehlers and Associates. The Bond for the fire department building is callable in February 2013 and with interest rates at an all-time low, it would be a good time to refinance the debt. Ehlers offered three scenarios. The Board determined that scenario two would be the best option.

Scenario Two: A current refunding of 2003 Building Bonds. \$1,200,000 in new bonds would be sold in October, with the Village holding the proceeds until February 1, 2013,

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at which time those dollars would be used to pay off the 2003 Bonds in their entirety. This is called a “current” refunding since the new bond proceeds would be received less than 90 days prior to the call date of the existing bonds. If interest rates remain stable, this option produces estimated savings of \$126,000 over the life of the loan. A current refunding is a more cost-effective as it does not have the negative arbitrage associated with funding an escrow account as required by another option, and the costs of issuance are less.

Motion by Trustee Lang to refinance current debt for Wales/Genesee Joint Fire Department per Scenario Two as presented by Ehlers and Associates, second by Trustee Mayernick, passed. Information will be sent to Genesee on this issue to inform them of the change.

PAY INCREASE FOR ELECTED VILLAGE OFFICIALS

Trustee Mayernick discussed a cost of living increase and the current salaries of the Village President and Trustees. It has been seven years since an adjustment was made. A survey of elected officials pay was reviewed. Trustee Mace requested additional information be put in the file regarding comparable communities and the total amount of dollars dedicated to elected official’s pay as a reference. Motion by Trustee Lang to increase pay per noticed meeting for the Village President from \$110.00 to \$150.00 and trustees from \$70.00 to \$100.00, effective May 2012 for positions elected in April 2012; and effective in May 2013 for positions elected in April 2013, second by Trustee Mayernick, passed.

PROCLAMATION DECLARING APRIL 2012 AS FAIR HOUSING MONTH

In conjunction with our Community Development Block Grant requirements, a proclamation was drafted supporting April 2012 as Fair Housing Month. Motion by Trustee Henschik to approve the proclamation as drafted and declare April 2012 as Fair Housing Month, second by Trustee Mace, passed.

BILLS APPROVED FOR PAYMENT

Bills submitted for 2012 expenses were approved on a motion by Trustee Henschik, second by Trustee Kuhlman, passed.

Correspondence, Sheriff Department reports and miscellaneous files were submitted.

ADJOURNMENT

The Board adjourned at 8:16 p.m. on a motion by Trustee Mace, second by Trustee Kuhlman, passed.

Submitted by:
Gail E. Tamez, Clerk