

**VILLAGE OF FONTANA ON GENEVA LAKE**  
**WALWORTH COUNTY, WISCONSIN**  
(Official Minutes)

SPECIAL MEETING of the VILLAGE BOARD OF TRUSTEES

**Thursday, February 23, 2006**

President Howell called the special meeting of the Village Board to order at 5:30 pm in the Conference Room at the Village Hall, 175 Valley View Drive, Fontana, Wisconsin.

**Trustees present:** Roll call vote: Pollitt, Petersen, Bromfield, President Howell, O'Connell

**Trustees absent:** Turner, Larson

**Also present:** Village Administrator Kelly Hayden-Staggs, Library Director Nancy Krei, Village Clerk Dennis Martin, Police Chief Steven Olson, Don Roberts, Chris Schultz, Paul Sloth, Public Works Director Craig Workman

**General Business**

**Main Lift Station Referendum Question for April 4, 2006 Election**

Hayden-Staggs stated that in order to proceed with the construction on the new main lift pumping station in Reid Park, and have it completed by the end of June, the Village will need about \$700,000 in addition to the initially approved \$2.6 million. The delay in the initial construction schedule caused by the recently settled injunction and litigation has produced additional expenses for construction equipment leases. Also, in order to stay on schedule, the contractors will have to put its crews on overtime. Pollitt asked if an additional \$700,000 will be enough funds to cover all the construction expenses. Workman responded that the \$700,000 total has some contingency figured into the number, and it should be more than adequate.

Petersen/Bromfield 2<sup>nd</sup> made a MOTION to ratify the certified referendum question, "Shall the Village of Fontana on Geneva Lake be authorized to spend an additional \$700,000 on the Main Lift Station, located within Reid Park, to fund the increase in construction costs primarily due to litigation, time delays, and additional equipment expense?" The MOTION carried without negative vote.

**Resolution Adopting Newly Revised 2006 Launch Rates Following Review by DNR**

Hayden-Staggs stated that the launch rates approved in Resolutions 02-07-06-02 and 02-07-06-03 had to be amended following review by the Wisconsin DNR. The Village Board previously approved the Lakefront and Harbor Committee's recommendation to raise the rates of non-residents to the maximum level allowed by the DNR; however, the rates for the residents were not raised to the maximum level. The DNR review stated that the ratio between rates for residents and non-residents cannot be more than 150 percent. During discussion it was stated that the launch rates have not been increased in five years.

O'Connell/Pollitt 2<sup>nd</sup> made a MOTION to approve Resolutions 02-23-06-01 and 02-23-06-02, which set the daily launch rates at \$7.50, \$10.25, \$12.50 and \$14.75 for residents; at \$7.50, \$10.25, \$18.75 and \$22 for non-residents; and at \$700 and \$7 for commercial launches. The MOTION carried without negative vote.

**Geneva Lake Law Enforcement Agency**

President Howell stated that negotiations on amending the intergovernmental agreement for the operation of the GLLEA are at a standstill following the decision of the other three municipalities to drop out of the 1998 resolution. President Howell stated that he has been trying to lobby with the GLLEA Board of Directors to get them to amend the initial agreement and to establish some bylaws that encompass routine governmental procedures. One of the major concerns of the Village of Fontana has been the lack of a financial audit of the GLLEA, especially considering that this year's appropriation request totals more than \$40,000 of Village of Fontana taxpayer's money. President Howell stated that the other members of the GLLEA Board have been reluctant to consider any of

his proposals to establish routine government procedures and practices. Chief Olson stated that he agreed with President Whowell, and the other municipalities have the opinion about the current GLLEA operations and Board of Director practices that "it's always been this way, and if it's not broken, why fix it." President Whowell asked the Trustees if the Village of Fontana should approve its annual appropriation despite the lack of an IGA and the Board of Director's unwillingness to adopt standard procedures of open, responsible government. Pollitt asked if the Village Board should consider extending an olive branch to the GLLEA Board of Directors by approving the annual appropriation at this time and trying to negotiate organizational changes during the next year. Pollitt stated that some type of law enforcement is needed on the lake. President Whowell responded that since he has been unable to make any headway with the Board of Directors, maybe Pollitt could be appointed to serve as the Village of Fontana's representative on the GLLEA Board. Hayden-Staggs stated that there currently is not a uniform document approved to govern the GLLEA and its Board of Directors. Hayden-Staggs stated that the Village of Fontana could suggest at the next meeting of the GLLEA Board that Pollitt serve as the Village of Fontana's representative on the Board and see if the other three municipalities accept the proposal; however, there are no bylaws or resolution in place to govern the organization. President Whowell stated that he would be happy to serve as an advisor to the GLLEA Board and appoint Pollitt as the Village of Fontana's voting representative. Pollitt will attend the next meeting of the GLLEA Board on Wednesday, March 1, 2006, and if the Village of Fontana's proposal is favorably received, the Village Board will approve the appointment at its next meeting.

#### **Kovilic Pay Request**

Workman stated that the Village received the first pay request from Kovilic Construction Company, Inc., Franklin Park, IL, for work on the Main Lift Station in Reid Park. Workman stated that the \$225,625 payment request is for sheeting and shoring work, mobilization and shore control. Petersen/Bromfield 2<sup>nd</sup> made a MOTION to approve the pay request totaling \$225,625, and the MOTION carried without negative vote.

#### **Adjournment**

Bromfield/O'Connell 2<sup>nd</sup> made a MOTION to adjourn at 6:03 pm, and the MOTION carried without negative vote.

Minutes prepared by: Dennis L. Martin, Village Clerk

Note: These minutes are subject to further editing. Once approved by the Village Board the official minutes will be on file at the Village Hall.

APPROVED: 03/07/2006