

VILLAGE OF FONTANA ON GENEVA LAKE
Walworth County, WI

Lakefront and Harbor Committee
Tuesday, August 31, 2010

(Official Minutes)

The special meeting of the Lakefront and Harbor Committee was called to order at 4:30 pm on August 31, 2010 by Chairperson Micki O'Connell.

Roll Call: Trustee Micki O'Connell, Ed Snyder, Rick Pappas, Joel Bikowski, Lee Eakright

Absent: Steve Beers, Robert Chanson

Also Present: Administrator/Treasurer Kelly Hayden, Village Clerk Dennis Martin, Trustee Cindy Wilson

General Business

Subcommittee Discussion on Boat Trailer Parking on Village Streets Recommendation

Hayden stated that at the last subcommittee meeting the members were in consensus that an ordinance similar to ordinances adopted in Williams Bay and Lake Geneva should be recommended for the Village of Fontana. The Williams Bay and Lake Geneva ordinances prohibit the parking of boat trailers on designated streets in the municipalities. Hayden stated that Village Attorney Dale Thorpe has recommended that an ordinance state a specific amount of feet that an automobile cannot exceed to be parked on the street, in order for the ordinance to be defensible in court. Hayden stated that Thorpe recommended the not to exceed specific measurement language if an ordinance is adopted; however, Thorpe stated that the Village could adopt an ordinance similar to the Lake Geneva and Williams Bay ordinances, he just couldn't defend it if it is challenged in court. Following a discussion on how many feet to set the maximum in an ordinance prohibiting the parking of a vehicle and trailer combination, the committee members reached a consensus that the Village of Fontana should just adopt an ordinance that states no boat trailers may be parked on public streets whether they are attached to a vehicle or not. Trustee Wilson stated that the Village of Fontana should just copy the Lake Geneva ordinance and plug in the Village of Fontana streets. Once the ordinance is adopted, Wilson stated that signage can be erected to notify motorists of the prohibition. Bikowski stated that the Village decided to make the boat trailer parking lot smaller to make the area look nicer and to alleviate congestion. Bikowski stated that to accomplish these goals, boat trailer parking on the public streets needs to be prohibited. Eakright stated that enforcement is a related issue that needs to be considered by the Protection Committee. Eakright stated that this past season, there have been many occasions that an officer has been needed at the lakefront.

Snyder/Eakright 2nd made a MOTION to recommend the adoption of an ordinance that prohibits the parking of trailers, either connected or not connected to a vehicle, on all Village of Fontana public streets effective November 1, 2010. The MOTION carried without negative vote.

2011 Lakefront Fees and Expenses

O'Connell stated that the mooring lease fees and 2011 budget expenses were discussed at the last monthly meeting, and because of the long waiting list and the potential loss of revenue from the boat launch due to the proposed prohibition of boat trailer parking on Village streets, some of the members suggested significant increases in the mooring lease fees. O'Connell stated that in particular, the lease fee for the Village's 30 slips was suggested to be increased significantly, with 168 people registered on the waiting list. The current lease fees are \$2,096 for slips, \$826 for the Village's 27 buoys, \$509 for ramps for motorized watercrafts, and \$257 for ramps for non-

motorized watercrafts. Pappas stated that the Abbey Resort currently charges \$5,995 for its annual slip lease fee for small boats, and \$7,495 for large boats. Pappas stated that the lease fees for the Village slips should be increased toward market value. Pappas stated that the other lease fees also should be increased but not at the same percentage as the rate for the slips. Hayden stated that because of the market concerns and the long waiting list for slips, a recommendation for a general increase to \$2,750 would be appropriate for the slip lease rate; however, the committee should consider set percentages to increase the lease rates for the ramps and buoys in order to be consistent.

Pappas/Snyder 2nd made a MOTION to recommend that the Village Board increase the annual lease fee for the Village's 30 slips to \$2,750, that the lease fee for the buoys be increased by 6 percent over the 2010 rate, and the lease fees for the ramps for motorized and non-motorized ramp spaces be increased by 4 percent over the 2010 rate. The MOTION carried without negative vote.

In a related issue that came up at the last meeting, Pappas stated that he also looked at the Village's ramps and because of the configuration of the ramps and the space available, they should not be altered to create larger 5-foot stalls. Pappas stated that some stalls would end up being located between two ramps, and the Village would also lose several of the spots. With regard to the budget presentation for 2011, Hayden asked the committee members if she should estimate the loss of revenue for the boat launch if the parking of boat trailers on Village streets is banned. Pappas stated if parking trailers on the streets is prohibited next season, the Village will probably lose about 20 to 25 boats on weekend days. O'Connell stated that Hayden should estimate the total revenue loss for budget preparation purposes.

Adjournment

Snyder/Eakright 2nd made a MOTION to adjourn the meeting at 5:08 pm, and the MOTION carried without negative vote.

Minutes prepared by: Dennis L. Martin, village clerk

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APPROVED: 9/29/10