

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

MONTHLY MEETING of the VILLAGE BOARD OF TRUSTEES
Wednesday, September 14, 2011

Village President Arvid Petersen called the reconvened monthly meeting of the Village Board to order at 6:30 pm in the Village Hall, 175 Valley View Drive, Fontana, Wisconsin.

Trustees present: Roll call vote: Pat Kenny, Peg Pollitt, Cindy Wilson, George Spadoni, President Arvid Petersen, Tom McGreevy

Trustee absent: Bill Gage

Also Present: Administrator/Treasurer Kelly Hayden, Library Director Nancy Krei, Village Clerk Dennis Martin, Police Chief Steve Olson, Village Attorney Dale Thorpe, Director of Public Works Craig Workman

General Business/Administrator's Report – President Petersen/Administrator-Treasurer Hayden

Amendment to Resolution Authorizing Deer Bow Hunting on Certain Village Properties

An amendment to the resolution approved September 12, 2011 prior to the meeting be adjourned was necessary to delay the commencement of the hunting hours on the Duck Pond parcel until October 22, 2011, when the youth soccer program season ends and they will no longer be using the athletic fields; to add Wesley Milner as a hunting agent on the village parcels; and to add two Village owned parcels where Wells No. 1 and No. 3 are located.

Trustee Spadoni/Trustee McGreevy 2nd made a MOTION to approve Resolution 091411-01 as presented, with the condition that the Belvidere Park Association parcel is included only if it is approved by the Belvidere Park Association Board of Directors. The MOTION carried without negative vote.

Safety Building Sewer Line

Workman stated that during the ongoing maintenance construction projects at the Safety Building a dip in the sewer line was discovered, as well as other backup problems. Workman stated that it is recommended that a new sewer lateral to the building be installed, for an additional \$3,000. The funds are not budgeted in the General Fund; however, following discussion, it was determined that funds are available in the Utility Budget. Workman stated that there also is an area of settlement under the meeting room at the Safety Building that will have to be repaired in the future.

Trustee Spadoni/Trustee Kenny 2nd made a MOTION to approve the allocation of \$3,000 from the Utility Budget mains and laterals account for the installation of a new sewer lateral at the Safety Building, and the MOTION carried without negative vote.

Park Commission – Trustee Wilson

Park House Inspection Report

Wilson stated that Building Inspector Ron Nyman's inspection report for the Park House was included in the meeting packets, and the Park Commission is considering a proposal to have the back utility room removed from the building and the necessary utilities moved into the main building. The Park Commission directed staff to obtain cost estimates for the relocation of the utilities and the removal of the back utility room, where the roof recently fell in and further concerns were noted.

Trustee Pollitt/Trustee Spadoni 2nd made a MOTION to table the item, and the MOTION carried without negative vote.

Recommendation to Accept Credit for Dead Oak Trees Under Warranty at Duck Pond

Wilson stated that the commission recommended that the Village take credit from Prairie Tree Landscape for the oak trees that were purchased for the Duck Pond oak savannah project, but have not survived the transplanting process after several attempts. Workman stated that the credit would fund atypical maintenance projects, including the abatement of invasive weeds and non-native brush

in the prairie restoration area at the Duck Pond and at the Hildebrand Nature Conservancy. Petersen stated that he would like to see some other trees planted in the area if the oak trees are not going to survive. Petersen asked what happened to the initial plan. Wilson stated that Park Commissioner and CDA member Gail Hibbard, who coordinates the volunteer workforce for the prairie restoration project, met with Tom Vanderpoel and came up with the proposal for \$2,000 to \$2,500 in credit to address some unfunded areas of concern. Petersen stated that he would like to see the Village use the funds to plant new trees in some other area to benefit the village 100 years from now. Pollitt stated that if the money was initially spent for the purchase of trees, it would not be appropriate to spend it on maintenance items. Workman stated that the proposed maintenance items are not annual duties; the proposal is to supply required expert assistance to the volunteer workforce in abating weeds and non-native plants and bushes and in collecting germinated native prairie seeds, which are unfunded requirements for creating a prairie restoration area. Wilson stated that she will have the Park Commission reconsider the recommendation at its next meeting.

Pig in the Park Report

Wilson stated that seldom has she ever witnessed someone work so hard on a project as Hayden, who was at the park all day on September 3, 2011 in the rain and sloppy wet conditions. Wilson stated that she wanted to thank Hayden for her hard work. Hayden stated that she has not been alone in the past four years running the event. Hayden and the late Daniel Green, who was killed in an accident on September 12, 2011, have been the co-chairs of the event. The final report is not yet complete; however, it appears the Park Commission will break even on the rained out event. Trustee Spadoni/Trustee Wilson 2nd made a MOTION to table the item, and the MOTION carried without negative vote.

Reid Park Gazebo Report

Hayden stated that the materials were shipped and delivery was anticipated on September 15, 2011. Hayden stated that Richard Slayton of Big Foot Construction & Consulting, Inc., indicated the gazebo could be erected in time for the Antique and Classic Boat Society international boat show being held in Fontana September 23 to 25, 2011 if the materials arrive on schedule.

Park Commission Member Resignation

Wilson stated that Sharon Conklin resigned her position and Sandra Hibbard has expressed an interest in becoming a member; however, the commission has not yet acted on the recommendation. President Petersen/Trustee Spadoni 2nd made a MOTION to approve the resignation of Sharon Conklin, and to approve the appointment of Sandra Hibbard to fill the open position, with the condition the appointment is confirmed by the Park Commission. The MOTION carried without negative vote.

Finance Committee – Trustee Kenny

Budget Guidelines for 2012

Hayden stated that a copy of budget memo that was distributed to the department heads was included in the meeting packets and the first committee meeting has been postponed from September 15, 2011 to September 22, 2011 because of a conflict with the funeral services for Daniel Green. Spadoni stated that it is important that all the departments come in with full budget requests that comprise all their anticipated needs. Spadoni stated that the Finance Committee should not just say that all departments have to stick with a 0 percent increase for 2012; the Village Board members need to know what is really needed to maintain the facilities and provide services. Spadoni stated that all the potential items should be included and the Village Board can consider them for the budget.

F/W WPCC – President Petersen

Pay Request No. 17 for Plant Improvement Project

Petersen stated that the pay request submitted by C.D. Smith Construction Services, Inc., which totals \$163,073 for the Village of Fontana's portion, was reviewed and approval is recommended. Trustee Spadoni/Trustee McGreevy 2nd made a MOTION to approve the \$163,073 pay request No. 17 submitted by C.D. Smith Construction Services, Inc., as recommended, and the MOTION carried without negative vote.

Fontana Budget Guidelines for 2012

President Petersen stated that it is very disconcerting that the Village of Fontana received a memo from one of its appointed representatives on the FW/WPCC Board of Directors, President John O'Neill, that is dated September 12, 2011 and states that the FW/WPCC Board voted to approve its proposed 2012 budget at a meeting held September 13, 2011. Petersen stated that the September 13, 2011 FW/WPCC meeting was postponed and not even held. The memo was left at the residence of Trustee McGreevy on September 11, 2011. Petersen stated that it is also disconcerting that O'Neill endorses in the memo a 5 percent increase for all employee salaries at the wastewater treatment plant, on top of a 3 percent previously approved salary increase. Pollitt asked if O'Neill is a representative of the Village of Fontana, and if so, why isn't he representing the direction provided by the elected Village Board members. Pollitt stated that an 8 percent total increase in salary in a matter for four months for the FW/WPCC employees is outrageous.

GLLEA Board – President Petersen

Fontana Budget Guidelines for 2012

Petersen stated that Trustee McGreevy attended the most recent board of directors meeting in his absence. McGreevy stated that the board voted to approve the recommended 2012 budget for the Geneva Lake Law Enforcement Agency boat patrol operations. McGreevy stated that the overall GLLEA budget remained flat for 2012. McGreevy stated that the Board also approved the purchase of a new patrol boat to replace one of the Boston Whaler boats, which will be sold to offset the purchase price. McGreevy stated that the rest of the funds needed to purchase the \$75,000 new boat are available in the GLLEA reserve fund.

Closed Session

Trustee Spadoni/Trustee Kenny 2nd made a MOTION to go into Closed Session at 6:57 pm pursuant to Wisconsin Statutes Chapter 19.85 (1) (c), to consider employment, promotion, compensation or performance evaluation data of any public employee over which the governmental body has jurisdiction or exercises responsibility, specifically Village of Fontana Police Department and Public Works Department employees; pursuant to Chapter 19.85 (1) (e), to deliberate or negotiate the purchasing of public properties, the investing of public funds, or conducting other specified public business, whenever competitive or bargaining reasons require a closed session, specifically WPPA and AFSCME Union contracts renewal negotiations, and Big Foot Country Club storm water agreement and engineering issues; and Pursuant to Chapter 19.85(1)(g), to confer with legal counsel for the governmental body who is rendering oral or written advice concerning strategy to be adopted by the body with respect to litigation in which it is or is likely to become involved; specifically snow plow lawsuit issues. The Roll Call vote followed:

Trustee Pollitt – Aye

Trustee Wilson – Aye

Trustee Spadoni – Aye

President Petersen – Aye

Trustee McGreevy – Aye

Trustee Kenny – Aye

The MOTION carried on a 6-0 vote.

Closed Session Adjournment

Trustee Spadoni/Trustee McGreevy 2nd made a MOTION to adjourn the closed session of the Village Board at 7:51 pm, and the MOTION carried without negative vote.

Adjournment

Trustee Spadoni/President Petersen 2nd made a MOTION to adjourn the Village Board meeting at 7:51 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 kept on file at the Village Hall.

APPROVED: 10/3/2011