

VILLAGE OF FONTANA ON GENEVA LAKE
WALWORTH COUNTY, WISCONSIN
(Official Minutes)
SPECIAL MEETING of the VILLAGE BOARD OF TRUSTEES
Friday, June 12, 2020

Village President Pat Kenny called the virtual meeting of the Village Board to order at 11:32 am.

Trustees Present by Phone: Roll call vote: Trustee Pappas, Trustee O'Neill, President Kenny, Trustee Livingston, Trustee Petersen, Trustee Prudden, Trustee McGreevy

Also Present by Phone: Maryanne Bruss, Jeff Cates, Kevin Day, Theresa Loomer, Pete Novak, Wally Perkins, Scott Peterson, Larry Quist, Tara Ramljak, Bonnie Schaeffer, Dale Thorpe, Mike Trainor

General Business

Kimkasi Pub Liquor License Premise Map and PIP Amendment Discussion

Kimkasi Pub submitted a letter to the Board on June 4 requesting approval to serve alcohol outdoors in the previously approved outdoor seating area on the north side of the building at 441 Mill Street. The 2012 planned development PIP documents expressly state that no serving or consumption of alcohol shall be allowed in the outdoor dining area. Village Attorney Thorpe stated a PD PIP amendment application will need to be filed with the Village in order to obtain approval for outdoor alcohol service. Some concern was expressed over the rights of the condominium property owners within the Mill Street Planned Development as they have previously submitted a letter stating they are opposed to the concept of a new outdoor patio located on the east side of the building. The Board members were overall in favor of the amendment and agreed they would be willing to hold another special meeting the following week to vote on an application. The applicant stated they would submit the application before the end of the day.

Little Bar Liquor License Premise Map and Site Plan Discussion

The Village Board held a special meeting the previous week to amend the liquor license premise map to include the concrete sidewalk area in front of the building on the south side. The architectural drawings previously submitted were not entirely accurate and an updated drawing was submitted earlier in the day. Zoning Administrator Bonnie Schaeffer stated the expanded seating area would require site plan approval from the plan commission and then the village board. The applicant agreed to file a site plan application by the end of the day for an expanded seating area. The Board agreed to hear review the site plan application at a special meeting scheduled for the following week.

Reconsider Fireworks Permit Application Filed by Hollywood Pyrotechnics, Inc., Bennie Netzley, for July 2, 2020 at 1090 B S. Lakeshore Drive

A private firework show for 1090 B S. Lakeshore Drive was denied at the June 1, 2020 Village Board monthly meeting. Several trustees asked for the Board to reconsider the vote. Trustee McGreevy spoke in favor of the application citing that it is a private non-publicized event. He stated other municipalities have approved similar fireworks displays and the Village is not required to monitor private properties along the lakefront. President Kenny stated he opposes the private fireworks show and the job of the Board is to protect the public from large crowds. In addition, the Village has cancelled their own fireworks display on July 4th and approving the show would be sending the wrong message. Larry Quist from Pier Docktors spoke in favor of the application and stated July 2nd is a Thursday and the weekend crowd will not be in the Village yet. Trustee Livingston/Trustee McGreevy 2nd made a MOTION to approve the fireworks permit application filed by Hollywood Pyrotechnics, Inc., filed by Bennie Netzley for July 2, 2020 at 1090 B S. Lakeshore Drive and the roll call vote was as follows:

President Kenny – No

Trustee Petersen – No

Trustee Livingston – Yes

Trustee Prudden – No

Trustee Pappas – Yes

Trustee McGreevy – Yes

Trustee O’Neill – Yes

The MOTION passed on a 4-3 vote.

Consider Developers Agreement for 120-126 W. Main Street Planned Development

The Developers Agreement for 120 – 126 W. Main Street was received and sent to the Board only minutes before the meeting. Due to insufficient time for the Board members to review the item will be placed on the special meeting agenda for the following week.

Beach Restrictions due to Covid-19

Loomer stated staff has been monitoring and making frequent trips to the beach to determine what is and is not working by limiting capacity. She stated it is important that residents and season passholders have access to the beach, however, in the past two weeks, there has never been more than 150 residents on the beach at any time. In order to avoid a shoulder-to-shoulder waiting line, staff has, on occasion, made the decision to allow the line of people into the beach and direct them to spread out. Beach staff is advising visitors to put on daily wristbands before entering the beach area, directing beachgoers where there are open areas to sit, and advising social distancing from other groups.

Trustee O’Neill/Trustee Livingston 2nd made a MOTION to set the Fontana Beach capacity at 500 non-residents and allow all residents/beach pass holders access to the beach. The MOTION carried without negative vote.

Refuse Contract Update

Loomer stated John’s Disposal will be purchasing Jack Keizer and Sons refuse company on July 1st along with their trucks and onboarding any of their employees that want to make the transition. Residents should not notice any change to their service and the contract will be carried out until the end of the year. Loomer stated that later this year the Board will see a new proposal from John’s Disposal including different options for pickup and ideally Monday garbage and recycling services for all residents. Trustee McGreevy asked if County Club Estates could switch back to Monday service earlier. After a brief discussion, Loomer was directed to contact John’s Disposal and request Monday garbage and recycling pickup for the Village earlier than January 1, 2021, if possible.

Adjournment

Trustee O’Neill/Trustee Livingston 2nd made a MOTION at 1:08 pm to adjourn the meeting, and the MOTION carried without negative vote.

Minutes prepared by: Theresa Loomer, Village Administrator/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: 07/06/2020