

Minutes

Village of Deer Park Special Board of Trustees Meeting

November 2, 2011 – 7:00 p.m.

Deer Park Vehe Barn

23570 W. Cuba Road, Deer Park, Illinois 60010

1) Pledge of Allegiance

A Special meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Village of Deer Park was held on Monday, November 2, 2011, 7:00 p.m. at Vehe Barn, 23570 W. Cuba Road, in the Village of Deer Park, in the counties of Lake and Cook, Illinois. President Kellermann called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. Village Officials and guests recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

2) Roll Call and Determination of a Quorum

Upon Roll Call, the following were present: President Kellermann, Denny, Olson, Sands, Thomason and Finley. Trustee Czarnik was absent.

Other Village Officials present included Village Administrator Connors, Clerk Schroeder, and Village Attorney Bateman. Lake County Sheriff's staff and Fire Chief of Lake Zurich.

3) Approval of Agenda

President Kellermann entertained a motion to approve the agenda as presented.

Motion: Trustee Sands moved, seconded by Trustee Thomason, to approve the Agenda as presented.

Upon Roll Call – Voice Vote 5 Ayes/0 Nays – Motion Carried. 5/0

4) Presentation of Public Forum Agenda

President Kellermann explained the items on the agenda and noted that the public will be limited to five minutes to make their comment. President Kellermann noted that the Village of Deer Park will continue to be good neighbors with the Village of Kildeer. President Kellermann noted that during this meeting, the Village Board of Trustees and Lake County Sheriff will both address comments made tonight.

President Kellermann pointed out a fact sheet distributed to the public that has Question & Answer Fact Sheet regarding the Lake County Police Services selection for Deer Park. In addition, this information was posted on the Village website and copies are available at Village Hall. Also, a CTY message was sent out last Friday and Tuesday notifying residents of tonight's meeting and directions to see the Village website for the Q&A sheet.

President Kellermann read an e-mail from Trustee Czarnik in his absence this evening, that expressed his support for the police service changes, see attached.

Trustee Denny clarified the misperception about the police service history. Trustee Denny expressed the needs of the Village and pointed out the services the Village received from the Kildeer Police which was not acceptable by the Village's standards.

Trustee Denny pointed out the Village did receive a proposal from Kildeer prior to the Request for Proposal was issued but it was not acceptable. Also that the Village Board had many meetings regarding this matter before making this decision.

Trustee Denny compared Lake County Sheriff coverage to the previous police services and noted that the finance is not the primary issue for the change. It was noted that the investigation all started because there were questions about the service and what the Village was paying for.

5) Trustee Presentation of FAQ*

Trustees read and explained the FAQ's 1 through 26 as distributed to the public. The Board addressed the public comments pertaining to the fact sheet.

6) Lake County Police – Police Service Presentation

David Godlewski, Chief of Operations, Lake County Sheriff Office was present and noted his position with Lake County for 24 years. Chief Godlewski introduced his staff, Mike Keller, Sergeant; Jane Reynolds, Communications Shift Supervisor; Kevin Lyons, Business Manager and Kevin Parker, Deputy Chief.

Chief Godlewski noted the services that will be provided to the Village of Deer Park for both residential and commercial. He noted the coverage with half-hour overlays for each shift which is 6:30 a.m. to 3 p.m.; 2:30 pm to 11:00pm and 10:30 pm to 7:00 a.m. He noted that officers take their police cars home. He explained the cover for the Rand Road corridor.

Chief Godlewski introduced Jane Reynolds, Communications Shift Supervisor. Ms. Reynolds explained the process of the 911 calls and answered questions from the Board and public.

Ms. Reynolds noted that they share computer service with ETSB Agencies and indicated there is no lapse, only real time. If ever needed, extra cars more can be available within minutes away. The Chief explained a situation where there was an active shooter in Gurnee and in a short time, 43 squad cars arrived at the scene.

Chief Godlewski noted that the fire department calls will be the same in terms of fire district.

The audience was given an opportunity to ask the Lake County Sheriff staff questions about their service.

There was a comment regarding concerns with Cuba Road having tailgaters and speeders. Chief Godlewski suggested using speed boards which can monitor traffic.

There was a comment about biker's riding abreast on Long Grove Road and suggested putting up signage, with suggestion to get a bike path. Chief Godlewski understands the concerns for safety but unfortunately no signage can enforce such rules.

There was a question about how many patrol cars would be on duty per shift in residential areas. Chief noted that there would be two cars per shift. Chief noted that Deer Park cars would not be sent to other communities for use.

Chief noted that the coverage on Rand Road would be 17 hours per day, 7 days a week, and that the Village of Deer Park would have a minimum of two patrol cars per day for 17 hours, and one car 24 hours per day, 7 days per week. He noted that district cars could be used if necessary and that the force is fifty cars strong.

A resident expressed his frustration with past Lake County police services with an incident that happened seven years ago. Chief apologized for his experience. Chief assured that he wants to hear about complaints to address the officer(s). Chief pointed out that Kevin Parker will be the liaison for Deer Park and will be attending the Board meetings. Chief noted that police officers will be specific to Deer Park and will be the same officers on the same shifts other than vacation coverage.

Kevin Lyons, Lake County Sheriff business manager, explained the shift relief system includes 1.4 people per day per each shift. Mr. Lyons noted that the County does not make a profit off of police services; the duty is to serve the community.

Chief continued addressing the comments from the audience with the following responses:

Chief explained the hiring of police officers for the Deer Park community and noted that there were nine officers hired for Deer Park.

Chief noted that the police do have a vacation program and appropriate coverage is made for such times. Chief reiterated a police officer is designated to attend the Village Board meetings.

Chief noted that the police force will be writing tickets for violations. It was noted that there are 26 district cars which could be pulled to reinforce Deer Park but Deer Park cars will not be pulled from Deer Park.

Jane Reynolds answered questions regarding the 911 calls and noted that it would be handling the same service. She further discussed the law to stay on line with the emergency call. The policy on abandoned calls are to make a call back and noted that cell phones cannot be called back but can be traced and will pop up on the map.

Chief noted that the expectations of the Lake County Sheriff's Police officers are politeness, strong morals, professional performance, with effective and safe procedures. Chief noted that the police officers get very aggressive training to do the job more efficiently.

Kevin Lyon explained that the contract with Deer Park is the first in seven years for Lake County and noted that Deer Park's budget is favorably affected. He noted that Lake County is not in the business of making money.

Residents commended the Board of Trustees for the CTY messages regarding this meeting and noted they are placing trust in the Lake County Sheriff to service the community and welcomed them to Deer Park. They further commended the Kildeer Police for their service.

There was discussion regarding merchant finger printing for liquor licenses and asked how kids running around the mall will be handled. Chief Godlewski noted local ordinances can be enforced to address those issues. Chief Godlewski addressed the finger

printing question.

Chief Godlewski noted that the force has unmarked cars that are used for sensitive cases such as making sure child offenders are not passing out candy to children on Halloween.

Chief Godlewski addressed questions regarding the heavy traffic on Long Grove Road and Quentin Road and asked how it will be monitored.

Deputy Chief pointed out other informational references such as the Sheriff website, traffic hotline and dispatching phone numbers.

Chief Godlewski noted that he would put a “wolf pack” together for a period of time and get the information to the Village.

With no further questions for the Lake County Sheriff’s Office, President Kellermann recessed the meeting.

7) Public Comments – Sign up prior to meeting on sign-in sheet on podium; 5 minutes time limit

This meeting is a limited public forum for public comments, but any statements made and/or opinions expressed therein do not necessarily reflect the views of the Village but represent only the views of the persons making such statements and/or presenting such opinions who are solely responsible for the content thereof.

Robert O’Donnell, Special Counsel for the Village of Kildeer made a statement on behalf of the Village of Kildeer regarding their police services to Deer Park. Lastly, Attorney O’Donnell noted that the Kildeer Police will continue their service to Deer Park.

Former Deer Park Village Board of Trustee, **Howard Thurn of 21218 Bobwhite**, asked that the Board reconsider the police contract.

Roger Hankin of 20856 Swansway thanked the Board of Trustees and expressed his concerns with the contract which included nothing showing subdivision checks, no penalties, suggested that the FRQ to be included in the contract.

Sharon and Jack Schneider commended the Board and questioned what financial data stats are correct based on what Kildeer’s counsel mentioned this evening.

Carri Groeller of 219 Rue Touraine, thanked the Village Board and believes the Village was as transparent as they could be regarding the police service contract. Also, she suggested making the Vehe Barn a substation.

Sherry Lewis expressed concerns with how many businesses were notified about this matter. Village Administrator Connors addressed her question regarding DDR merchants.

Marlene Smetana of 21922 Inglenook shared her experience with Kildeer police officers and expressed her concerns.

Dave Kizior of 225 Marley Circle questioned if the change is serving the interest of the residents. He commented on the Rand Road coverage and questioned the technicality of the breaking the Kildeer contract. Also, he questioned if the Village compared response time between Kildeer and Lake Zurich.

Deborah Barry of 412 Bramble Lane commented that the CTY message could have been sent out sooner. She noted that the contract was signed and noted her presence at the Lake County Board meeting. She further expressed her concern about Kildeer Police officers losing their job.

Ms. Barry noted that the Village has not prepared an emergency homeland security program such as the CERT program. She asked who will own the police cars.

Ed Toczyski of Wallingford Lane asked Trustee Denny to make his data information available to the public. He expressed his frustrations and suggested that the Village has violated the Open Meeting Act and has since filed a case against the Village.

Brian Janus noted his past experience with Lake County police and voiced he is not in favor of their services. He further noted that the Village Board was not transparent as they could have been.

Art Welby asked if the Village records with Kildeer will be turned over to Lake County Sheriff staff. He noted that his experience with Kildeer police has been fine.

Louis Zanon of 21900 Rainbow Road expressed his opinions.

With no further comments, the public portion of the meeting was closed at 9:44 p.m.

President Kellermann responded to the statement given by Kildeer Special Counsel O'Donnell. President Kellermann noted that his personal experience with the Kildeer police response was 35 minutes and other times 15 minutes.

President Kellermann explained how the data received from Kildeer was analyzed, which led to questions being raised about the service. President Kellermann indicated that

reports were provided by Kildeer but it wasn't until the data were reviewed and corrected that decisions were considered.

Trustee Olson shared his experience with the Kildeer Police as a resident, not a trustee, in two incidents.

President Kellermann read the statistics on Kildeer's Rand Road coverage from certain times of the year that totaled 49.13% coverage.

Trustee Denny addressed Attorney O'Donnell's comments and pointed out that the stats provided by the Village of Deer Park are true figure analysis of the data provided by Kildeer via a FOIA request submitted by the Village Clerk. Further, he pointed out that the Board was willing to work with Kildeer and they didn't provide any rebuttal.

Trustee Denny explained his personal experience with firearms and training. He further noted his experience with a ride-along with the Kildeer police.

President Kellermann thanked the staff of the Lake County Sheriff's Office for attending the meeting.

Chief Godlewski noted that the office will supply reports to Deer Park other than certain items such as under age information. Village Attorney Bateman pointed out that specific reports would be available to the Village, whereas certain reports/information would be subject to FOIA. He would defer which reports/information would be public and/or request by FOIA.

It was asked if the Deer Park police cars would be marked on the back of the car, not the side. Also, if police reports would be released to the newspaper. Chief noted that all information would be available other than juvenile cases.

There was discussion regarding the concerns of the CN Railroad that could hold up police response. Chief noted that he cannot predict train activity but noted there would be support from surrounding police services.

It was noted that Dave Wheelock, new Fire Chief was in attendance tonight.

Ken Turner of 219 Clover Lane thanked and commended the Village Board on the road program.

8) President Kellerman

- A. Resolution Approving and Authorizing the Termination of the Participation of the Village of Deer Park in that Certain Dispatching Services Agreement Between the Village of Deer Park, the Village of Kildeer, the Countryside Rural Fire Protection District, and the Village of Lake Zurich*
(tabled from BOT 10 17 11)**

Village Attorney Bateman explained this item.

Motion: Trustee Denny moved, seconded by Trustee Thomason, to approve a Resolution approving and authorizing the termination of the participation of the Village of Deer Park in that Certain dispatching services agreement between the Village of Deer Park, the Village of Kildeer, the Countryside Rural Fire Protection District, and the Village of Lake Zurich.

Ayes: Sands, Finley, Olson, Thomason and Denny

Nays: None

Absent: Czarnik

Motion Carried. 5/0

- B. Village Office Electric Rework Proposal of \$1,600 - \$2,000**

Administrator Connors explained this item is for electrical work on the Village Hall Office per the directive of ComEd.

Motion: Trustee Olson moved, seconded by Trustee Denny, to approve the ComEd Electric re-work proposal of \$1,600-2,000 for the Village Hall Office.

Ayes: Sands, Thomason, Finley, Denny and Olson

Nays: None

Absent: Czarnik

Motion Carried. 5/0

C. Approval of Village Treasurer's Training with Civic Systems in Madison, Wisconsin on November 28&29, 2011 in the total amount of \$1,600*

Motion: Trustee Denny moved, seconded by Trustee Finley, to approve the Village Treasurer's Training with Civic Systems in Madison, Wisconsin on November 28 and 29, 2011 in the total amount of \$1,600.

Ayes: Olson, Thomason, Sands, Denny and Finley

Nays: None

Absent: Czarnik

Motion Carried. 5/0

D. News Letter Update

President Kellermann provided an update and noted that although the newsletter costs were previously approved, he pointed out that there may be additional costs to cover extra information to be added to the Village newsletter for a not to exceed amount of \$2,000.

Motion: Trustee Denny moved, seconded by Trustee Sands, to approve additional costs for the Fall Village Newsletter, for a not to exceed amount of \$2,000.

E. Personnel

No discussion.

9) Executive Session: Pending Litigation, Litigation which is probable or imminent & Personnel

None.

10) New Business

None.

11) Adjournment

President Kellermann entertained a motion to adjourn at 10:50 p.m.

Motion: Trustee Sands moved, seconded by Trustee Thomason, to adjourn the meeting at 10:50 p.m.

Ayes: Olson, Finley, Denny, Thomason and Sands

Nays: None

Absent: Czarnik

Motion Carried. 5/0

Respectfully Submitted,

Signature on file

Elizabeth A. Schroeder
Village Clerk

Signature on file

Robert Kellermann
Village President

(*) Indicates that back-up material is enclosed in meeting agenda packet

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