

MINUTES OF TOWER LAKES
BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING

Date: July 16, 2001

Location: Village Office

Time: 7:06 pm

PLEDGE: President Kuskowski called the meeting to order and led the Pledge of Allegiance. Sign in sheet circulated.

1. ROLL CALL: Present: Village President Kuskowski, Trustees Adams, Aitken, Cantieri, Filippell, Parro, Rigali, and Village Clerk Leitner. Also in attendance: Village Treasurer Brian Gidley and Dorothy Pratt, Deputy Village Clerk and newsletter correspondent.

2. OATH OF OFFICE: None.

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Motion by Trustee Parro to approve the minutes of the June Village Board Meeting as amended, seconded by Trustee Cantieri and followed by a Roll Call vote: AYES: Trustees Adams, Cantieri, Filippell, Parro, Rigali NAYES: None. ABSTAIN: Trustee Aitken.

4. PUBLIC COMMENTS: None.

5. WATER SYSTEM REPORT: May Report- no particular increase this month. CCE requests an increase in their water pressure. Well 4 can be increased, but would require controlling so it does not usurp Well 5. Trustee Aitken stated that the Village needs more current information from the Consumers Water Trustee Cantieri suggests getting a reading prior to the Village's monthly meeting so that more current information can be reviewed by the Trustees at that time.

DCCA Grant: President Kuskowski reported that planned projects have been completed, at \$250,000 total. Tomahawk work is completed, and Esther landscaping will be performed this week. Work on Well 1 will be completed this week and Well 2 is completely decommissioned, needing only final landscaping. President Kuskowski is waiting for final figures on the Well projects. Trustee Cantieri's suggestion that the President not be the only person to approve projects was raised with the Village Attorney, who agreed. Projects costing \$10,000 or more need to be bid out. Projects already

completed may be retroactively approved by the Board by specifically waiving the need for bidding. Trustee Adams asked whether an "RFP" can be done instead. Motion to waive bidding process for completed DCCA work (which may or may not have required bids) made by Trustee Parro, seconded by Trustee Adams, and followed by a roll call vote. **VOTE:** AYES: Trustees Adams, Aitken, Cantieri, Filippell, Parro, Rigali. NAYES: None. Motion to approve listed expenditures made by Trustee Aitken, seconded by Trustee Rigali, and followed by a roll call vote. **VOTE:** AYES: Trustees Adams, Aitken, Cantieri, Filippell, Parro, Rigali. NAYES: None.

6. PLAN COMMISSION: Meeting July 30, 2001 at 7:30pm on Barrington Oaks Three. Work continues on the Comprehensive Plan. Draft anticipated soon. RFP- Pres. Kuskowski attended the last meeting, at which he received a copy of the recent draft of that plan. It is available for review.

7. ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS: N/A

8. BUILDING AND ZONING: No building permits were issued in July. Three parking violations- boat gone at 301 Devonshire; 106 Essex Boat has been sold, waiting pick up; Tom Groh will move Groh's trailers.

Illegal fence situation on ELSD being handled by President Kuskowski.

Flagpole light installed. John Featherstone called on the defective transformer. Trustee Parro noted that special bulbs are needed there. Pres Kuskowski to call Fields of Green to redress landscaping.

Deputy Village Clerk Pratt asked whether there exists an ordinance against uninhabitable homes. Discussion ensued about house in South Hills, which suffered extensive water damage, which has not been repaired by homeowners. The home does not rise (yet) to the level of "nuisance" necessary for Village intervention.

9&10. TREASURER'S REPORT/ FINANCE REPORT: Brian Gidley, Village Treasurer, presented the year-to-date budget expenditures and bank statement balances through June. Bank Accounts for DUI arrests bonds and overweight/completion bonds have been opened. Credit cards have arrived (for use with the internet fees). Our Village checking Account at Barrington Bank and Trust is now a 'Charity' Account which earns@ 3.45% instead the 1.0% we were earning with

a regular checking account. The rates for a Charity Account are tracked with 90-day Treasury Bills. Going forward, all of the Village's accounts will be tied to the 90-day Treasury Bills.

Custom summary report presented by Trustee Filippell. Flagpole expense of \$5,225.00 for labor to be moved from Village office improvements to special projects. The Featherstones donated the lights themselves.

New Computer: Treasurerer Gidley reported that the new Dell computer and software have been ordered. He and Office Manager Debbie Baggett have decided to simply order the training tapes for Quicken at a cost of \$299.00.

Monthly Bills: Review of the monthly bills. Trustee Cantieri noted that the BFI invoice was \$13,472. Tr Rigali said it is a 3-month bill. Motion to approve the Treasurer's Report and monthly bills made by Trustee Cantieri, seconded by Trustee Parro, and followed by a roll call vote.

VOTE: AYES: Trustees Adams, Aitken, Cantieri, Filippell, Parro, Rigali
NAYES: None.

Resolution required changing IMF Reports from Village Clerk to Village Treasurer. Village Clerk to prepare.

Motor Fuel Tax Funds Tr Parro to contact former Tr Jansing and/or call state for procedure on recapturing these funds.

11. POLICE REPORT: Pres Kuskowski distributed the Lake County Crime Rate Report—Tower Lakes way up. Daily Herald also published this info with a comparison of the 1999 statistics. Tower Lakes dramatically higher. Questions regarding the increase wondered if the reporting is better or there are simply more arrests.

12. STORM WATER MANAGEMENT: Pres Kuskowski will work with Tr Adams on the Benevich matter.

13. ROADS: As of July 13,2001, \$14,000 was collected from Vehicle Stickers and deposited into the General Fund. New road bills should come out of these proceeds. Tr Parro will make a list of the tree-trimming projects throughout Village, as well as a list of Road Shoulder and Sign issues. This list will be copied to Kermit Smiddy, Cuba Township. Pres Kuskowski will make a list of road patching projects. Residents abutting Rte 59 have requested some improvement to appearance of the berm separating their lots from the

highway. Pres Kuskowski will call the engineer in charge of the Rte 59 repaving project for some input.

14. HEALTH AND SANITATION: Trs Cantieri and Rigali attended a SWALCO mtg, where Tr C introduced Tr R to membership. SWALCO will no longer allow liquid latex paint in Hazardous Waste pick up. Suggest using corn cobs to absorb the liquid prior to disposal. Resolution required to make change. We have received two invoices from Clarke's for mosquito spraying (Venetian Night and July 4th) totaling \$1,425.00. Motion to approve the bills made by Trustee Rigali, seconded by Trustee Aitken, and followed by a roll call vote. **VOTE:** AYES: Trustees Adams, Aitken, Cantieri, Filippell, Parro, Rigali NAYES: None.

15. UTILITIES: ATT Cable- Village Attorney drafted a Cable Franchise Agreement. Tr Adams would like to obtain copies of other Village's Franchise Agreements to compare them. Pres Kuskowski and TR Adams encourage residents to reduce their Cable complaints to writing—helpful in our contract negotiations. In the meantime, ComCast in performing a hostile takeover of the cable co. Village Clerk to confirm that the Ordinance was mailed to ATT.

16. URBAN FORESTRY: Tr Adams met with Rich Bergland, Village Arborist, on tree removal itinerary. Bergland rewrote our diseased tree ordinance to reflect changes in treatment procedures. Recommends adding a resident's appeal process—run through legal. Village Clerk to pass to Village Attorney.

17. OLD BUSINESS:

Vondrak Easement: no surveyor has been found as yet.

Codification: Village Clerk Leitner has received questions from Sterling Codifiers, and is collecting information to respond. Pres Kuskowski suggests obtaining a schedule for completion.

Barclay Woods: Suggestion that the property be checked for diseased Elm trees. Developers should remove any. Have Village Arborist review.

19. NEW BUSINESS:

WLSD Pillar: Resident Dick Lathan to finalize bids so we can proceed with repair and get to insurance.

Census Count: Tr Parro will check for new information on Count Resolution on US census website.

Fishing Licenses: Police Chief Sinacore looked into—too much work for a Village of our size.

Lake County Discovery Museum—looking for donations.

MEETING ADJOURNED: At 9:03 pm, motion to adjourn the Board meeting made by Tr Aitken and seconded by Tr Rigali and followed by unanimous voice vote.

Respectfully Submitted,

Kathleen Leitner
Village Clerk
07-27-01