

MINUTES OF TOWER LAKES
VILLAGE BOARD MINUTES

Date: December 15, 2003

Location: Village Office

Time: 7:30 pm

1. PLEDGE AND SIGN IN: President Kuskowski called the meeting to order and led the Pledge of Allegiance. Sign In Sheet Circulated.

ROLL CALL: Present: Village President Kuskowski, Trustees Baggett, Gidley, Parro. **Absent:** Adams, Aitken, Fitzgibbons.

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Motion to approve the minutes of the Special Village Board meeting held November 25, 2003 was made by Tr Baggett seconded by Tr Gidley and followed by a roll call vote: AYS: Parro, Gidley, Kuskowski, Baggett.

3. ZBA: No report.

4. BUILDING AND ZONING: Building Inspector Cantieri reported on 7 permits issued for November --on file in the office.

5. TREASURER'S and FINANCE REPORT: Acting Treas Gidley presented the monthly bills; including a Cuba Township bill of \$43, 900 for road repair and maintenance; still, total expenses were not out of the ordinary. Profit/Loss statements tracking with budgeted amounts year-to-date. Motion to approve the bills was made by Tr Parro, seconded by Tr Baggett and followed by a roll call vote: AYES: Baggett, Gidley, Parro, Pres Kuskowski.

6. POLICE REPORT: Distributed by Village President Kuskowski and on file at the Village office.

7. STORMWATER MANAGEMENT: Tr Baggett reported that on Jan. 19, 2004, at 7:00pm (prior to the Village Board meeting), a public Hearing on NPDES Phase II will be held at our Village Hall. Tower Lakes is a participant in this National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System Phase II program, whose goal is to eliminate illegal discharge into our storm water drainage systems. All are encouraged to attend.

8. ROADS: Tr Parro discussed the amendment to the Vehicle License ordinance, which shortens the time period for compliance with the vehicle sticker ordinance from 60 to 30 days; Seniors are counted at age 62 (down from 65); seniors will pay one-half the fee; trailers will no longer be required to have a tag/sticker; Penalties remain the same. Motion to approve the amendment to the Vehicle Sticker Ordinance was made by Tr

Gidley seconded by Tr Baggett and followed by a roll call vote: AYES: Parro, Gidley, Kuskowski, Baggett.

9. HEALTH AND SANITATION:

SWALCO – Pres Kuskowski appointed Tr Baggett as the Tower Lakes SWALCO Director with Tr Fitzgibbons as his alternate.

10. UTILITIES: Consumers Water: Tr Gidley reported that Consumers Water will provide the Village with the information it needs for the auditors. The water shut off date will be changed from 7 to 15 days for failure to pay bills. **Comcast:** high speed internet service should be available soon.

11. URBAN FORESTRY: No report.

12. BACOG: Pres Kuskowski reported on a presentation by the Algonquin Township on how Villages should handle vital records. Changes in our procedures and storage need to follow.

13. NEW BUSINESS: T-Mobile would like to erect a 150 ft cell tower on Village property near Rte 59. This could bring in revenues of \$10,000.00 per year, with additional antennas providing additional income. The Village Board will ask the Plan Commission to consider.

Village Ordinance Enforcement: Tr Gidley questioned the Village's means of enforcing various ordinances, citing as violations dog runs, trailers, outbuildings, fences. He will compile a list and notify respective homeowners.

Signs on Rte 59 are illegal, except for political signs, without a permit. Police or any officers of the Village are authorized to take them down. Courtesy calls to erectors could be made.

MEETING ADJOURNED: Motion to adjourn the Village Board meeting made by Tr Parro, seconded by Tr Baggett and followed by a unanimous voice vote.

Respectfully submitted,

Kathleen O'Neill Leitner
Village Clerk

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