

MINUTES OF THE VILLAGE BOARD MEETING FOR TOWER LAKES

Date: April 17, 2006
Location: Village Hall
Time: 7:54pm

1. ROLL CALL, PLEDGE AND SIGN IN: Present: President Kuskowski, Trustees Parro, Gidley, Fitzgibbons, de Vries (late). Building Inspector Cantieri, Village Treas Rolfs, Village Clerk Leitner. Absent: Trs. Frey, Baggett.

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES: **Motion** to approve the minutes as amended from the Village Board meeting held March 20, 2006 made by Tr Parro, seconded by Pres Kuskowski and followed by a voice vote.

3. PLAN COMMISSION: PC Member Tom Kubala reported that the Plan Commission is working on the setback issue(s), and have obtained copies of several other villages' ordinances for information and comparison. In addition, they have reviewed the Tower Lakes village map to find irregularly shaped lots. The PC hopes to have a resolution to propose to the Village Board at the next Village Board meeting. Odd shaped lots are the biggest area of discussion.

PC Member Bob Brown is working on the water system line map.

Ordinance on lot ratios is out there for use—is it being complied with? (Yes).

4. ZBA: Resident Scott Nelms is appointed to the ZBA to replace Grant Stewart, who has moved. Mr. Nelms is a developer in the area. Pres Kuskowski sought, and received, consensus approval from the Village Board by a voice vote.

5. HEALTH AND SANITATION: Resolution from SWALCO to meet once a month and appoint Tower Lakes director/alternate director to attend. Pres Kuskowski will fill this roll temporarily until a replacement is named for Tr Baggett.

TLIA requested consideration by the Village Board of a ban on lawn fertilizer, but since no one from TLIA is in attendance at the meeting, the discussion will be tabled until next month.

6. BUILDING AND ZONING REPORT: BI Cantieri reported that 7 Permits were issued last month; information available at the Village office.

Separately, another 15 letters went out concerning unfinished inspections from the prior inspector. Building Inspector Cantieri is working his way through the backlog and will contact people individually. He'll perform exterior only inspections on his own.

Other matters---Bl Cantieri raised a question on the Village's Teardown ordinance. That ordinance cites a thirty day waiting period, presumably to review documents and to be sure all agencies and village permits and fees are satisfied. Recently, the Village Board was willing to waive the thirty day requirement because all requirements had been met prior to the teardown permit request. Question: under what circumstances is it permissible/advisable to waive the thirty day requirement, or, what is the purpose of the thirty day waiting period? The process isn't really any different than new construction—and that process does not require a thirty day waiting period. After considerable discussion, it was determined that the definition of 'Demolition' should be tightened up. PC will review.

Gable—new resident is informally interested in having her property rezoned for commercial. She is interested in examining the possibility of developing a spa on her property. Rezoning for commercial use would require a public hearing. Special Use zoning might make more sense. In the alternative, an in-home spa under existing ordinance should be considered.

7. TREASURER'S REPORT: Treas Rolfs distributed p/l, monthly expenditures, vendor transaction list. Included disbursements from all funds, not just general fund. **Motion** to approve the bills as stated made by Tr Gidley seconded by Tr Fitzgibbons, followed by a roll call vote: AYES: President Kuskowski, Trs Gidley, Parro, de Vries, Fitzgibbons. **Motion--** to approve the transfer of funds to reserve fund accounts, specifically: Profit/Loss line item no. 3495 (MFT account) will go back to roads account for future road repaving, and P/L line item nos. 4290, 4360, 4370, 4390 will fund the accrual accounts-- made by Tr Gidley, seconded by Tr de Vries. Roll Call Vote: President Kuskowski, Trustees Parro, Gidley, Fitzgibbons, de Vries. With these transfers, the Village can start funding the 'rainy day' reserves, which will be kept on the balance sheet as a restricted funds account. These will be expensed through year to year in order to keep track of them. This \$30-50,000 fiscal year end reserve will meet the Village's fiscal year end reserve goal of 5% (\$32,000.00), with the rest going to the general fund as a surplus.

8. FINANCE REPORT: Received proposal for next year's audit from Dam Snell. Next year's budget reviewed. (See notes—add to minutes). In the '07-'08 appropriation ordinance under gen corp fund (other expenditures column) should be increased to a number equal to 125% of collected prop taxes for the year from 110% currently. Tr Gidley motion to pass budget as prepared, seconded, Tr Parro. Roll call vote: all ayes.

9. POLICE REPORT: on file at the Village Office.

10. STORMWATER MANAGEMENT: No report.

11. ROADS REPORT: Brush pickup is scheduled for May 8, 2006, with a second pickup scheduled for sometime in October. **Motion** to approve the Electric Vehicle Ordinance, with modification to include non-Village personnel as authorized drivers, made and seconded and followed by a voice vote: all ayes.

12. HEALTH AND SANITATION: No report.

13. UTILITIES: Tr deVries and Pres Kuskowski are scheduled to meet with Aqua Illinois Monday April 24, 2006. AT&T is trying to do an end-run around cable cos by not paying franchise fees. Currently, Congress is addressing the “service” vs. “franchise” issue.

14. URBAN FORESTRY: No report.

15. BACOG: No Report.

16. COMMUNITY PLANNING COMMITTEE: No report.

17. PUBLIC COMMENTS: Emergency planning—Ali Widmar is interviewing siren suppliers, to cover the ‘hole’ in siren coverage for TL and LBS. Ms Widmar and Tr Parro are considering a presentation to the Cuba Township Board. Citizens Emergency Response Training (“CERTS”) volunteers are needed for emergency response training.

18. OLD BUSINESS: Leicht Auto—TL and Wauconda have reached a tentative agreement on revenue sharing, but TL Village Board feels the length/term of the agreement is too short. Pres Kuskowski will go back to Wauconda to address.

19. NEW BUSINESS: Trustee Rich Baggett has resigned. The Board thanks him for his attentive service to the community.

Motion to adjourn made by Tr Gidley, seconded by Tr Fitzgibbons and followed by a voice vote.

Respectfully Submitted,

Kathleen Leitner
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