

VILLAGE OF GRAFTON
VILLAGE BOARD MEETING MINUTES

MARCH 5, 2012

President Brunnquell called the Village Board meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. The Pledge of Allegiance followed.

Board members present: Jim Grant, Dave Antoine, Sue Meinecke, David Liss, Lisa Harbeck, and Jim Brunnquell

Excused: Richard Rieck

Staff Present: Village Administrator Darrell Hofland, Parks and Recreation Director John Safstrom, Village Attorney Michael Herbrand, and Deputy Clerk Lisa Oppeneer.

MINUTES

Motion by Trustee Grant, seconded by Trustee Antoine, to approve the 2-20-2012 Village Board meeting minutes and File the 2-13-2012 Public Arts Board; 2-22-2012 Parks and Recreation Board; and the 2-27-2012 Joint Library Board meeting minutes, as presented. Approved unanimously.

PERSONS REQUESTING TO BE HEARD

None.

BUSINESS PRESENTED BY THE PRESIDENT

Approval of appointment to Public Arts Board – Mary Mendla to fill unexpired term of Erica McCone (expires 2014)

Motion by Trustee Harbeck, seconded by Trustee Meinecke, to approve the appointment to Public Arts Board – Mary Mendla to fill unexpired term of Erica McCone (expires 2014), as presented. Approved unanimously.

President Brunnquell reviewed the materials distributed for Village Board member review.

RESOLUTIONS/ORDINANCES/ACTION ITEMS

Bridge Street dam repair project

Village Attorney Michael Herbrand stated on March 1, himself, Village Administrator Darrell Hofland, Director of Public Works / Executive Utility Director Dave Murphy, Village President Jim Brunnquell, DNR Assistant to Secretary Matt Morony, and DNR Director Eric Nitschke all met to discuss the installation of a gate, flash boards, or stop logs to fulfill the Chapter 33 requirements of the Bridge Street dam. The concern the DNR has with the public safety was addressed. The Village does not believe there are any public safety concerns. Mr. Herbrand feels the DNR was very open to hearing the concerns addressed. The Bridge Street Dam has unique aspects and should be treated

as a unique dam. At this time no date has been set for all parties to meet again. However, it was discussed for another meeting to be held in two to three weeks.

President Brunnquell commented the Village Board is reacting to the safety concerns the DNR is saying about the dam. The DNR seemed fairly open to all ideas that were discussed among all parties involved. The DNR is currently working on a mining issue and then will revisit the Bridge Street Dam.

Trustee Harbeck questioned if the Bridge Street Dam is being referred to being unique because of the two dams.

Attorney Herbrand commented yes the Timber Creek Dam was discussed and it is a regulatory barrier. Also the silt was discussed and how much water is in the impoundment.

Trustee Grant questioned if the history of the dam information, from Village resident Bill Hass, was given to the DNR representatives.

President Brunnquell stated yes they have received the information.

Attorney Herbrand commented Village resident Bill Hass, put together a document of the entire history of the Bridge Street Dam and a copy was provided to the DNR representatives at the meeting.

Sue Hass, 1226 Water Terrace, questioned if anyone brought up the legal aspects about forcing the Village to install a gate at the dam.

Attorney Herbrand commented it was brought up. However, we are in the very early stages of discussion. It is our position that the Bridge Street Dam should be treated as a unique dam and shall be treated differently than other dams.

President Brunnquell commented the DNR was very open to the dam being a "unique dam" and did not feel the meeting was controversial.

Mary Mulloy, 1110 Riverview Court, questioned Village staff if they have any feeling of confidence from the DNR regarding the meeting.

President Brunnquell commented it is our intent to give them the benefit of the doubt. They did not make any promises at the meeting but were very polite and listened to all concerns. We did not feel like we were being coddled.

Trustee Antoine questioned if all departments involved are talking together? President Brunnquell stated yes.

Ms. Mulloy questioned if the DNR had the history of the dam information before or after the meeting. Mike Herbrand commented they were given the information after the meeting.

Bill Hass, 1226 Water Terrace, questioned if the repairs of the dam are going to proceed with contingency of a gate being installed.

Administrator Hofland responded we are holding off from entering into any contracts until we hear back from the DNR. The grant money that the Village is able to receive does have a time table on it. However, the DNR will work with us on it due to any potential delays.

Attorney Herbrand commented the hope and intent is that we all get aligned before we start spending lots of money on engineering and repairs.

Authorization to hire Ehlers to provide financial advisory services (Phase 1 and Phase 2) relating to an amendment of TID No. 2 boundaries at a cost of \$13,000

Motion by Trustee Grant, seconded by Trustee Antoine, to authorize the hiring of Ehlers to provide financial advisory services (Phase 1 and Phase 2) relating to an amendment of TID No. 2 boundaries at a cost of \$13,000, as presented.

Administrator Hofland stated he has received development interest in an undeveloped 6 acre parcel which is adjacent to but not located in TID No. 2. The first step would be to hire Ehlers to amend TID No. 2 and complete a feasibility analysis. Mr. Hofland is requesting to get the process started.

Trustee Grant questioned the current status of TID No. 2.

Mr. Hofland commented the TID is doing very well and is considered a donor TID. Ehlers would help determine what costs TID No. 2 would incur, the benefits the project may have, and if there will be any other impact on TID No. 2

Trustee Harbeck questioned the \$1,000 filing fee is not included with the \$13,000?

Mr. Hofland commented the \$1,000 filing fee will be an extra expense. Village Clerk Teri Dylak will be completing Phase 3.

The motion to authorize the hiring of Ehlers to provide financial advisory services (Phase 1 and Phase 2) relating to an amendment of TID No. 2 boundaries at a cost of \$13,000 was approved unanimously.

Report of the Parks and Recreation Board

Motion by Trustee Liss, seconded by Trustee Meinecke, to approve items 1-5 of the Parks and Recreation Board as follows: 1. Approve creation of a one-half acre community garden on Village-owned property at Lakefield

and River Bend Roads; 2. Approve the recommended changes to the Park System Fee Structure; 3. Approve the fees for Grafton Lions Park pavilion; 4. Accept a donation from Visual Image Photography in the amount of \$300; 5. Approve the addition of a Nanny Pass to the Family Aquatic Center Fee Structure at a cost of \$25 per pass, as presented.

Parks and Recreation Director John Safstrom commented we have been looking throughout the Village for a site for the community garden. The best option seems to be the Village owned property on River Bend and Lakefield Road. Mr. Safstrom has spoken with Director of Public Works / Executive Utility Director Dave Murphy regarding this area and currently he does not have any plans for that area and supports the idea. However, on the Parks and Recreation IFC it stated a letter would be sent out to the surrounding residents of the proposed garden. At this time a letter has not yet been sent to those residents.

Trustee Antoine questioned if we had six people interested in the garden last year? Mr. Safstrom responded yes.

Mr. Safstrom commented the new park fee structure is to set a flat fee regardless if you have under or over 25 people attending the event. This will be consistent for all Village parks.

The motion to approve Items 1-5 of the Parks and Recreation Board was approved unanimously.

LICENSES

Motion by Trustee Grant, seconded by Trustee Harbeck, to approve the issuance of Operators Licenses, as requested. Approved unanimously.

DEPARTMENT AND OFFICERS REPORTS

None

REPORT OF BILLS

Motion by Trustee Liss, seconded by Trustee Antoine, to approve the payment of Village expenditures in the amount of \$174,629.09, as presented. Approved unanimously.

OLD BUSINESS

Trustee Antoine commented the previous GALA concert held on Friday, March 2 went very well even with the weather conditions. There were approximately 150 people in attendance.

Trustee Liss commented the first outdoor GALA concert will be held on Thursday, July 12.

NEW BUSINESS

None.

CONVENE TO CLOSED SESSION

Motion by Trustee Grant, seconded by Trustee Harbeck, to convene to closed session at 6:29 p.m., pursuant to Wisconsin Statutes 19.85(1)(e) for Real Estate and Competitive Bargaining matters (Development Agreement-TID No. 2). Approved unanimously by roll call vote.

RE-CONVENE TO OPEN SESSION AND THE REGULAR ORDER OF BUSINESS

Motion by Trustee Grant, seconded by Trustee Meinecke, to re-convene to open session and the regular order of business at 6:54 p.m. Approved unanimously by roll call vote.

AJOURN

Motion by Trustee Grant, seconded by Trustee Antoine, to adjourn at 6:55 p.m. Approved unanimously.