

VILLAGE OF GRAFTON
VILLAGE BOARD MEETING MINUTES
MONDAY, NOVEMBER 5, 2012

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

Board members present: Village President Jim Brunnquell, Trustee David Antoine, Trustee Jim Grant, Trustee David Liss, Trustee Susan Meinecke, Trustee Lisa Uribe Harbeck

Board members not present: Trustee Richard Rieck

Official/Staff present: Village Administrator Darrell Hofland, Attorney Mike Herbrand, Director of Utility Tom Krueger, and Administrative Assistant Katie Salatto

MINUTES

Motion by Trustee Grant, seconded by Trustee Harbeck, to approve the 10-20-2012 Committee of the Whole and 10-15-2012 Village Board meeting minutes and File the 10-17-2012 Parks and Recreation Board; 10-22-2012 Joint Library Board; 10-23-2012 Architectural Review Board; and 10-23-2012 Plan Commission, as presented. Approved unanimously.

Trustee Liss questioned Village Board Minutes from 10-15-2012. Mr. Liss stated that the motion to approve the 2013-2015 Tourism Events Agreement with Celebrate Grafton should be approved 5-1, as Mr. Liss was not in attendance at that meeting.

PERSONS REQUESTING TO BE HEARD

None.

BUSINESS PRESENTED BY THE PRESIDENT

None.

RESOLUTIONS/ORDINANCES/ACTION ITEMS

Termination of Option to Purchase: 2350-2360 Dakota Drive

Administrator Hofland stated that the document being considered is to terminate an option of the Village to repurchase a property located in the Grafton Corporate Park. The original option requires the buyer of property from the Village to construct industrial buildings within two years or the Village will have the option to repurchase the property. Administrator Hofland stated that the new buyers of the property are asking that the Village remove the option to purchase document from the recorded property deed.

Motion by Trustee Meinecke, seconded by Trustee Grant to terminate the option to purchase property located at 2350-2360 Dakota Drive. Approved unanimously.

Donation of \$442 by Linda Becker and Mari Dickmann for holiday street light decoration repairs

Motion by Trustee Harbeck, second by Trustee Meinecke to accept donation of Linda Becker and Mari Dickmann for holiday street light decoration repairs. Approved unanimously.

Vacant Utility Operator position

Directory of Utility Tom Krueger stated that Francis Hilgart is retiring on December 3 and the Utility would like to fill the position. Mr. Krueger stated that a revised job description was created in order to combine two jobs in order to allow another employee to move into another position. No increase in pay or other job description changes are necessary. Mr. Krueger also pointed out that this is a budgeted position.

Trustee Harbeck asked if Mr. Krueger thought it would be an issue to fill the position. Mr. Krueger responded no.

Motion by Trustee Liss, seconded by Trustee Antoine to approve the recruitment and filling of the Utility Plant Operator 2 position. Approved unanimously.

LICENSES

Approval to Issue Operators Licenses, as presented

Motion by Trustee Meinecke, seconded by Trustee Harbeck. Approved unanimously.

DEPARTMENT AND OFFICERS REPORTS

Administrator Hofland stated that the Public Works Department plans to present the required code change regarding the summer sewer credit at the Board of Public Works meeting on November 12.

Village President Brunnuell stated that the issue was that residents did not understand how large the utility increase would be.

Utility Director Tom Krueger stated that each customer would see an average increase of about \$15. Mr. Krueger also stated that this average represented all customers across all quarters of the Village. Mr. Krueger stated that people who sprinkle more will experience larger differences.

REPORT OF BILLS

Approval for the Payment of Village Expenditures: \$410,913.53

Motion by Trustee Antoine, seconded by Trustee Meinecke to approve the bills as presented. Approved unanimously.

Trustee Meinecke question the payment to CH2M Hill. Utility Director Tom Krueger stated that the amount of money was for a consultant working on the regional water plan and that the City of Cedarburg and City of Mequon shared in the expense.

OLD BUSINESS

None.

NEW BUSINESS

Trustee Grant asked if expenses could be reduced from the proposed 2013 Budget so taxes would not increase due to the Fire Department referendum.

Administrator Hofland stated that the referendum is binding and that the Village is legally required to assign the increased tax revenue to the Fire Department and the Village is required to raise taxes if the referendum is approved.

Village President Jim Brunnuquell asked if there is a way to fund the Fire Department in order to minimize the tax rate increase.

Administrator Hofland responded by restating that the referendum is binding and the tax levy will accordingly be imposed.

Village President Brunnuquell stated that he understood that the referendum is binding.

Administrator Hofland stated that the Village's portion of the fire department referendum is \$240,000 and that the Village is still legally bound to raise taxes as identified in the referendum. The impact to a property valued at \$250,000 is a \$55 increase on the 2012 tax bill.

Trustee Grant stated that there is nothing that says we cannot reduce general budget.

Administrator Hofland stated that the Village Board authorized this by resolution as a binding referendum. He stated that the Village Board set the tax rate for all village operations.

Village President Jim Brunnuquell stated that the Board would have to see what choice the citizens make at the polls on Tuesday night.

Attorney Mike Herbrand stated that if the referendum is approved, then it is binding. He also stated that the Village could try to reduce costs, but that the revenue from taxes will still be collected.

CONVENE TO CLOSED SESSION:

Motion by Trustee Antoine, seconded by Trustee Grant, to convene to closed session at 6:24 p.m., pursuant to Wisconsin Statutes 19.85(1)(b) for personnel matters (2013 Police Officer Unit contract and 2012 Teamster Local 200 contract amendment) and 19.85(1)(e) for Land Deliberation or Negotiation (Land donation offer for park land use purposes). Approved unanimously by roll call vote.

During the Closed Session of 51 minutes, the Village Board discussed negotiation strategies for the 2013 Grafton Professional Police Officer Association contract and an amendment to the 2012 Teamster Local 200 contract, and possible donation of land for park purposes.

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

Motion by Trustee Antoine, seconded by Trustee Meinecke, to re-convene to open session and the regular order of business at 7:15 p.m. Approved unanimously by roll call vote.

ADJOURN

Motion by Trustee Meinecke, seconded by Trustee Grant, to adjourn at 7:15 p.m. Approved unanimously.