

**VILLAGE OF GRAFTON**  
**VILLAGE BOARD MEETING MINUTES**

**MONDAY DECEMBER 3, 2012**

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

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

Absent: None

Staff Present: Village Administrator Darrell Hofland, Director of Public Works/Executive Utility Director Dave Murphy, Village Attorney Mike Herbrand, and Administrative Assistant Katie Salatto

Public present: Chris Goodwin, Ayres Associates

**MINUTES**

Trustees Grant, Antoine and Meinecke requested amendments to 11-19-2012 Village Board meeting minutes.

Motion by Trustee Antoine, seconded by Trustee Harbeck to approve the 11-19-2012 Village Board meeting minutes and File the 11-21-2012 Park and Recreation Board; 11-26-12 Joint Library Board, and 11-27-12 Plan Commission meeting minutes, as presented. Approved unanimously with amended corrections.

**PERSONS REQUESTING TO BE HEARD**

Ted Warrick, 1742 Falls Road, handed out copies for Grafton's "Cool Blue Winter Frolics." He stated that he hoped to see everyone on February 9, and he thanked the Village Board.

Village President Jim Brunnquell stated that he signed a proclamation establishing December 2 as Louise Zahn Day in the Village of Grafton.

**RESOLUTIONS/ORDINANCES/ACTION ITEMS**

Resolution approving the support of the preservation of tax exempt financing

Motion by Trustee Meinecke seconded by Trustee Rieck to approve the support of the preservation of tax exempt financing. Approved unanimously.

Village Administrator Darrell Hofland stated that in light of the fiscal challenges occurring at the federal level, political concerns are being raised that municipal

and other government entities who are currently issuing debt as tax exempt offerings - may no longer. He also acknowledged that the cost of the Village doing business is much lower. Mr. Hofland pointed out that the concern is that federal lawmakers may look at eliminating this and that the resolution to approve the support of the preservation of tax exempt financing reminds lawmakers and the President of the United States that the Village of Grafton supports keeping this as an option.

Village President Jim Brunnquell stated that this has been the standard of the local borrowing policy for a long time. Mr. Brunnquell affirmed that this keeps the Village of Grafton competitive and that it translates into debt service and how things are paid for as well as maintaining tax levels.

#### Consideration of Bridge Street Dam Repair Project-Review of two Concept Plans

Director of Public Works Dave Murphy introduced Chris Goodwin with Ayres Associates. Mr. Murphy explained the concept design. He stated that it would cost an additional \$40,000-\$50,000 to make the dam abutment walls look more aesthetically consistent with the inclusion of concrete form liners.

Chris Goodwin gave a summary presentation of the project. He explained that there are two alternatives to the design plan modifications, one being more elaborate and costly than the other.

Dave Murphy clarified the differences between practicalities for both designs. One design concept included the overlook option for an estimated cost between \$675,000 and \$812,000. The second design concept included the split-leaf gate. Chris Goodwin stated that the split-leaf gate design would cost an additional \$110,000 on top of the aforementioned prices.

Village Board members expressed their concerns with the aesthetic appearance of the overall design plans. Their concerns included trying to make it look as aesthetically pleasing while still opting for the minimum requirements with the DNR and for the lowest cost option.

Village Administrator Darrell Hofland discussed the Public Arts Board desire for the dam lighting project. It was the consensus of the Village Board that they would approve the installation of electrical lighting conduits in anticipation that the Public Arts Board will raise the funds for a future lighting project.

Bidding and bidding contingencies were discussed briefly. Trustee Meinecke expressed concern that the contingency for bidding was too low. Chris Goodwin disagreed and stated that he based the contingency on his expertise and experience with other similar projects.

After lengthy discussion over practicality, design, and aesthetics, the Village Board agreed to bid out the two designs as presented with the recommendation to make the dam more visually pleasing.

#### Report of Plan Commission

Village President Jim Brunnquell thanked Alfred and June Kohley for donating the property located at 1127 Keup Road to the Village.

Village Administrator Darrell Hofland stated that a condition is placed on the donation. Mr. Hofland added that the donor be responsible for hiring a surveyor so the Village of Grafton will know where the new property line are.

Alfred Kohlwey confirmed that he had already begun the survey work and he thanked the Village for accepting their donation.

Motion by Trustee Liss seconded by Trustee Antoine approving the resolution of acceptance of the land donation of the property located at 1127 Keup Road, owned by Alfred and June Kohlwey. Approved unanimously.

#### **REPORT OF BILLS**

Motion by Trustee Grant, seconded by Trustee Rieck, to approve the payment of Village expenditures in the amount of \$161,075.07, as presented. Approved unanimously.

#### **OLD BUSINESS**

Trustee Lisa Harbeck questioned the street merchant issue that has been brought up during Plan Commission meetings. Ms. Harbeck asked when the Village has ever had street merchants.

Village President Jim Brunnquell, Trustee Dave Antoine, and Village Administrator Darrell Hofland all provided examples from the past. Mr. Brunnquell also stated that the issue includes miscellaneous vendors at parades. Mr. Brunnquell stated that the topic of street vendors needs to be addressed because of the impact to local businesses who have permanent physical locations. He pointed out that it is important to come up with a way to treat everyone fairly.

#### **NEW BUSINESS**

Trustee David Liss provided information about a free GALA concert Friday, December 7 at the Grafton American Legion Post 1540.

#### **CONVENE TO CLOSED SESSION**

Motion by Trustee Antoine seconded by Trustee Grant to convene to closed session at 7:22 p.m., pursuant to Wisconsin Statutes 19.85(1)(b) for personnel matters (2012 Teamster Local 200 contract amendment), 19.85(1)(e) Negotiation for lease of property (Located at 887 North Green

Bay Road) and 19.85 (1)(g) litigation provision regarding lawsuit of Meijer conditional use permit. Approved unanimously by roll call vote.

During a 19-minute Closed Session, the Village Board discussed negotiation strategies associated with: an amendment to the 2012 Teamster contract (letter of understanding regarding Commercial Drivers Licenses), possible amendment from a 12 month lease to a monthly lease on property located at 887 North Green Bay Road, and litigation associated with the Meijer's conditional use permit approval.

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

Motion by Trustee Rieck seconded by Trustee Grant to re-convene to open session and the regular order of business at 7:41 p.m. Approved unanimously by roll call vote.

**ADJOURN**

Motion by Trustee Grant seconded by Trustee Antoine to adjourn at 7:41 p.m. Approved unanimously.