

VILLAGE OF GRAFTON

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LIAISON COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

APRIL 30, 2008

The Village of Grafton / Grafton School District Liaison Committee meeting was called to order by Village Clerk Teri Dylak at 6:18 p.m.

Members present: Scott Volkert representing the Village of Grafton and Norbert Studelska, Jr. representing the Grafton School District

Members absent: Sue Meinecke

Staff/Officials present: Grafton School District Superintendent Dr. Jeff Pechura, Grafton Elementary School Principal Jeff Martyka, Trustee David Liss, and Village Clerk Teri Dylak

HEAR PERSONS WISHING TO BE HEARD

None.

MINUTES

Village Clerk Teri Dylak apologized to the members that the wrong set of meeting minutes was inadvertently included in the meeting packet. She distributed the correct meeting minutes for review and action.

Motion by Trustee Volkert, seconded by Norb Studelska, to approve the minutes of the November 9, 2006 Village/School Liaison Committee meeting, as presented. Approved unanimously.

STUDENT CROSSING CONCERNS - WASHINGTON STREET

Village Clerk Dylak distributed a memorandum from Police Chief Charles Wenten regarding students from Grafton Elementary School and Grafton High School crossing Washington Street mid-block. Chief Wenten is concerned with student's safety and is requesting that the School District encourage students to utilize the controlled crossing locations at 17th Avenue and Cheyenne Avenue.

This matter was previously discussed by the School Liaison Committee as well as the Public Safety Committee. Dr. Pechura indicated that he will have staff reinforce to the students the need to utilize the controlled crossing locations on Washington Street.

POLLING PLACE LOCATION ALTERNATIVES

This item was placed on the agenda at the request of the Grafton School District. Dr. Pechura indicated that the District has several concerns with the use of Grafton Elementary School (GES) for the larger turn-out elections (Gubernatorial and

Presidential). The concerns include traffic congestion, parking, and the safety of the students. He indicated that Staff has looked at several other building options to accommodate the larger turn-out elections. The Grafton High School (GHS) gymnasium appears to be the best available option.

Village Clerk Dylak stated that, unfortunately, the Village does not have a facility large enough to accommodate an election. She indicated that she had considered the use of the Fire Station and the Timothy Wooden Center gymnasium but these facilities do not have on-site parking and could not accommodate a large voter turn-out. Clerk Dylak stated the Village experienced approximately 90 percent voter turn-out at the 2004 Presidential election and she anticipates a similar turn-out for this year's Presidential election.

The Committee discussed the option of utilizing the GES gymnasium for the smaller elections and switching to the GHS gymnasium for the larger elections.

Village Clerk Dylak indicated that there would be adequate time to notify the residents of a change in location for the November election. If possible, she would prefer to maintain GES as the voting location for the September 9 Partisan Primary election. The School District representatives agreed.

The members briefly discussed access and parking options for use of the GHS facility. It was decided that Village Clerk Dylak will contact GHS Principal Ken McCormick and GES Principal Jeff Martyka to set-up a meeting to tour the GHS facility to determine the best options for the use of the facility for the November Presidential election. Clerk Dylak indicated that she will include Chief Election Inspector Romelle Nowak in the meeting.

Village Clerk Dylak thanked the School District for their willingness to work with the Village on this important matter.

OLD / NEW BUSINESS

Dr. Pechura stated that the School District representatives on the Liaison Committee will be changing. He will forward the new member information to Clerk Dylak.

ADJOURN

Motion by Norbert Studelska, seconded by Trustee Volkert, to adjourn at 6:42 p.m. Approved unanimously.