

VILLAGE OF GRAFTON

VILLAGE BOARD MEETING MINUTES

JUNE 7, 2010

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

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

Staff / Officials present: Village Administrator Darrell Hofland, Director of Public Works / Village Engineer Dave Murphy, Chief of Police Charles Wenten, Village Attorney Michael Herbrand, Deputy Clerk Lisa Oppeneer

MINUTES

Motion by Trustee LaPean, seconded by Trustee Liss, to approve the 5-17-2010 Village Board and the meeting minutes and File the 5-13-2010 Architectural Review Board; 5-19-2010 Joint Committee of the Whole – Board of Public Works - Parks and Recreation Board; and the 5-25-2010 Plan Commission meeting minutes, as presented. Approved unanimously.

PERSONS REQUESTING TO BE HEARD

Ann Hollrith, 1511 JoDee Lane, questioned if there could be a moment of silence for Ralph Zaun, a Grafton resident, who passed away last week.

President Brunnquell informed everyone in attendance that Ralph Zaun had passed away last week at the age of 89. Mr. Zaun was a lifelong resident of Grafton who donated significantly to the Village, Grafton School District, and various organizations. He will be truly missed.

BUSINESS PRESENTED BY THE PRESIDENT

President Brunnquell reviewed the materials presented for Village Board review.

RESOLUTIONS/ORDINANCES/ACTION ITEMS

Item 1 / Report of the Board of Public Works

Motion by Trustee Meinecke, seconded by Trustee Rieck, to direct Ozaukee County to design and construct the NOAA-funded fish ladder on the east side of the Milwaukee River at the Bridge Street Dam, as presented.

Trustee Grant commented that the fish ladder on the east side of the river is a great location. By having the fish ladder in place this will also help preserve the dam. Mr. Grant explained that, unfortunately, due to the funding of the project using stimulus money he is going to have to vote against it. Mr. Grant wishes there was some other way to fund the project.

Bill Harbeck, 907 17th Avenue, questioned if there is any further progress on the design of the fish ladder.

Andrew Struck, Ozaukee County Director of Planning and Parks, stated the graphics presented tonight are the same as what was present at the May 19 meeting. At this time, there is not any new information regarding the fish ladder. The Ozaukee County is waiting for the Village Board to move forward on the location of the ladder and approve the project, so the Ozaukee County can move forward.

The motion to approve Item 1 of the Report of the Board of Public Works was approved 6-1 (J. Grant – nay).

Accept award from the Northwestern Mutual Foundation in the amount of \$500.00

Motion by Trustee Liss, seconded by Trustee Harbeck to accept an award from the Northwestern Mutual Foundation in the amount of \$500.00, as presented.

Chief Wenten commented this \$500.00 award is in recognition of Police Reserve Officer John Wozniak. Chief expressed his gratitude for the award.

The motion to accept the \$500.00 award was approved unanimously.

Accept a statewide-compatible trunked emergency radio grant from Wisconsin Office of Justice Assistance, Homeland Security, in the amount of \$4,500

Motion by Trustee Meinecke, seconded by Trustee LaPean to accept a statewide-compatible trunked emergency radio grant from Wisconsin Office of Justice Assistance, Homeland Security, in the amount of \$4,500.00, as presented.

Trustee Grant questioned if the grant money being used toward the emergency radio is affiliated with stimulus money. Chief Wenten responded he did not believe so but would look into.

The motion to accept the statewide-compatible trunked radio grant was approved unanimously.

LICENSES

Motion by Trustee Grant, seconded by Trustee LaPean, to approve the issuance of Operator's Licenses to Christopher Keilholz (Pick 'n Save), Scott McLean (Gateway BP), Katie Molitor (Gateway BP), and Michelle Kloss (John's Pizzeria), as presented. Approved unanimously.

Motion by Trustee Rieck, seconded by Trustee Meinecke, to approve the temporary expansion of premises for The Hutch – 1321 Wisconsin Avenue – to accommodate the 4th Annual Milwaukee River Fishing Derby to benefit Project Care / June 12 and June 13, as presented.

President Brunnquell commented this is a well run annual event that The Hutch has been doing for many years.

Chief Wenten commented the Police Department has not had any issues with the event.

The motion to approve the temporary expansion of premises for The Hutch was approved unanimously.

Motion by Trustee Rieck, seconded by Trustee Liss, to approve the temporary expansion of premises for Bridge Inn – 1216 Bridge Street - to accommodate 1st anniversary celebration / June 12 Noon to 10:00 p.m., as presented.

Chief Wenten commented that Captain Gabrish had met with the owner of the Bridge Inn and discussed the proposed expansion and plan of operation. Captain Gabrish did make sure there is no way for alcohol to be served beyond the requested area. Captain Gabrish was pleased with the way the owner had presented the plan.

Trustee Grant stated he had received a noise letter complaint regarding the Bridge Inn. Mr. Grant has a concern with the doors going into the facility staying open when loud music is being played. The doors should be closed when loud music is being played.

Chief Wenten stated this issue was brought to the Police Department's attention after Captain Gabrish had met with the owner of the Bridge Inn. The Police Department has received some noise complaints regarding the Bridge Inn. Officers have responded to the complaints, but it seems shortly after the Officer leaves, the bartender opens the door again. Also, there is some concern with the new smoking ban that people will be outside of the bar smoking which will create additional noise. The Village Clerk and Village Attorney are in the process of researching this.

Trustee Grant commented these types of businesses are required to get their licenses renewed annually. If establishments have had issues it is possible to not renew their liquor license. The Chief will be monitoring this issue and stated that people should not hesitate to call the Police Department if there are any concerns.

Chief Wenten stated the request to expand the premises had come in after the Public Safety Committee submittal deadline and went straight to Village Board for approval. The owner is aware that if he wants to expand the premises in the future it needs to go through the Public Safety Committee and the request needs to be submitted in a timely manner.

The motion to approve the temporary expansion of premises for the Bridge Inn was approved unanimously.

DEPARTMENT AND OFFICERS REPORTS

Director of Public Works / Village Engineer Murphy commented that all of the walls have been put up on the Municipal Services Facility and the contractor is in the process of making it weather tight. Within the next few weeks the floor will be poured and the hopes are to occupy the garage portion by July.

Administrator Hoffland reminded the Board that Saturday, June 12, 8:30 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. the Downtown Vision 2025 Workshop will be held at the Multi-purpose Senior Center. Residents input on the downtown area are critical. The last Downtown Vision was held in 1999.

President Brunnuell commented it is a good time to get involved in the community and give feedback.

REPORT OF BILLS

Motion by Trustee LaPean, seconded by Trustee Meinecke, to approve the payment of Village expenditures in the amount of \$746,026.20, as presented. Approved unanimously.

OLD BUSINESS

None.

NEW BUSINESS

Administrator Hofland informed the Village Board that twelve fiberglass dogs arrived in Grafton earlier today. Village staff is looking for twelve businesses to adopt a dog at \$500 each. The dogs will then be painted by an artist (hopefully ones that reside in Grafton) and will then be on display outside of the business. The purpose of the dogs is to raise money for the Ozaukee Humane Society to help with the new facility. The Humane Society will be holding a fundraiser sometime in early fall and the dogs will be auctioned off at that time. Anyone is able to bid on one. Currently, one business has purchased a dog.

Administrator Hofland commented the Village is partnering with the Grafton School District to promote the Giro d' Grafton bike race. Old bike parts were used to create five original art sculptures to be placed in the downtown area which will remain on display until after the bike race.

Trustee Liss reminded all attendees that the Grafton Lions chicken roast will be held this Sunday, June 13, from 11:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.

CONVENE TO CLOSED SESSION

Motion by Trustee Grant, seconded by Trustee Liss, to convene to closed session at 6:22 p.m., pursuant to Wisconsin Statutes 19.85(1)(g) for Litigation Matters (Grafton Direct, LLC Receivership action). Approved unanimously by roll call vote.

During Closed Session, the Village Board discussed negotiation strategies associated with the receivership action of the Village Center development and its potential impact on the \$500,000 outstanding loan and development incentive agreement.

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

Motion by Trustee Grant, seconded by Trustee LaPean to adjourn Closed Session and reconvene into the regular order of business at 7:33 p.m. Approved unanimously.

ADJOURN

Motion by Trustee grant, seconded by Trustee Meinecke to adjourn at 7:33 p.m. Approved unanimously.