

VILLAGE OF GRAFTON
VILLAGE BOARD MEETING MINUTES

MARCH 7, 2011

The Village Board meeting was called to order at 6:00 p.m. by President Jim Brunnuquell. The Pledge of Allegiance followed.

Board members present: Jim Grant, Ron LaPean, Richard Rieck, Sue Meinecke, David Liss, Jim Brunnuquell

Excused: Lisa Harbeck

Staff/Officials present: Village Administrator Darrell Hofland, Village Clerk Teri Dylak, Finance Director Paul Styduhar, Building Inspector Tom Johnson, Village Attorney Michael Herbrand

MINUTES

Motion by Trustee Grant, seconded by Trustee LaPean, to approve the 2-21-2011 Village Board meeting minutes and File the 2-21-2011 Finance Committee meeting minutes, as presented. Approved unanimously.

PERSONS REQUESTING TO BE HEARD

None.

BUSINESS PRESENTED BY THE PRESIDENT

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

RESOLUTIONS/ORDINANCES/ACTION ITEMS

Ordinance providing for changes to sections 8.40.010, 16.04.110, 16.08.230, 16.12.270, 25.04.080, and 25.04.090 (tabled at 2-21-11 VB meeting)

President Brunnuquell indicated that he previously met with Building Inspector Tom Johnson for clarification on the proposed changes. President Brunnuquell stated that after discussing this matter he is comfortable with the proposed changes to Section 8.40 relating to nuisances and to Chapter 25 relating to weights and measures. He does not think the changes to building, plumbing and electrical fines are necessary, at this time.

Motion Trustee Grant, seconded by Trustee Rieck, to approve an Ordinance amending Section 8.40.010, and creating Sections 25.04.080 and 25.04.090 relating to penalties.

Building Inspector Tom Johnson identified that the reason for the creation of penalty provisions for the Weights and Measures section is because during the previous year renewal process, four businesses did not renew on time. This causes considerable work and resources from not only his Department but also from the Grafton Police

Department. Mr. Johnson also stated that the recommended fees changes were based on increases imposed by the State of Wisconsin in the Wisconsin Administrative Code.

Bob Meier, 1967 W. Acorn Drive, thanked Mr. Johnson for the information. He indicated that his original concern on the penalty increases was the amount of the increase. He also commented that he did not think adequate time was allowed for public review of the proposal.

Mr. Meier also commented that he has been attempting to understand what a nuisance constitutes a nuisance.

Mr. Johnson responded that a nuisance is typically driven by complaints. His office is currently working on a situation between 12th Avenue and 13th Avenue, which has been in process since last August. The Village is working with the property owner for a level of compliance that will satisfy both parties.

Mr. Meier questioned the change to Section 16.40.030 file review. Mr. Johnson responded that this is for in-depth research of a matter by staff.

The motion to approve Ordinance No. 005, Series 2011, as amended to include: Section 8.40.010 Penalty for creating nuisances; Section 16.04.030 Table I - - Fees for file reviews; Section 25.04.080 Double Fees for late renewal; and Section 25.04.090 Penalties, was approved unanimously.

Ordinance amending Section 10.32.020 Yield Intersections – Elimination of Yield Sign on 11th Avenue at Hickory Street (omitted from 2-21-11 VB agenda)

Village Clerk Dylak informed the Board that this ordinance was inadvertently omitted from the February 21 Village Board agenda. The purpose of the ordinance is to remove the Yield Sign provision on 11th Avenue at Hickory Street because the sign is being replaced by a stop sign at that location.

Motion Trustee LaPean, seconded by Trustee Meinecke, to approve Ordinance No. 006, Series 2011, as presented. Approved unanimously.

Discussion of the proposed 2011-2013 Biennial State of Wisconsin Budget and impact on Village budget

Village Administrator Darrell Hofland summarized items in the proposed upcoming budget repair bill that will have a financial impact on the Village of Grafton. He indicated that the bill includes changes to collective bargaining and imposes requirement for state and local government, as well as school district employees to pay the employee portion of their Wisconsin Retirement System (WRS). In addition, these employee groups will be responsible for a minimum of 12 percent of the health insurance premium costs, effective January 1, 2012. Village of Grafton employees currently pay 7 percent of their insurance premiums.

Administrator Hofland indicated that employees in a collective bargaining agreement are not affected by the new provisions until the termination of their current contract. The changes to collective bargaining, WRS, and health insurance do not affect Police and Fire protective employees.

Administrator Hofland stated that future contracts will only include a statement of management rights, cost of living increases, and signature pages. The cost of living will be restricted to no more than the CPI. He also stated that unions will be required to certify by end of April if they want to remain a union. The possibility of an annual certification is also being discussed. In addition, union contracts can only be 1-year in length. The CPI provision does not apply to non-represented employees.

Because the State insurance program requires a minimum of 65 percent employee participation, the Police Officer union will control whether or not the Village is able to move to a new insurance program.

Administrator Hofland informed the Board that the proposed Budget eliminates maintenance for public libraries. Currently, municipalities cannot fund less than the previous 3-year average. Administrator Hofland also stated that Governor Doyle previously established a minimum maintenance effort for Police Departments. The Village must fund Police efforts, in 2012, to an amount that is equal to 2011 funding.

Administrator Hofland stated that he will be in Madison on Wednesday with the Mequon City Administrator and a representative from the WCMA to appear before members of the Joint Finance Committee to discuss the proposed Budget Repair Bill and the 2011-2013 Biennial Budget Bill.

There was a brief discussion on the proposed changes. Because the Village of Grafton has signed PILOT agreements with several developers (Aurora Health Care and Providence Place) we will receive additional revenue in 2012. Administrator Hofland identified preliminary numbers for aid payments. Between the savings in employee benefits and loss of state aid payments, the Village will have to overcome a deficit of around \$140,000.

Trustee Grant commented that with no levy increased allowed, benefits or programs will have to be cut.

Administrator Hofland stated that this issue will be discussed further in mid-April once exact numbers are known.

Bob Meier stated that his neighborhood, which is located across from the vacant Highland Ridge development, is losing value because of the condition of the development site.

President Brunquell commented that residents will have to pay the same amount of taxes even if valuation drop.

Resolution amending the 2010 general fund budget

Resolution No. 002, Series 2011 / amending the 2010 General Fund Budget was offered by Trustee Liss.

Motion by Trustee Meinecke, seconded by Trustee Grant, to adopt Resolution No. 002, Series 2011, as presented. Approved unanimously.

Report of the Finance Committee

Motion by Trustee Grant, seconded by Trustee LaPean, to approve Items 1-3 of the Report of the Finance Committee, as follows: 1. Approve the 2010 Annual Report, 2011 Action Plan and the 2011 Budget for Celebrate Grafton and to approve a Tourism Events Services agreement with Celebrate Grafton for 2011-2012; 2. Approve the Grafton Area Chamber of Commerce's 2010 Tourism Promotion and Development Annual Report, 2011 Action Plan and 2011 Budget; and 3. Ordinance No. 007, Series 2011 / amending Section 5.20.040 Registration fee (relating to amusement and music devices) raising the registration fee to \$25 per machine per year effective July 1, 2011.

Village Clerk Dylak provided the Village Board members with a summary of costs for completion of the amusement device license. She indicated that the "actual cost" of the license is approximately \$14.50 per machine. Mrs. Dylak recommended that the Board consider increasing the fee to \$15.00 per machine per year effective with the July 1, 2011 licensing period with a review of the fee structure to occur in 2 years. Following minimal discussion it was the consensus of the Board to support the fee amount of \$25 per machine per year, as recommended by the Finance Committee.

The motion to approve Items 1-3 of the Report of the Finance Committee was approved unanimously

LICENSES

Motion by Trustee Grant, seconded by Trustee Liss, seconded by to approve the issuance of an Operator's License to Ashley Ann Kioski – Scooters Place. Approved unanimously.

Motion by Trustee Meinecke, seconded by Trustee Rieck, to approve the issuance of a Special Picnic License to Kari Shank – agent - St. Joseph Parish / 1619 Washington Street / March 11 and April 1. Approved unanimously.

DEPARTMENT AND OFFICERS REPORTS

None.

REPORT OF BILLS

Motion by Trustee Grant, seconded by Trustee Liss, to approve the payment of Village expenditures in the amount of \$424,574.18, as presented. Approved unanimously.

OLD BUSINESS

None

NEW BUSINESS

None

CONVENE TO CLOSED SESSION

Motion by Trustee LaPean, seconded by Trustee Meinecke, to convene to closed session, a 6:41 p.m., pursuant to Wisconsin Statutes 19.85(1)(c) for Personnel related matters (Contract negotiations – Labor Association of Wisconsin Police Officers Unit and Telecommunicators Unit, AFSCME and Non-Represented employees). Approved unanimously by roll call vote.

A closed session of approximately 20 minutes was held in which the Village Board discussed negotiation strategies for 2012 contracts (union) and settlement offer (non-represented employees) in light of the proposed Budget Repair Bill.

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

Motion by Trustee LaPean, seconded by Trustee Grant, to reconvene to open session and the regular order of business, at 7:01 p.m. Approved unanimously by roll call vote.

ADJOURN

Motion by Trustee Grant, seconded by Trustee LaPean to adjourn, at 7:01 p.m. Approved unanimously.