

VILLAGE OF GRAFTON

VILLAGE BOARD MEETING MINUTES

AUGUST 1, 2011

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

Village Board members present: Jim Grant, Dave Antoine, 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, Finance Director Paul Styduhar, Village Attorney Robert Fiend, and Deputy Clerk Lisa Oppeneer.

MINUTES

Motion by Trustee Liss, seconded by Trustee Harbeck, to approve the 7-18-2011 Joint Village Board/Board of Public Works meeting minutes and File the 7-14-2011 Architectural Review Board; 7-18-2011 Board of Public Works; 7-20-2011 Parks and Recreation Board; and the 7-25-2011 Joint Library Board meeting minutes, as presented. Approved unanimously.

PERSONS REQUESTING TO BE HEARD

None.

BUSINESS PRESENTED BY THE PRESIDENT

Presentation of commendation resolution to Captain Joseph Gabrish

President Brunnquell presented a commendation resolution to Captain Joseph Gabrish. Captain Gabrish was designated as "Police Officer of the Year" by the Ozaukee County Council of the American Legion on March 19, 2011 and was the recipient of the Ozaukee County Law Enforcement Officer of the Year award on June 24, 2011. President Brunnquell congratulated Captain Gabrish on receiving the award.

Captain Gabrish thanked the Village Board for the recognition of the award and indicated he is happy he came to the Village of Grafton 18 years ago. It is a wonderful community to work. Since working at the Village, he has completed his Master's Degree and feels it has paid off over time.

Presentation of appreciation resolution to former Trustee Ronald LaPean

President Brunnquell presented an appreciation resolution to former Trustee Ronald LaPean for his years of service to the Village of Grafton as a Village Trustee and serving on various committees and commissions.

Ron LaPean commented he is very fortunate to have been on the Village Board for the last nine years during all the development and growth through the Village. His

challenge to the current Village Board members is to cut government spending and not raise taxes.

Confirmation of Committee reassignment: David Antoine to Parks and Recreation Board and EDGE

Motion by Trustee Rieck, seconded by Trustee Harbeck to approve the Committee reassignment of David Antoine to the Parks and Recreation Board and EDGE, as presented. Approved unanimously.

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

RESOLUTIONS/ORDINANCES/ACTION ITEMS

Report of the Plan Commission

Motion by Trustee Rieck, seconded by Trustee Meinecke, to approve Ordinance No. 019, Series 2011, rezoning approximately 3.49 acres, located at the northwest corner of Falls Road and 16th Avenue, owned by Innovate LLC from R-E (Rural Estate Single Family Residential) to R-2 (Single-Family Residential), as presented. Approved unanimously.

2011 Community Survey

Administrator Hofland stated that the last Village survey was conducted in 2010. At that time, there was discussion on having an annual survey with fewer questions. EDGE and the Branding Committee had input on the questions selected for the survey. Information about the survey will be included in the next quarterly utility bill. After each question on the draft survey there is a line for comments. Mr. Hofland questioned if the space for comments should remain or be removed. The concern with including a comment section for each question is that each survey response would then need to be manually reviewed which would create an extra workload. If it needs to be done it is possible. The other option would be to leave a comment / concern box at the end of the survey thus still allowing residents to voice their comments / concerns.

Trustee Grant commented he thinks it would be good to leave a comment / concern area at the end of the survey. He would also like to see a question on the survey regarding a new public/private Aquatic Center. With the need for a new Family Aquatic Center, in the near future, it would be nice to get some feedback on what residents would like to see happen. If we were to construct a public/private Aquatic Center it could have an Olympic size pool, an indoor pool, and could hold various swim meets and other events.

Trustee Meinecke commented it was discussed at a Park and Recreation Board meeting to do a survey on Survey Monkey about options regarding the future of the Family Aquatic Center.

Mr. Hofland commented the Park and Recreation Board wanted to get different options out to the residents on the future of the Family Aquatic Center, so they could be

informed on what will need to be done in the future. Once residents have been informed on the options then a question could be placed on the annual survey regarding the future of the Family Aquatic Center.

President Brunnuell commented he thinks it is important to leave a comment line with question eight. With that exception, he has no problem pulling the comment section off each question.

Trustee Harbeck commented she agreed it is important to have a comment section by question eight and an additional comment / concern box at the end of the survey.

Sue Hass, 1226 Water Terrace, stated that she likes the idea of having a comment / concern box at the end of the survey. She questioned if question three could be reworded to ask "in what order do you use the following resources" and then rate them from first used to last.

President Brunnuell commented it could be looked into to see if that could be an option.

Motion by Trustee Meinecke, seconded by Trustee Antoine to approve the 2011 Community Survey, as presented. Approved unanimously.

LICENSES

Motion by Trustee Grant, seconded by Trustee Rieck, to approve the issuance of Operators Licenses, as presented. Approved unanimously.

DEPARTMENT AND OFFICERS REPORTS

Dave Murphy, on his behalf, distributed a memo to the Village Board regarding potential raises for non-union employees.

Mr. Murphy commented the sidewalk replacement program - Poetry Paths, is moving forward. The first concrete poem stamp was recently completed. Also, 11 parking spaces have been added by St. Joseph Catholic Church, so that should help with parking in that area.

Trustee Antoine commented the street project on 17th Avenue across, from the tennis courts, has been completed but there are three barrels that have been on site since the project started. Mr. Murphy responded that he will look into it.

Finance Director Paul Styduhar stated Ehlers and Associates had sent out an email to Village Board members regarding the refinancing of \$1,445,000 related to TID No. 3 and the development of Centennial Park. The initial resolution was approved by the Village Board at the June 20, 2011 Board meeting. As indicated at that time, the refinancing would only proceed if rates remained favorable, which they have. At the August 15, Village Board meeting there will be an agenda item authorizing the issuance and sale.

REPORT OF BILLS

Motion by Trustee Liss, seconded by Trustee Antoine to approve the payment of Village expenditures in the amount of \$525,656.46, as presented.

Trustee Meinecke commented on the MasterCard check for a Wellness Conference and why it is under the program budget - Promotion and Goodwill. Also, questioned if there is some type of report that comes back from the conference.

Mr. Styduhar replied that is the correct account for the expenditure. Administrative Assistant Rachel Reiss can provide a written summary when she returns from the conference.

The motion to approve the bills as presented was approved 6-1 (R.Rieck – abstain).

OLD BUSINESS

Status of the Joint Initiative Executive Committee

Administrator Hofland stated the first Joint Initiative Executive Committee meeting will be hosted by the Village of Grafton. The meeting is scheduled for August 10, beginning at 6:30 p.m., at Village Hall and will be an organizational meeting.

Trustee Meinecke requested feedback or questions from other Board members on what they would like to see incorporated into the meeting to aid in further discussions or if anyone had a priority list of what they would like to see accomplished.

President Brunnquell commented he is comfortable with the Board members appointed to the Committee and would like to see the direction of discussion directed by the Committee.

Mrs. Hass questioned if anyone has heard back from the DNR regarding the permit that was supposed to be decided on by July. Administrator Hofland responded it will be discussed in tonight's closed session. Mr. Murphy and he have had contact with the DNR regarding the issue.

NEW BUSINESS

Trustee Liss commented there are four Gala Concerts remaining this summer.

CONVENE TO CLOSED SESSION

Motion by Trustee Meinecke, seconded by Trustee Grant, to convene to closed session at 6:32 p.m., pursuant to Wisconsin Statutes 19.85(1)(c) for Personal related matters (Labor Association of Wisconsin-Police Officers Unit contract negotiations) and 19.85(1)(g) for Litigation matters (Status of legal action – UPAD, LLC / potential litigation-Chapter 31 permit). Approved unanimously by roll call vote.

During the Closed Session, the Village Board discussed negotiation strategies relating to the 2012 LAW - Police Officer Unit and litigation strategies for responding to the UPAD lawsuit and a potential lawsuit regarding the fish passage project.

RECONVENE TO OPEN SESSION AND THE REGULAR ORDER OF BUSINESS

Motion by Trustee Antoine, seconded by Trustee Rieck, to re-convene to open session and the regular order of business at 7:23 p.m. Approved unanimously by roll call vote.

Trustee Grant updated the Village Board on the current debate in Milwaukee regarding streetcars. He is concerned that all We Energies customers will be paying higher rates in light that We Energies is financially responsible for utility relocations for the streetcar project. He requested that the Village Board approve a resolution at a future Village Board meeting to protest We Energies' requirement to assume these costs.

ADJOURN

Motion by Trustee Grant, seconded by Trustee Meinecke, to adjourn at 7:26 p.m. Approved unanimously.