

VILLAGE OF GRAFTON
VILLAGE BOARD MEETING MINUTES

OCTOBER 3, 2011

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

Board members present: Jim Grant, Dave Antoine, Sue Meinecke, David Liss, Lisa Uribe-Harbeck, and Jim Brunnuquell

Absent: Richard Rieck

Staff / Officials present: Village Administrator Darrell Hofland, Director of Planning and Development Michael Rambousek, Deputy Clerk Lisa Oppeneer, and Village Attorney Michael Herbrand

MINUTES

Motion by Trustee Liss, seconded by Trustee Antoine, to approve the 9-19-2011 Village Board meeting minutes and File the 9-15-2011 Architectural Review Board; 9-21-2011 Parks and Recreation Board; 9-21-2011 Joint Initiative Executive Committee; 9-26-2011 Joint Library Board meeting minutes, as presented. Approved unanimously.

PERSONS REQUESTING TO BE HEARD

Ryan L. McCone, 1711 Audubon Avenue, read a letter previously provided to the Village Board members for their review.

President Brunnuquell thanked Mr. McCone for his comments regarding the Bridge Street Dam.

BUSINESS PRESENTED BY THE PRESIDENT

Certificate of Achievement from the ICMA Center for Performance Measurement™

President Brunnuquell presented Administrator Darrell Hofland with the ICMA Center for Performance Measurement award. Grafton is among seven jurisdictions, nationwide, who are receiving the award this year.

Administrator Hofland thanked President Brunnuquell for the award. He summarized the three areas of criteria that needed to be met in order to receive this award: reporting of performance data to the public through budgets, newsletters, and / or information provided to elected officials; data verification efforts to ensure reliability; and staff training. Administrator Hofland thanked Village Staff for compiling and organizing the necessary information.

Acceptance of resignation - Gloria Rosenberg from Public Arts Board, effective immediately

Motion by Trustee Antoine, seconded by Trustee Grant to accept the resignation of Gloria Rosenberg from the Public Arts Board, effective immediately. Approved unanimously.

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

RESOLUTIONS/ORDINANCES/ACTION ITEMS

Resolution commending Aurora Medical Center Grafton on receiving Silver LEED certification designation

Resolution No. 019, Series 2011, commending Aurora Medical Center Grafton on receiving Silver LEED certification designation was offered by Trustee Grant.

Motion by Trustee Meinecke, seconded by Trustee Harbeck, to adopt Resolution No. 019, Series 2011, as presented. Approved unanimously.

Resolution directed to Ozaukee County Board of Supervisors requesting funds from NOAA grant for Milwaukee River watershed be applied toward Bridge Street dam repair

President Brunnquell questioned Village Trustees regarding whether they were interested in taking action on this item at this meeting or if there is a consensus from the Village Board to direct Administrator Hofland to work with Ozaukee County. It may be possible for part of the NOAA grant funds to be applied towards the dam repair. It has been determined that dredging the selected areas in the river could actually improve fish life.

Trustee Grant commented that another name for the NOAA grant is “stimulus funds.” The Federal government decided we have a natural barrier to keep the invasive species from the Great Lakes. If the state believes there needs to be repairs done then they should be responsible for paying for the repairs. Trustee Grant would like this item to go back to the Board of Public Works to come up with a solution.

President Brunnquell commented the State was asked to help with the repairs; however, they replied that the Village owns the dam and is responsible for the repairs. The grant money is there and available. He is looking for direction from the Village Board on how to proceed.

Trustee Harbeck thinks it is a good idea to see if the grant funds can be applied towards the dredging.

Trustee Harbeck, Trustee Liss, and President Brunnquell are in favor of asking if the NOAA grant funds can be applied towards the dredging.

Trustee Meinecke, Trustee Antoine, and Trustee Grant were not in favor of applying the NOAA funds towards the dredging.

Bill Harbeck, 907 17th Avenue, asked if this item could be tabled until there is a full Board available to vote on the matter. The NOAA grant money is here and available, if we do not use it another community will. Mr. Harbeck stated he would be shocked if the Board doesn't approve this.

President Brunquell commented he thinks it is important to wait until the full Village Board is available to vote on the item. He also thinks that if we don't use the grant money another community will. This is an extension of the binding referendum that the Village of Grafton residents had voted on.

It was the consensus of the Village Board to not take action on this item and wait until all seven Board members are available to act on this item.

Item 1 / Report of the Plan Commission

Resolution No. 020, Series 2011, certifying a Plan Commission approved amendment to the 2035 Comprehensive (Master Plan Land Use Map) for property located at 695 Port Washington Road, owned by Paul and Jill Christensen, re-designating the land use options for a 3.06 acres outlot on the western portion of the property from the current Agriculture use designation to an Institutional use designation was offered by Trustee Liss.

Motion by Trustee Meinecke, seconded by Trustee Antoine to adopt Resolution No. 020, Series 2011, as presented.

President Brunquell commented this issue was discussed at length at the September Plan Commission meeting. We Energies gave a presentation on the proposed substation, at that time. President Brunquell indicated that at the Plan Commission meeting he stated that the resolution for the land use map amendment would need to go to Village Board for final approval. However, after reviewing state statutes, all the Village Board is being asked to do is to "certify" the action of the Plan Commission on adopting the land use map amendment. He stated this is the first step in the process. The project approval process consists of many additional steps. Ultimately, the annexation and zoning of the property will need to be approved by the Village Board. The site plan will be approved by the Plan Commission.

Pat Adams, agent for We Energies, commented she was present at the previous Plan Commission meeting and listened to all the comments and concerns regarding the substation. She indicated that We Energies plans to work with the Village of Grafton Planning and Development Department on the resident's concerns.

Joan Grunwald, 656 River Bend Road, stated that she and her husband own the 30 acres west of the proposed site, off of River Bend Road. Mrs. Grunwald does not believe enough consideration has been given to the location of the substation and believes that the substation will devalue the surrounding properties (she held up a

picture of another substation to show the Village Board and audience). She questioned if the vacant property to the east of the former Lesson Building and behind Aurora Medical Center has been considered as a possible location. She also would like to know who to direct all her questions to and what is the appropriate procedure to receive the requested information.

Pat Adams commented Mrs. Grunwald is referencing a smaller parcel of land than the site being considered. When looking to build a substation many factors are taken into consideration. The transmission line corridor is looked at and then all land within a mile of the corridor is evaluated for a potential location.

Trustee Grant asked Mrs. Grunwald if she could get supporting evidence that substations decrease property values.

President Brunquell commented that the picture Mrs. Grunwald is showing is not the actual substation being presented for the Port Washington Road location. He stated that no matter where a substation goes there will be some type of public comment on the proposal. However, there is a need in this area for a substation and this location will provide a large coverage area. The Resolution being approved is only to amend the Land Use Map. There are many more steps in the process that will need to be completed before the substation can be built. This is a fundamental service we need to provide to the community. The Village Board and Plan Commission members need to find away to impact the least amount of people as possible.

Bill Grunwald, 656 River Bend Road, commented the location his wife suggested near the former Lesson building and Aurora Medical Center was told to them that it would be very costly to build a substation there. The location that We Energies is proposing is a very residential area. He questioned if it is approved tonight is it is a “done deal”.

President Brunquell stated the Village Board is certifying the Resolution the Plan Commission adopted. However, at this time the annexation and rezoning of the property have not been approved. The Village Board will have final approval on those matters.

Mr. Grunwald asked the Village Board and Plan Commission members to do a good study themselves on other possible locations. We Energies is also purchasing a large parcel of land from Rick Schmit that will not have much value after the substation is built. Also, the homes (Falls Crossing) to the north of the substation will see devaluation in their property. Mr. Grunwald stated they will get studies on home valuations and substations.

Sharon Chrusniak, 671 N Port Washington Road, questioned why the three acres needed to be made “Institutional” now.

Mr. Brunquell replied this is the first step that needs to be completed in the process.

Director of Planning and Development Michael Rambousek stated he was approached by We Energies with the substation proposal. In order to start the process the first step is to amend the Land Use Map. The 2035 Comprehensive Plan (Master Plan Land Use Map) is an “expectation” or a “vision” of what Grafton may look like in the future.

Mrs. Chrusniak questioned if the three acres is zoned “institutional” and if someday she wants to sell her ten acres, how would her property be valued and would it even be sellable.

Mr. Rambousek stated he is not an appraiser and cannot answer that question.

Mrs. Chrusniak questioned if it is the Village Board’s duty as local officials to look at other potential locations for the substation.

Mr. Brunnquell stated the Plan Commission acts on requests brought to them. This item was brought to the Plan Commission for action.

Mrs. Chrusniak commented the goal is to get the most power for a large area and she is shocked there are not any other locations where this can be done.

President Brunnquell directed Mrs. Chrusniak to talk with We Energies to look at other opportunities.

Mrs. Chrusniak questioned if it is the Village Board's responsibility to look at the issues the residents bring to them regarding this. She is concerned about health issues that may be caused by a substation.

Mr. Brunnquell commented if there is evidence that supports a particular issue the Plan Commission and Village Board can deny the request that is being made to the Village.

Mrs. Chrusniak questioned what we as residents can do. President Brunnquell suggested residents meet with We Energies.

Trustee Grant advised residents to show up at the Plan Commission meeting to voice their concerns.

The motion to adopt Resolution No. 020, Series 2011, was approved unanimously.

LICENSES

Motion by Trustee Grant, seconded by Trustee Antoine to approve the issuance of licenses as presented: a Class “B” Fermented Malt Beverage and “Class C” Wine license to Daryl Kranich / d.b.a. Downtown Pizza – 1230 12th Avenue; a Special “Class B”/Class “B” Picnic license – Pam King-agent – Celebrate Grafton / Pumpkin Fest / October 7-8, 2011 / Paramount Plaza and Lime Kiln Park, as presented. Approved unanimously.

Denial of Operators license - Andrew Reinders

No action was taken on this agenda item.

DEPARTMENT AND OFFICERS REPORTS

Administrator Hofland informed the Board members that the 2012 Executive Budget will be available as early as Thursday. The public hearing notice has to be submitted for publication by 9:00 a.m. tomorrow morning. The budget was a little more difficult this year compared to previous years. To be consistent with state statutes there will be a zero percent raise in property taxes. Due to Act 10, employees will be contributing a higher percentage of Health Insurance and Wisconsin Retirement System costs; therefore, there is a considerable savings in the 2012 budget. The Budget Workshop will be held on Saturday, October 15, 2011, at 8:00 a.m.

Trustee Grant commented the Joint Initiative Executive Committee has met four times. The purpose of the Committee is to try and come up with ways for both communities to work jointly. However, the preliminary budget has had no effect on sharing services.

Mr. Rambousek commented Village Board members received a letter regarding noise complaints from a downtown establishment. He informed the Board he will be meeting with residents in that area within the next week.

Trustee Grant questioned Mr. Rambousek if he will be measuring the noise level downtown. Mr. Rambousek replied yes.

REPORT OF BILLS

Motion by Trustee Grant, seconded by Trustee Antoine, to approve the payment of Village Expenditures in the amount of \$127,696.32, as presented. Approved unanimously.

OLD BUSINESS

None.

NEW BUSINESS

None.

CONVE TO CLOSED SESSION

Motion by Trustee Harbeck, seconded by Trustee Meinecke, to convene to closed session at 6:53 p.m., pursuant to Wisconsin Statutes 19.85(1)(c) for Personnel Matters (2012 Employee benefits) and 19.85(1)(e) for Real Estate and Competitive Bargaining Matters (Village of Saukville Inspection Services agreement and Pre-annexation agreements for Town of Grafton property on the Village's southeast side.) Approved unanimously by roll call vote.

During the Closed Session, the Village Board discussed potential 2012 changes in benefits for non-represented employees, negotiation strategies for the pre-annexation agreement with We Energies, and negotiation strategies for an intergovernmental agreement for inspection services with the Village of Saukville.

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

Motion by Trustee Meinecke, seconded by Trustee Grant, to adjourn Closed Session and reconvene into the regular order of business at 7:38 p.m. Approved unanimously by roll call vote.

2012 HEALTH INSURANCE FOR NON-REPRESENTED, AFSCME AND LAW – TELECOMMUNICATOR EMPLOYEES

Motion by Trustee Harbeck, seconded by Trustee Grant, to approve the amendment to the Personnel Policy relating to 2012 Health Insurance for non-represented, AFSCME and LAW - Telecommunicator employees, as follows: Section 20.01 GROUP HEALTH INSURANCE PROGRAM: The Village shall provide group health insurance for single or family coverage under the Wisconsin Public Employee's Group Health Insurance Plan (Plan) to employees in qualified full-time and part-time (~~600~~ 1,200 hours or more) permanent positions on the first day of the next month following the start date. The Village shall pay up to ~~93~~ 88 percent of the lowest qualified Ozaukee County health insurance provider in the Plan. Employees in qualified part-time permanent positions shall make a contribution toward the monthly premium equivalent to the percentage of their employment status. Approved unanimously.

ADJOURN

Motion by Trustee Liss, seconded by Trustee Antoine, to adjourn at 7:39 p.m. Approved unanimously.