

CALL TO ORDER:

Trustee Gorman calls to order the Village of East Dundee Committee of the Whole meeting at 7:00 p.m.

ROLL CALL:

Trustees Ruffulo, Gorman, Miller, Lynam and VanOstenbridge. Trustee Cichowski and President Bartels were absent.

Also in attendance: Village Administrator Frank Koehler, Deputy Village Administrator Heather Maieritsch, Economic Development Consultant Bob Skurla, Village Attorney Pat O'Connor, Chief of Police Terry Mee and Village Clerk Jennifer Rehberg.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION:

OLD BUSINESS: None

NEW BUSINESS:

Trustee Cichowski arrived at 7:03 pm.

A. Proposed Village Fee Schedule Changes

Village Administrator Koehler stated there are a few things that are proposed to be changed. If there is vacant land, the Village would be responsible for mowing the land with a fine of \$50. Trustee Ruffulo asked about abandoned houses. Koehler stated they have been able to work with mortgage holders and hold them accountable for the mowing. Trustee Miller stated there are many ornamental grasses that are taller than 6" and feels the code should be clarified. Trustee Gorman stated he thinks the Board should address this at a different time. Discussion moved on to the water turn-on charge of \$150. The Public Works department works from 6:00 am to 3:00 pm. If a resident pays their bill after 3:00 pm, staff is not available to turn on their water until 6:00 am the next day. If a resident would like their water turned on after 7:00 am of the next business day, there would be a \$75 fee. If they would like their water turned on after 3:00 pm on the same day or on the weekend, the fee would be \$150. Gorman asked if both of these changes can be put on the same ordinance.

B. Sewer Fees for Non Water Users

Village Administrator Koehler reviewed the history of these fees over the years and an increase in their amounts. He stated there are residents who have sewer service but do not have water service. Trustee Gorman explained the history of the sewer fees and how the decisions were made. He suggested that the Village should ask the residents at the beginning of the year how many people are living in their household and calculate the bill on publicly accepted PE (personal equivalent) standards, which define an average amount of water used per person. He feels residents have a choice, either the number of bedrooms or the number of occupants in the house. Trustee VanOstenbridge feels giving residents a choice is the best answer. Trustee Miller feels an option is the better choice. Trustee Lynam opts for the average usage of the village household, approximately \$68. Trustee Cichowski feels the average is the best choice. Trustee Ruffulo feels average is the best option. Gorman stated there are 2 options: 1) pay a flat \$68 average or 2) pay by either the number of people in your house or number of bedrooms. Miller would favor going from \$47.30 to \$68.03 over a 12 month period. Ruffulo stated we should go with the \$68 average. Koehler will come back with the PE and more discussion for the Board.

C. Vandewalle Contract

Village Administrator Koehler stated this is a standard renewal contract. So far, the Village has spent about \$3,000 this year.

D. Appointment Ordinance

Item D. was tabled.

E. Signs and Lighting

Trustee Ruffulo stated Laundry King had a strobe light on their building as an attention grabber and now the Community Thrift Store has one. It was clarified that a strobe light is prohibited under Village ordinance. Chief Mee stated if it is an issue, he will call the manager tomorrow and ask them why they have it and ask him to turn it off. He will also contact the Laundry King, as well. Discussion changed to the signage at WE BUY GOLD. Trustee VanOstenbridge questioned the size of the signs and the fact the lighting is on the inside of the window. VanOstenbridge stated he will look more into this matter. Trustee Gorman suggests we contact the owners and ask them to turn off their signs at a certain time every night. Gorman asked Bob Skurla to stop in at the WE BUY GOLD and discuss the issue with the owner.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: NONE

Motion to recess to Executive Session: Executive Session, closed to the public and media under the provisions of the Illinois Open Meetings Act, 5ILCS, 120/2, (2) (21), Discussion of Minutes, (C) (6), Pending Litigation, 2 (C) (1), Personnel and 2 (C) (5) Acquisition of Property.

Upcoming Meetings-

Committee of the Whole Meeting is tentatively set for 11/22/10

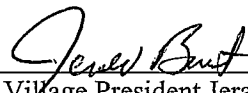
Motion to adjourn the Committee of the Whole Meeting by Lynam/VanOstenbridge.


Roll: Ayes – 6 – Trustees Ruffulo, Gorman, Miller, Lynam, Cichowski and VanOstenbridge.

Nays – 0. Absent – 1 – President Bartels. Motion carries, meeting adjourns at 8:15 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Jennifer Rehberg

By: 
Village President Jerald Bartels

Attest: 
Village Clerk Jennifer Rehberg