

CALL TO ORDER

President Miller calls to order the Village of East Dundee Committee of the Whole Meeting at 6:05 pm.

ROLL CALL:

Trustees Gorman, Skillicorn, Selep, Wood, Lynam, Hall and President Miller.

Also in attendance Village Administrator Bob Skurla, Chief of Police Terry Mee, Economic Development Director Doug Bergren, Deputy Village Administrator/Village Clerk Heather Maieritsch and Deputy Village Clerk Katherine Holt.

PUBLIC COMMENT (Agenda Items only):

Lorice Amlin – 114 Barrington Avenue, East Dundee, IL

Mrs. Amlin stated that she would like to raise backyard hens. She distributed a handout to the Board of various chicken coop renderings and a list of Illinois towns that currently allow backyard chickens. She said that she would like fresh eggs daily and the natural fertilizer that they would provide. She said she understands that there are concerns with cleanliness and odor but said with proper ordinances in place, this should help deter people from not taking care of their chickens or at least give the Village the ability to enforce any issues.

OLD BUSINESS:

A. Backyard Hens

The Board discussed a backyard hen draft ordinance. Residential zoning districts were discussed and the Board agreed that R1-R3 single family residential and estate zones would be appropriate zones to allow for backyard hens. Next, the Board discussed what the appropriate fee should be for a license. President Miller said he did not want to charge more than or less than it would cost for the Village to do an initial inspection and to address any violations. He said it is important to put a cap on the number of licenses that will be issued. He stated that a maximum size for the coop enclosure's height and floor space needs to be determined as well as the number of hens allowed per residence. He referenced West Dundee's ordinance relating to nuisances and said that something similar should be incorporated into East Dundee's ordinance to control noise and odor. He also referenced West Dundee's ordinance that states that no license will be issued if the issuance of the license will be detrimental to endanger public health, safety or welfare. He said he would also like something similar to this added to East Dundee's ordinance. He said he spoke to officials at West Dundee who have had their backyard hen program in place now for 2 years and was told the biggest issue they have encountered was an occasional chicken escaping its enclosure. Trustees Gorman and Skillicorn said they would like to run this as a pilot program and expand it if it is successful. There was consensus of the Board to support the program. President Miller said that he will email a draft with comments to the Board tomorrow and asked them to reply with any suggestions, changes or concerns.

NEW BUSINESS:

A. 611 E. Main Street Business & Marketing Plans

Administrator Skurla reported that he and President Miller have contacted three marketing firms asking them to submit proposals. He said he should receive proposals within two or three weeks.

B. Street Sweeper Request by West Dundee

Administrator Skurla advised that West Dundee has asked if they could buy in and share East Dundee's street sweeper. He said after some thought, it is probably not in East Dundee's best interest in the long run because West Dundee has many more streets and would be using it a lot which would shorten the life of the sweeper significantly. Trustee Gorman said that the last street sweeper ultimately rusted out. He said rust will be consistent year over year. He said that if the street sweeper could be leased out at a rate that would allow the Village to replace it in ten years, he said that would be a good business move. He said the Village would have newer equipment in its fleet by doing it this way without having to pay additional money. Clerk Maieritsch said that one of the main concerns raised by the Public Works department was competing times of availability for using the sweeper between the two Villages. She will ask Tim Wilson to create a list of the pros and cons of sharing a sweeper with West Dundee. President Miller added that he needed to know what West Dundee's terms would be for the use. The Board will continue discussions on this once more information is available.

C. Park District Electronic Sign

Tom Mammoser, from the Dundee Township Park District, provided several renderings of a proposed electronic message sign for the corner of routes 25 and 68 at the Bonnie Dundee Golf course. He said Carpentersville will partner with the Park District on the project and asked the Board if East Dundee would like to as well. He asked the Board if the Village could contribute financially or support a variance for the sign. He said he would like to get bid specs created by October 1. Some concerns voiced by the Board included too many electronic signs in the area and not wanting video displays. Mr. Mammoser advised that the Park District's intent is to use the sign for electronic text messages, not video displays. After some discussion, the Board gave approval for an electronic sign and agreed that it would not contribute financially, but would support a variance. President Miller asked Mr. Mammoser to work with Administrator Skurla to put together a proposal.

PUBLIC COMMENT (Non Agenda Items):

Karla Berke – 422 N. Van Buren Street, East Dundee, IL

Ms. Berke stated that she has an easement on her property with a spring that runs through it. She said the tile keeps breaking and was patched a year ago. She said the tiles are broke again. President Miller asked her to provide her contact information and someone will look into the issue.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: Yes

Motion to adjourn the Committee of the Whole Meeting to Executive Session at 7:24 pm closed to the public and media under the provisions of the Illinois Open Meetings Act, 5ILCS, 120/2, 2 (C) (5) Acquisition of Property, (2) (21) Discussion of Minutes and 2 (C) (1) Personnel by Lynam/Wood.

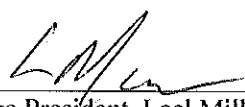
Roll: Ayes – 7 – Trustees Gorman, Lynam, Selep, Skillicorn, Wood, Hall and President Miller. Nays – 0. Absent – 0. Motion carries, meeting adjourns.

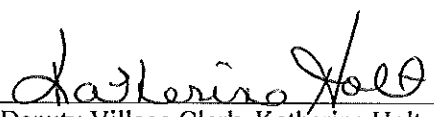
Respectfully Submitted,

Katherine Holt

Committee of the Whole Meeting
Village of East Dundee
Kane County, Illinois
August 10, 2015

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By: 
Village President, Lael Miller

Attest: 
Deputy Village Clerk, Katherine Holt