

CALL TO ORDER:

President Bartels calls to order the Committee of the Whole Meeting at 7:02 pm.

ROLL CALL:

Roll: Michael Ruffulo, Paul VanOstenbridge, Frank Scarpelli, Jr., Dan O'Leary, Rob Gorman, Jim Carlini and President Bartels. Also in attendance are Paul Nicholson, Victoria Benson, T.J. Moore, Trish Terrill, Bob Urbanowitz, Mike Blahnik, and Joe Heinz.

CONSIDERATIONS:

1) Recommended Building (Model) Code Updates – Continued Discussion

Mr. Nicholson states that Chief Rakow has arranged for a presentation to the Board by representatives of the Fire and Sprinkler Association relative to the department's recommendations on the fire suppression components of the code updates. Currently, those standards are in place. Mr. Urbanowitz has recommended that the Board move to the national model standard which, in the fire department's eyes, is less restrictive. The meeting is this coming Thursday at 6 pm in the firehouse training room. Most of the Board is able to attend, however, a 6:30 pm start time will be suggested to the Chief.

2) Fee Schedule Amendment: Tap on fees-service line upgrades – Discussion

Regarding Mr. Moore's memo, his recommendation is that the language be modified and be included in the fee schedule. Should someone upgrade a service line in an exiting business, the business owner would pay the difference. Mr. McNamee states that the Village will not find anything cheaper that the Board can do to help the businesses. Tap on fees are established for new structures, not existing structures, as they have already been paid. Mr. Moore feels that the Village should protect the water and sewer fund. Mr. Nicholson agrees and states that the Board should determine if the Village would like to establish a program for an Economic Development plan package.

Motion to move forward with this change but continue to look into criteria around the downtown redevelopment by Scarpelli/Ruffulo.

Trustee Scarpelli is asked to restate the motion.

Motion to allow the language amendment and recommend to the full Board

Roll: 7 Ayes (Ruffulo, VanOstenbridge, Scarpelli, O'Leary, Gorman, Carlini, President Bartels), 0 Nays, Motion carries.

Motion for a recommendation that the Board consider establishing a fund that would pay for tap on fees in the historic district for new businesses and look into other fees that may create incentives by Gorman/Ruffulo.

Roll: 6 Ayes (Ruffulo, VanOstenbridge, Scarpelli, O'Leary, Gorman, Carlini), 0 Nays, 1 Present (Bartels), Motion carries.

3) Budget Cost Reduction Scenario(s)-FY 07/08 – Presentation/Discussion

Joining the meeting is Sue Behrens and Nick Cinquegrani.

Mr. Nicholson states that in regards to the FY06/07 budget and Walmart's possible departure, the Board asked Staff where the Village could offset the \$600,000 in sales tax revenue. Staff has identified \$600,000 in optional budget cost reduction with two objectives: 1) minimize direct impact on residents, and 2) develop alternative scenario by which to partially or wholly achieve goal. They feel that it will not be possible to achieve this objective without significantly impacting the residents, however it could be achieved through a series of selective cost reductions. Staff has recommended three categories of expenditure reductions: 1) Reductions with no/ minimal service level impact/reduction, 2) One year deferral of maintenance and capital expense, and 3) Reduction resulting in/requiring service level reduction or program impact. Their suggestion is to combine one of these categories with a

development. Mr. Nicholson states that all these examples are only for demonstrative purposes in order to show impact. Ms. Behrens is asked her recommendation in initiating a long-range financial plan. She feels that the Board needs to give Staff clear definition between policy and day-to-day operations. The process seems to work best when the Board can clearly define what they want to achieve through the Village Administrator. Mr. Nicholson would like the Board to articulate in a narrative, non-dollar fashion by consensus the specific objectives they would like to achieve on a single or multi year basis. Staff is looking for direction from the Board regarding areas for cuts and deferrals. Ms. Behrens adds that Staff would like to present the long-range financial plan in November and that the tax levy has to be passed by December 1st. Since Walmart is a year off, she feels the Board should defer some things now and get a Finance Committee in place. Mr. Nicholson states that Staff will proceed with their development process.

STATUS REPORTS:

a. NICOR Franchise Renewal

Mr. Nicholson has posed a question to NICOR regarding the term of the franchise and has not received an answer as of yet. This will be placed on the agenda for the first meeting in November.

b. Proposed Village Board Committee Structure

President Bartels asks for comments on his memo regarding committee structure. He realizes there is concern about the number of persons on a committee. He would prefer three persons, as it constitutes a meeting that would be posted with an agenda and minutes. He asks the Attorney to prepare a legal opinion regarding moving to that type of committee structure. All seem to be in support of the structure itself; however, some are concerned if a three person Board is legal. The Attorney is asked to look into any violations with either a two or three person committee. The Attorney is also directed to draft an Ordinance for a formal committee structure. President Bartels would like to recommend Trustee Ruffulo as the Chair of the Finance Committee with Trustees Scarpelli and Carlini sitting on the committee. All are in agreement. Regarding the Legal Committee, Trustee Scarpelli feels there should be some type of comprehensive overview of all the current Ordinances to see if they are still valid or need updating.

c. Document Retention/Electronic Agenda Packet Implementation

Mr. Moore states they have a quote for \$7,000 for Think Pad laptops. This is the beginning of a roll out of paperless packets. Although Mr. Moore feels that this is a good idea, he informs the Board that this will cause more work for Staff. The option of offering the packet on CD is suggested and the Board is in agreement to receiving the packet in that form. Mr. Moore explains his issues with the Board owning the machines vs. the Village owning the machines. His concerns include network security, antivirus; the software is Village property, etc. He would prefer if they were uniform and owned by the Village. Trustee VanOstenbridge suggests looking into leasing. Most agree that it would be cleaner if the Village owned the laptops and there is consensus to move forward. President Bartels asks Staff to only purchase six units and Mr. Nicholson states that they will order seven and have one as a back up. Also, Mr. Nicholson will confirm if any Board action is necessary and if there is, it will be on next Monday night's agenda, if not, they will move forward.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

Motion to reconvene to Executive Session by VanOstenbridge/Carlini at 9:40 pm.

Roll: 7 Ayes (Ruffulo, VanOstenbridge, Scarpelli, O'Leary, Gorman, Carlini, President Bartels), 0 Nays, Motion carries.

Motion to reconvene open session by O'Leary/Scarpelli.

Roll: 7 Ayes (Ruffulo, VanOstenbridge, Scarpelli, O'Leary, Carlini, President Bartels), 0 Nays, Motion carries.

ADJOURNMENT:

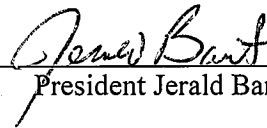
Motion to adjourn the COTW meeting by Gorman/Carlini 10:20 pm.

Roll: 7 Ayes (Ruffulo, VanOstenbridge, Scarpelli, O'Leary, Gorman, Carlini, President Bartels), 0 Nays,
Motion carries.

Respectfully Submitted,

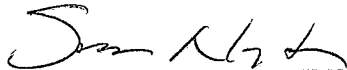
Susan Norton

By:



President Jerald Bartels

Attest:



Village Clerk Susan Norton