

REGULAR BOARD MEETING
Village Hall, 102 South Second Street

August 20, 2012 - 7:30 pm
Village of West Dundee

I. CALL TO ORDER:

President Keller called the Regular Board Meeting to order at 7:30 pm.

II. ROLL CALL:

Present were Village President Larry Keller, Trustees Becky Gillam, Tom Price, Norm Osth, Pat Hanley and Andy Yuscka. Trustee Julie Voss was absent.

Also present were Village Manager Joe Cavallaro, Village Attorney John Brechin, Community Development Director Cathleen Tymoszenko and approximately seventy (70) people in the audience.

III. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIENCE:

Trustee Gillam led the Board and those in attendance in the Pledge of Allegiance.

IV. APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

MOTION: Moved by Trustee Osth and seconded by Trustee Price to approve the agenda as presented. Upon roll call, motion was approved.

AYES: Trustees Osth, Hanley, Yuscka, Gillam and Price

NAYS: None

ABSENT: Trustee Voss

V. VILLAGE PRESIDENT'S REPORT:

A. South End Park Campout Special Event Request

President Keller invited the petitioners for the South End Park Campout to come forward.

Pam Griffin, 304 S. Third St., introduced the request to hold the 9th annual South End Park Camp Out on Saturday, September 8, 2012.

Presenting the request were Libby Griffin, Fiona Lukes, Graham and Morgan Harrison, Austin Miller, Weston Leith and Jack Burns, all residents of the Dundee Highlands/Old Town neighborhood. Each answered a question from the Board, including the types of activities planned, numbers of attendees expected and what time quiet hours are enforced.

MOTION: Moved by Trustee Price and seconded by Trustee Gillam to authorize the 9th annual overnight campout at South End Park on September 8, 2012, pursuant to the conditions outlined in Manager Cavallaro's memo dated August 15, 2012. Upon roll call, motion was approved.

AYES: Trustees Price, Osth, Hanley, Yuscka and Gillam

NAYS: None

ABSENT: Trustee Voss

President Keller also reminded the Board that an open house at the new Randall Oaks Recreation Center will be held this Thursday evening.

VI. REPORTS AND QUESTIONS FROM TRUSTEES:

Trustee Gillam advised that the final Earth Day, Every Day gardening event will be held this Saturday, August 25 from 9 am to Noon. Work will focus on the Riverwalk to spruce up and get ready for Heritage Fest.

VII. VILLAGE STAFF REPORTS: There were none.

VIII. QUESTIONS FROM THE AUDIENCE:

Michael Dewey, 411 Oregon Avenue, spoke on behalf of the Dundee Lions Club. He provided an update regarding the Lions' participation in this year's Heritage Fest and Dickens in Dundee celebrations. He also expressed his support for the proposed Fox Performing Arts Center.

Mark Johnson, 216 S. First Street, spoke on behalf of Challenger Baseball. He invited the Board to attend the first ever Challenger Jamboree on September 8, 2012 at Randall Oaks Park, where 120-130 special needs kids and their buddies are expected to participate. He added that next year he would like to open the event to special needs little league teams statewide. He thanked Trustee Julie Voss for her support and assistance.

IX. CONSENT AGENDA:

- A. Approval of Debit Purchases: July 2012
- B. Approval of Bill List: August 20, 2012
- C. Approval of Minutes: August 6, 2012 Regular Board Meeting
- D. Approval of Minutes: August 13, 2012 Committee of the Whole Meeting
- E. Reappointment of Village Commissioners and Police Pension Board Members

MOTION: Moved by Trustee Hanley and seconded by Trustee Yuscka to approve the Consent Agenda as presented. Upon roll call, motion was approved.

AYES: Trustees Hanley, Yuscka, Gillam, Price and Osth,

NAYS: None

ABSENT: Trustee Voss

X. UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

A. Refuse Collection Contract Extension - Republic Services (Trustee Yuscka)

Trustee Yuscka stated that ongoing discussion and negotiation of the refuse contract over the past several months has resulted in Republic agreeing to donate 95-gallon refuse totes for use within West Dundee. In return, a 7-year contract is requested.

Manager Cavallaro pointed out that the 7-year contract is more favorable to the Village than the previously proposed 5-year contract, and includes no cost increase in the first 2 years. He added that Republic will provide a \$1.00 per household (\$2,200) annual contribution to the Kane County Household Hazardous Waste Collection Program on behalf of West Dundee.

Tim Lintner and Steve Vogrin of Republic Services were in attendance to answer questions.

MOTION: Moved by Trustee Yuscka and seconded by Trustee Price to authorize a 7-year contract extension between the Village of West Dundee and Republic Services under the terms and conditions identified. Upon roll call, motion was approved.

AYES: Trustees Yuscka, Gillam, Price, Osth and Hanley

NAYS: None

ABSENT: Trustee Voss

B. Fox Performing Arts Center (Trustee Price)

Trustee Price briefly reviewed the history of the Fox Performing Arts Center (FPAC), proposed to utilize the former Ace Hardware building at 118 S. First St. He stated that the use is consistent with the goals of the Comprehensive Plan and acknowledged the donations that have been reported and support that has been demonstrated for the facility.

Manager Cavallaro noted that the resolution supporting a private-public partnership, which was passed by the Board on March 19, 2012, required that a presentation be made at this time to report on fundraising efforts and commitments for use of the facility.

Mr. Rick Browne presented a power point presentation outlining the goals, efforts, results and next steps of the Friends of the FPAC volunteer organization, citing 10 groups that have expressed a desire to use the facility and 8 in-house programs.

He advised that 750 individuals have signed a petition of support and that \$222,360 has been pledged during Phase 1 of the fundraising campaign. Phase 2 will focus on regional and corporate sponsorships and long-term giving programs. He proposed that a new resolution be crafted to extend the deadline for fundraising with additional reporting obligations.

President Keller acknowledged the majority support of the Board to extend the deadline for fundraising. He stated that the details regarding the public-private partnership need to be fleshed out and a complete understanding be provided regarding any public taxpayer dollars that will be requested to support the project. He expressed that the theater's finances and operations need to be self-sustaining, pointing out that many similar facilities rely on municipal support and subsidies to remain viable. These comments were echoed by Manager Cavallaro and Trustees Gillam, Hanley and Price.

President Keller directed the staff to prepare a resolution to extend the time for fundraising and reporting and nail down the dollars requested of the Village. Trustee Osth requested that a Memorandum of Understanding be included.

Mr. Browne stated that the organization's goal is to raise \$1.8-million by August of 2014 and to open the doors debt-free, then focus on operations, and that the intention is to not be a burden on the Village.

President Keller noted that the 24-month timeline may be problematic, as the Village as the property owner has a responsibility to stabilize and maintain the property in the interim, and would not wish to expend public dollars for maintenance if the project does not reach fruition and the building is ultimately torn down.

Supporters of the FPAC came forward to express their support for the project:

Holly McNeil, 611 Washington Street, cited a university study regarding the benefits that a theater facility brings to the local economy.

Chris Atkins, 1820 Huntington Drive, Algonquin, discussed the positive impact of creative learning in developing survival skills for kids.

Cheryl Anderley, 430 S. First Street, noted that West Dundee was once referred to as “Camelot”, and expressed that the theater could be the start of a downtown entertainment hub.

Richard Geiger of Vex Theater Company in Elgin, 642 S. Oak Street, Palatine, spoke regarding his involvement in both the planning and future operations of the FPAC. He stated that he is involved in the project because of Mr. Browne’s forward-looking approach.

Mary Rimm, 614 Liberty Street, stated that there is significant local support for the theater and that she believes it will continue in the long term.

President Keller extended the Board’s thanks for these comments and added that he looks forward to further discussions with Mr. Browne on this effort.

Manager Cavallaro stated that a resolution would be prepared for the Board’s consideration during the month of September.

XII. EXECUTIVE SESSION: There was none.

XIII. MISCELLANEOUS: There was none.

XIV. ADJOURNMENT:

MOTION: Moved by Trustee Hanley and seconded by Trustee Gillam to adjourn the Regular Board Meeting. Motion passed unanimously by voice vote.

The Regular Board Meeting adjourned at 8:48 pm.

ATTEST:

Kim Tibbetts
Deputy Village Clerk

Larry Keller
Village President