

**VILLAGE OF GREENDALE
REGULAR BOARD MEETING
AUGUST 5, 2014**

President Hermes called the Village Board meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. in the Board Room of Village Hall.

ROLL CALL

Present: Birmingham, Barbian, Ouellette, Chadwick, Sikorski, Genz, Hermes
Absent: None
Also Present: Todd Michaels, Village Manager
Kathy Kasza, Clerk Treasurer
Sarah Jankowski, Assistant Village Manager
Timothy Saidler, Fire Chief
Robert Malasuk, Police Chief
Robert McFaul, Public Works Director
Mark Uecker, Utilities Superintendent
25 Visitors

MINUTES

Trustee Birmingham moved, seconded by Trustee Barbian, that the reading of the minutes from the Regular Board Meeting held on July 15, 2014 be suspended since all Board members received copies of same prior to tonight's meeting and that these minutes be approved as presented.

Ayes: Birmingham Barbian, Ouellette, Chadwick, Sikorski, Genz, Hermes
Nays: None
Motion to Approve: Carried

NEW COMMUNICATIONS

None Scheduled

CITIZENS' COMMENTS

Erin Bode 5225 Millshire Rd.

Erin Bode stated that she believes that voting should be taken out of Greendale schools; she is a parent of students at Greendale schools and is speaking in the best interest of her children. She discussed how the school is locked all the other days but for voting it is unlocked and anyone could come in.

Jason Patzfahl 5301 Laura Ln.

Jason Patzfahl does not want to have a referendum; he stated that the board should be responsible for making a united decision for Greendale. He does not want it to be a referendum because there are too many non-stakeholders that will vote. Patzfahl stated that other towns around Greendale have taken voting out of schools successfully and he thinks we could do that as well. He had talked to St. Alphonsus Church about voting there as another possibility; another alternate spot would be the Hose tower.

Chandra Cominsky 5181 Laura Ln.

Chandra Cominsky stated that she thinks voting should be taken out of schools.

Aleks Skibicki 4256 Teakwood

Aleks Skibicki made a point of being concerned that the referendum was turning the issue into a political issue, instead of just a Greendale issue. He thinks that this issue should stay just about Greendale citizens and should not be turned into a bigger issue including more political views.

Anne Farley 4970 Steeper Dr.

Anne Farley would like to keep the children safe and remove voting from the schools. She does not think that it is safe the way it is now, and does not agree with how people could just walk into schools on voting days while on regular school days there is less traffic; they need to get bussed in through the main doors

Gretchen Skrobis 4858 Sterling Dr.

Gretchen Skrobis discussed that Election days are planned, people know when the Greendale Schools are open. From the knowledge that there is access to the schools, there is a greater chance something may happen. Mrs. Skrobis would like it removed from the schools to insure that the children are safe.

Tara Lopez 7308 Earl Ave.

Tara Lopez is restating her and other parents concerns about having voting in the schools. She has two kids and is not allowed to go in the school to drop her children off. There are restrictions on the parents on other days, but not on voting days. She also thinks that this is getting to be a bigger political issue, when it is about the children's safety.

Harley Larson 5586 Municipal Square

Harley Larson thinks that voting should stay in schools; it is convenient for everyone to vote. Larson thinks that it should be an in-service day.

Bev Konkol 4924 Seton

Bev Konkol, former teacher, grandparent, and volunteers for Schools. From her experience as a teacher in a school who hosted voting, she thought during that day it was hard to keep the students paying attention, from all the noises and interruption of the school. She is concerned for the safety of the children too but is most worried about the knowledge of the kids and having an in-service day in the middle of the week is hard for parents, but these days are for the teachers and curriculum.

Tom Combs 5809 Sugarbush Ln.

Tom Combs would like to remove voting from the schools for safety reasons.

Jennifer Lyden 9020 Glenwood Dr.

Jennifer Lyden has children in Greendale School District and was concerned about the safety of the kid's; last election she sat outside for a period of time and noticed that the police were not at the school the entire day. She thinks that having voting at the schools is a risk for the kids, and should move elsewhere.

Steve Smith 5320 Laura Ln.

Steve Smith also thinks that voting should be taken out of Greendale schools, many other towns don't think "it will happen to them" until it does. Steve thinks that Greendale should not take the risk, and should move voting elsewhere to eliminate the risk.

Colleen Lamb 9000 Glenwood Dr.

Colleen Lamb would not like to have voting at the schools. Colleen does not like how there are extraordinary security measures every day except election days. Parents did have an option to vote to have an in-service day, but the parents voted against it. Lamp thinks voting at schools creates traffic and a disruptive learning environment.

Maggie Smith 8201 Parkridge Ln.

Maggie Smith would like every precaution to be taken to make sure her the children in Greendale Schools are safe.

Elizabeth Co 6091 Trailridge Dr.

Elizabeth Co thinks that allowing people walk around the schools is a security risk and should take voting out of the schools.

Jackie Kraemer 5729 Clover Ln.

Jackie Kraemer thinks that there should be a compromise for this issue; it should be convenient and less expensive. It is a pain to take off of work, but it comes down to the safety of the kids and the safest way is for them not to be there.

Kathleen Waterhouse-Skibicki 5256 Teakwood

Kathleen Waterhouse-Skibicki brought up that children are still there during in-service days because of "bridges". Another issue is having an armed guard in schools because if something were to happen a child could witness that, or be hurt from it also. Having an in-service day would also be inconvenient because of the cost for a babysitter, some people cannot afford that.

STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS

A. Approval of Beverage Operators Licenses. (FC 14-17)

Trustee Birmingham moved, seconded by Trustee Barbian to approve the beverage operator licenses as presented.

Ayes: Birmingham Barbian, Ouellette, Chadwick, Sikorski, Genz, Hermes

Nays: None

Motion to Approve: Carried

B. Fire Station Needs Analysis Update. (FC 14-18)

Fire Chief Saidler reviewed the options for the firehouse needs. Saidler also stated that the firehouse would not be able to hold polling places because they would not have a larger meeting room and not enough parking. There are engineers that are constructing a draft of the proposal for analysis to be constructed. Trustee Sikorski was wondering why the drawings were not at the last meeting.

Their biggest issue is that the property is very narrow. Trustee Birmingham asked if the firefighters and equipment could be moved to a different location while under construction. Saidler said that the placement of the fire station is a prime spot because they can access all directions. The firemen and equipment would be displaced for 9-12 months and he is not sure what the cost of that would be. Manager Michaels stated that there is an option to do temporary housing for them, building a poll building behind public works; public works would be able to use it after the construction is over.

C. Finance Committee Internal Audit Review of Bills Presented for payment.

Trustee Barbian reviewed his report which was presented at the meeting and stated that everything had checked out okay.

D. Approval of Accounts Payable Checks for Payment

Trustee Birmingham moved, seconded by Trustee Barbian, to approve Accounts Payable check Nos. 96500 to 96639, in the amount of \$540,679.44; ACH Payments in the amount of \$531,021.34; P-Card purchases in the amount of \$168,540.21 for a total of \$1,240,240.99.

Ayes: Birmingham, Barbian, Ouellette, Chadwick, Sikorski, Genz, Hermes

Nays: None

Motion to Approve: Carried

E. Status of Accounts- June 30, 2014

Clerk-Treasurer Kathy Kasza stated that the department heads are reviewing their accounts for the 2015 Budget process; and she will update the board when they are complete to any accounts that may be anticipated to go over budget

OLD BUSINESS

A. Board and Committee Appointments and Resignations

Dave Miller resigned from Public Celebrations Committee and will be effective September 29th, 2014

NEW BUSINESS

A. BOT 14-43 Special Community Events Approvals- Public Celebrations Committee—“Hay Days” Including Temporary Community Events, Park & Recreation Craft Sale, and Parade Permits—“Hayrides”

Manager Michaels explained that it is about the same thing as Greendale has had in the past,

Trustee Birmingham moved, seconded by Trustee Barbian, to approve a Special Community Event Permit for the Public Celebrations Committee for “Hay Days” Including Temporary Community Events, Park & Recreation Craft Sale, and Parade Permits—“Hayrides”

Ayes: Birmingham, Barbian, Ouellette, Chadwick, Sikorski, Genz, Hermes

Nays: None

Motion to Approve: Carried

B. BOT 14-44 Review and consider approving an agreement with the State Department of Transportation for the placement of signs along Interstate 894 stating: “Historic Downtown Greendale”.

President Hermes acknowledged Representative Ken Skowronsky for implementing the changes to state policy so that Greendale can have this sign. This sign will be visible for over 120,000 vehicles each day; it will be 11ft wide and 9ft tall and read “Historic Downtown Greendale”. Other signs similar to this one could cost around \$20,000, this sign will cost approximately \$11,000 for initial installation then the cost to maintain would be the Villages. Manager Michaels does not expect that a sign like this would require much maintenance. Michaels request the funds of \$11,000 for a sign on interstate 894.

Trustee Birmingham moved, seconded by Trustee Barbian, to approve an agreement with the State Department of Transportation for the placement of signs along interstate 894 stating “Historic Downtown Greendale”

Trustee Genz asked if it could come out of another account such as CDA funds. Clerk-Treasurer Kasza stated that it would be better served out of the capital item funds. Trustee Barbian agrees that this sign is a good idea to bring people into the community and that Greendale is striving for the branding of “Historic Greendale”. President Hermes stated that since Greendale is spending money on signs to bring people into Greendale, there should be information about the history of Greendale and the Village made available. Hermes would like to make a visitors center for the people that come here. The community is historic and he thinks there needs to be more information to provide the history of the area.

Ayes: Birmingham, Barbian, Ouellette, Chadwick, Sikorski, Genz, Hermes

Nay: None

Motion to Approve: Carried

President Hermes asked if there is any more new business.

Trustee Chadwick would like to put on the agenda to discuss cleaning the old police department building to use it, rent it out and store things there. She would like it to be discussed again in further detail at a meeting. Trustee Birmingham would like to discuss giving money to help complete the Hose tower so it will be done. Trustee Hermes said that the next meeting the Hose tower would be discussed and on the meeting after that the police department would be discussed.

OFFICERS REPORTS

- A. Village Manager's Report:** Michaels reminded everyone that Village Days is this weekend. A schedule for water tower construction, and painting was handed out; there are some delays from the cell mount, and the wording change. There is a construction timeline, and the tower will be in service at the end of November.
- B. Village President's Report:** Volunteers & Workers- Best of luck at the 76th year anniversary of Village Days, Enjoy it. Welcome surrounding communities to enjoy the celebration. Hermes was a speaker at the Whitnall Rotary Group.

CITIZENS' COMMENTS

None

CLOSED SESSION

President Hermes read the closed session item:

- A) The Board shall convene in Closed Session pursuant to Wisconsin State Statute Section 19.85(1) (e) to deliberate or negotiate the purchasing of public properties, the investing of public funds, or conducting other specified public business, whenever competitive or bargaining reasons require a closed session. Specifically, to discuss strategy relevant to negotiations with cellular telephone companies that lease property from the Village.

Trustee Birmingham moved, seconded by Trustee Ouellette, to go into closed session pursuant to the statement of Wisconsin State Statute previously cited.

Ayes: Birmingham, Barbian, Ouellette, Chadwick, Sikorski, Genz, Hermes

Nays: None

Motion to Adjourn to closed session: Carried

The Board adjourned into Closed Session at 8:05 p.m. The Board **will not** return to Open Session to Act on Matters Discussed.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Trustee Birmingham, seconded by Trustee Oullette to adjourn.

Ayes: Birmingham, Barbian, Ouellette, Chadwick, Sikorski, Genz, Hermes
Nays: None
Motion to Adjourn: Carried

The Board adjourned at 8:25 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Joan Siefert, CMC, WCMC, Deputy Clerk