

VILLAGE OF PRAIRIE GROVE
Meeting Minutes
3125 Barreville Road
Prairie Grove, IL 60012
January 8, 2004

1. CALL TO ORDER:

President Friedman called the meeting to order at 7:04 PM.

2. ROLL CALL:

Trustees Hyten, Behm, Baudin, Miloch & Lawrence, President Friedman, Clerk Davies, Deputy Clerk Minor and Attorney McArdle.

Absent: Trustee Kostrzewski

3. APPOINTMENT OF NEW ATTORNEY:

Motion: by Trustee Lawrence, 2nd by Trustee Miloch to appoint the Zukowski, Rogers, Flood & McArdle Law Firm as the new Attorneys for the Village of Prairie Grove. Trustees Hyten, Behm, Baudin, Miloch and Lawrence all voting aye.

4. PUBLIC COMMENT:

Prairie Grove resident Bill Dallas presented the board with a petition of 53 signatures supporting the Village to go to a Home Rule Community. The Petition was accepted by Deputy Clerk Minor. Bill Dallas also stated that the 25 mph on Nish Road is not being recognized by the public and asked if the Police could monitor the road more closely in attempt to reinforce the reduced speed on Nish Road.

Prairie Grove resident Keith McConnell whose property is adjacent to part of the proposed Terra Cotta Development is concerned about the multi-unit town homes that are proposed on the property directly behind Oak Grove. He would like to see that property zoned 1 acre instead of multi-unit town homes.

5. CONTINUED ZAMUDIO ANNEXATION AND ZONING:

Attorney Alex Seith representing Ron and Judy Sherman made his final argument opposing the annexation and zoning of the Zamudio property.

A discussion ensued between Attorney McArdle and Attorney Seith. Attorney McArdle stated that this is not a public hearing. The public hearing was already held and that at this time each Attorney would have 10 minutes to present their views.

Attorney Seith introduced Shirley Rochford a local realtor in McHenry County. Shirley Rochford stated that the developing of the proposed Zamudio property for

commercial use would have an adverse effect on the Sherman's property and that it would significantly decrease the value of their property.

Attorney Mark Saladin representing Julie and Rene Zamudio and the proposed property stated that the Zamudios have not closed on the property but would hope to close on the sale of the property within thirty days. Mr. Saladin feels the property and its uses are conducive to what is presently in the area west and east of the property.

Attorney Mark Saladin stated that the Zamudios will work with IDOT as far as the traffic issues and will comply to whatever IDOT deems necessary.

Allan Anderson is the Trustee of the land trust that the Zamudio's are presently in contract to purchase. Mr. Anderson stated that back in 1995 or 1996 he approached the Village Board about the proposed property and requested residential zoning on it. The Board was not willing to grant residential zoning on the property. Mr. Anderson stated that he feels the best use for the proposed property would be commercial.

A discussion then ensued between Attorney Saladin and Attorney Seith regarding the wetlands on the proposed property and the best use for the property.

Trustee Behm stated that he had a concern about the proposed banquet facility and its location to the Sherman's home.

Trustee Miloch stated a concern about the entrances into the banquet facility and the traffic that travels up and down Route 176.

President Friedman asked for a motion for an Ordinance authorizing the Annexation Agreement with his Attorney Mc Ardles recommendations.

Motion: by Trustee Lawrence, 2nd by Trustee Hyten for an Ordinance #344 authorizing the Annexation Agreement between the Village and the Zamudio's. On a roll call vote: Trustee Hyten, Behm, Baudin, Miloch, and President Friedman. Trustee Lawrence abstained.

Motion: by Trustee Miloch, 2nd by Trustee Hyten for an Ordinance #345 Annexing in the Zamudio parcel. On a roll call vote: Trustee Hyten, Behm, Baudin, Miloch, and President Friedman. Trustee Lawrence abstained.

Motion: by Trustee Hyten, 2nd by Trustee Baudin for an Ordinance #346 Zoning the property into the Village as B3 with conditional uses: On a roll call vote: Trustees Hyten, Behm, Baudin, Miloch. Trustee Lawrence abstained.

6. CONSENT AGENDA:

Motion: to approve Village Meeting Minutes from December 4, 2004 and Special Meeting Minutes from December 11, 13, 22 and 29th 2003, along with Executive Meeting Minutes from December 4, 13, 22, and 29th. The expenditures

of December 16, 2003 and January 7, 2004 along with the revenues for December 2003. Motion: by Trustee Miloch, 2nd by Trustee Hyten to approve the Consent Agenda. On a roll call vote: Trustees Hyten, Behm, Baudin, and Miloch.

7. VILLAGE ENGINEER REPORT:

See written report

8. COMMITTEE REPORTS:

a. PLAN COMMISSION:

No Report

b. ZBA:

No Report

c. FINANCE:

No Report

d. INSURANCE:

No Report

e. PARKS:

No Reports

f. POLICE:

Chief Sosnowski reported a total in revenue for the Police Department of \$8081.00 Chief Sosnowski stated that with the growth of the Village that the Village should look to the future and consider having at least two full time officers for each shift.

Chief Sosnowski stated that they are working on installing laps tops in two new cars and then the Village will have three fully equipped cars. Chief Sosnowski also stated that the Police Department is working on a grant to obtain a couple of more video recorders for the Police cars.

g. PUBLIC WORKS:

Superintendent Tim Carone thanked the board for the new plow.

President Friedman asked that Rich Rose be thanked for the installation of the new window coverings at the Village Hall.

h. ARC REVIEW:

No Report

i. BUILDING DEPARTMENT:

See Written Report

j. VILLAGE HALL COMMITTEE:

Chief Sosnowski stated that the server is now housed in a new room downstairs that was recently completed.

9. REPORTS:

a. New Business:

Resolution for Home Rule Referendum:

President Friedman stated that the petition was brought in today in support for the Village becoming a home rule Village. Attorney McArdle stated that in order for the Home Rule to be on the March ballot that the necessary documents would have to be submitted at the County Clerk's office.

Motion: by Trustee Miloch, 2nd by Trustee Lawrence to adopt a Resolution for a Home Rule Village. On a roll call vote: Trustee Hyten, Behm, Baudin, Miloch and Lawrence all voted aye.

b. Trustee Initiatives:

No Report

c. Village Clerks:

No Report

d. Village Attorney:

Attorney McArdle thanked the Village Board for being appointed to represent the Village.

10. EXECUTIVE SESSION:

None

11. MOTION TO ADJOURN:

Motion was made by Trustee Lawrence, 2nd by Trustee Miloch to adjourn the meeting at 8:49 PM.

All Ayes.

Respectfully Submitted,

Linda Davies, Village Clerk