

Village of Prairie Grove
Meeting Minutes
July 18, 2006

Annexation Hearing for Tall Grass:

1. Call to Order: President Breseman called the Annexation Hearing to order at 7:00 PM.

2. Roll Call: Trustees Baudin, Connelly, Greenwald and President Breseman all present. Trustees Behm, Duda and Robak absent.

Others in Attendance: Attorney David McArdle, Village Administrator Jeannine M. Smith and Village Clerk Kim Minor.

Attorney McArdle discussed the Hacker Exchange. He stated that Rick Swanson has not closed on the Hacker Property. In Paragraph 3 they will go with the original exchange language.

(Trustee David Robak arrives at 7:06 PM)

3. Public Comment:

Keith McConnell of 3516 Thunderbird Lane asked about the future and what will happen if the Hacker Property closing doesn't go through.

Mark Eiden with Westminster Swanson stated that the Hacker's had some concerns initially but they now have agreed to sign the agreement.

Don Kopsell of Barreville Road inquired about the quality and tradeoff. He wanted to know how many more units would be allowed to be built.

Rick Swanson stated that the average size town home in Terra Cotta is 2400 square foot. The average size town home in Tall Grass will be 2200 square foot. They don't want to reduce the quality. He also stated that they wouldn't sacrifice on the quality.

President Breseman stated that in the end the quality and the value must be there.

Bob Remsing of 3001 Fawn Trail stated that he agrees that the 2400 square ft. townhome is too large.

4. Close Annexation Hearing: Motion by Trustee Baudin, 2nd by Trustee Connelly to close the Annexation Hearing at 7:24 PM. On a Roll Vote: Trustees Baudin, Connelly, Greenwald and Robak all voted aye. Motion carries.

Regular Monthly Board Meeting:

1. Call to Order: President Breseman called the Regular Monthly Board Meeting to order at 7:25 PM.

2. Roll Call: Trustees Baudin, Connelly, Greenwald, Robak and President Breseman all present.

Trustees Behm and Duda absent.

Others in Attendance: Attorney David McArdle, Village Administrator Jeannine M. Smith and Village Clerk Kim Minor.

3. Public Comment:

None

4. Consent agenda:

Motion by Trustee Baudin, 2nd by Trustee Greenwald to approve the Meeting Minutes of June 13, 2006, Special Meeting Minutes of June 27, 2006, and Expenditure Report of July 5, 2006 and Revenues of June 2006. The approval by the Village Board given to Clerk Minor to enter into a 2 year contract with AT&T. **On a Roll Vote: Trustees Baudin, Connelly, Greenwald and Robak all voted aye. Motion carries.**

5. Committee Reports and Meeting Dates: None

6. Staff/Consultant Reports or Comments:

Special Census, Trustee Connelly has been waiting for months to give this job over to the new Village Administrator Jeannine M. Smith. Trustee Connelly stated that he is currently working on an estimate of 1700 in population. This would cost the Village an estimated \$60,000.00. With his estimate on the revenue side the Village could gain an estimated \$48,000.00 a year. He also stated that now is the time to move forward with this.

Motion by Trustee Robak, 2nd by Trustee Baudin to direct the Village Administrator Jeannine M. Smith to move forward with the Special Census and expense the \$60,000.00. **On a Roll Vote: Trustees Baudin, Connelly, Greenwald and Robak all voted aye. Motion carries.**

7. New Business/Board Comments:

a. Country Road Conservation Ordinance:

President Breseman stated that this was a reaction to what happened on Nish Road. He would like the Village to have in place a process in which to cut down trees and brush so that no clear cutting could occur. Our current Tree Preservation Ordinance is a start, but it needs some revisions. The intent is so that all tree-lined streets are preserved. This ordinance was prepared by a Village consultant AES. Residents have stated many times to the Village that one thing they want, is to maintain the rural character of the Village. What the Village is trying to achieve is to balance the property owner's rights and maintain the rural character of the Village. This ordinance has a process in it of phasing the cutting and planting.

Don Kopsell of Barreville Road stated that the Village shouldn't try to tell anyone how they should spend their money.

President Breseman stated that the Village needed to find a compromise. Two property owners not only cut down their own trees but Village trees also.

Trustee Connelly objects to a number of points in this proposed ordinance.

Trustee Robak stated that he would hesitate to support this. This would be a major hassle for homeowners and the Village should stick to roadways.

Trustee Baudin stated that his major concern is roadways.

Jim Strand stated that the Village should define the easement from the center of the road. Karen Strand stated that the Village Residents wouldn't want this. Why not revise the current tree ordinance. The Village doesn't need to go to this extreme.

Trustee Greenwald stated that the Village would post the proposed and the current tree preservation ordinance on the website so residents could give their input. He suggested that a committee is put together to come up with a solution for the Village. A residential survey would be addressed at the next meeting. Administrator Smith will pass a list out for anyone who would like to be part of this committee.

President Breseman discussed an IDOT letter that the Village received in April. The letter addressed the closing of Smith Road and the \$500,000.00 that IDOT had allocated for improvements to Smith Road. He would like to respond to IDOT to use that money to solve the safety issues in front of the school first.

Motion by Trustee Connelly, 2nd by Trustee Robak to authorize President Breseman to send a response letter to IDOT. **On a Roll Call Vote: Trustees Baudin, Connelly, Greenwald, and Robak all voted aye. Motion carries.**

8. Executive Session: Motion by Trustee Baudin, 2nd by Connelly to enter into Executive Session for the purpose of Litigation and Property Acquisition at 8:32 PM. **On a Roll Vote: Trustees Baudin, Connelly, Greenwald and Robak all voted aye. Motion carries.**

No Action Taken.

Open Session reconvened at 9:11 PM.

Roll Call: Trustees Baudin, Connelly, Greenwald, Robak and President Breseman all answered aye.

Annual Appropriation Ordinance: Motion by Trustee Robak, 2nd by Baudin to approve the annual appropriation ordinance. **On a Roll Vote: Trustees Baudin, Connelly, Greenwald and Robak all voted aye. Motion carries.**

Groot (Fuel Surcharge Request): Tabled

Discussion of Border Agreement with Oakwood Hills: President Breseman had promised the Mayor of Oakwood Hills that the Village could consider a border agreement. Oakwood Hills wouldn't take anything west of Valley View. He wasn't sure how far the agreement would reach on the south side. President Breseman asked if we could agree to boundary lines if we attached architectural guidelines. It was suggested that we have Oakwood Hills draw a line and then the Board would take a look at it. It was also suggested that was ask Oakwood Hills to consider raising the impact fees for the School District.

Village Storm Water Ordinance: Motion by Trustee Greenwald, 2nd by Baudin to adopt the storm water ordinance with the final attorney's revisions and authorize the Village President to sign the letter of intent to McHenry County relative to Storm Water Management Certification. **On a Roll Vote: Trustees Baudin, Connelly, Greenwald and Robak all voted aye. Motion carries.**

Chapter 5 Amendment, (Utility Construction in the Right of Way, Project Lightspeed): Motion by Trustee Connelly, 2nd by Baudin to adopt the Chapter 5 Amendment, (Utility Construction in the Right of Way, Project Lightspeed). **On a Roll Vote: Trustees Baudin, Connelly, and Robak all voted aye. Trustee Greenwald voted naye. Motion carries.**

9. Adjournment: Motion by Trustee Connelly, 2nd by Trustee Baudin to adjourn the regular monthly board meeting of July 18, 2006 at 10:12 PM. **On a Roll Call vote: Trustees Baudin, Connelly, Greenwald and Robak all voted aye. Motion Carries.**

Respectfully Submitted by

Kim Minor, Village Clerk