

VILLAGE OF PRAIRIE GROVE
Special Meeting Minutes
October 24, 2006 at 7:00 PM

Call to order: President Breseman called the Special Board Meeting to order at 7:00 PM.

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

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

Public comment:

Karen Mason, 2704 Granite Court and President of the Cobblestone Woods Homeowners Association is here tonight representing Cobblestone Woods. She is asking the Village when they plan on taking over the roads of Cobblestone into the Village. Plowing is an issue with winter approaching. Her other concerns were stop signs, speed limit signs and Police protection.

The Developer has financial and contractual obligations that still need to be met. Pat Bleck the Village Engineer stated that Mr. Cunat has completed items on the punch list but, they still need to be verified. Mr. Cunat currently has an outstanding financial obligation to the Village Engineer.

The Village will try to work with the Developer and the Engineer to get this all resolved as soon as possible.

Michael Lotesto, 3906 S. Tamarack Trail is a new resident who owns and operates a business in Prairie Grove. Mr. Lotesto has a concern with the health & safety of homes. He has worked with the EPA and Department of Energy. The current codes in the State are outdated for energy efficiency. He wanted people to know that there are federal programs available for the Village and residents.

Jim Strand asked if the Village had any plans to reduce the traffic flow throughout the Village. The Village Board replied that measures have been taken to reduce traffic flow through the Village by way of reducing the speed limits on some of the Village roads.

Consent agenda Motion to Approve:

Item B is the School District 46 & Village of Prairie Grove Joint Meeting Minutes of September 7, 2006. This item will be discussed and voted on after the consent agenda.

Motion by Trustee Duda, 2nd by Trustee Connelly to approve the Meeting Minutes of September 19, 2006, Expenditure Reports of October 2, 4 & 18, 2006, Revenues of September 2006. The McHenry County Stormwater Ordinance Amendment and the Administrator's Request to Join the Illinois City/County Management Association. **On a Roll Call Vote: Trustees Connelly, Duda, Greenwald and Robak all voted aye. Motion carries.**

Item B, School District 46 & Village of Prairie Grove Joint Meeting Minutes of September 7, 2006.

Motion by Trustee Connelly, 2nd by Trustee Greenwald to approve the School District 46 & Village of Prairie Grove Joint Meeting Minutes of September 7, 2006 with revisions. **On a Roll Call Vote: Trustees Connelly, Greenwald and President Breseman all voted aye. Trustees Duda and Robak abstain. Motion carries.**

Committee reports and meeting dates;

a. Swearing in of ARC Review Chairman, ProTem

Tom Friedman the current ARC Review Chairman has resigned. Recently he and his family moved out of the Village. The Village Board has appointed Mr. Ed Radwanski, a current ARC Committee member to be the new ARC Review Chairman, ProTem. Village Clerk Kim Minor swears in Mr. Ed Radwanski.

President Breseman wanted to thank all of the staff and volunteers that helped at the Fall Festival. The Village residents had a great time and turned out even with the cool fall weather.

Staff/consultant reports or comments;

Building Inspector, Dave Bartik stated that he had received a letter from the Attorney of lot owner 67 in Timberhill regarding the issuance of a building permit. The Village is trying to resolve some Engineering issues with the Timberhill Development. The Village will make contact with Mr. Franz again as soon as he gets back in town.

a. Discussion of Open Burning Regulations:

We have followed the County Burning Regulations. The Villages concern is not to restrict burning. The Village would like to control what is being burned. They would also like to allow for recreational fires or bonfires. Trustee Duda would like this discussion tabled until next month for further discussion after reviewing what we now allow.

b. Request for Direction to Partner with the McHenry County Oak Conservation Collaborative:

This allows the replacing and planting of oak trees within the County. Boy Scouts, Girl Scouts and other agencies that want to maintain the conservation of oak trees are involved with this collaborative.

Motion by Trustee Greenwald, 2nd by Trustee Duda to approve the partnership with the McHenry County Oak Conservation Collaborative. **On a Roll Call Vote: Trustees Connelly, Duda, Greenwald and Robak all voted aye. Motion carries.**

c. Request to Purchase Computers for the Police Department:

The Police Department is in need of two new computers. Trustee Greenwald asked if the computers needed to be new ones. He has a couple of PC's that he could donate to the Village from his business, Heartland Computers. The Village Board thanked Trustee Greenwald for his generous donation.

Old Business/Board Comments;

a. Wynwood Builders, Inc., Request for Financial Relief:

Pat Bleck received a check for his Engineering Services from Wynwood Builders minus the amount of \$421.88. This is the amount that Mr. Braley believed the Village should pay for. It is Mr. Braley's position that since Illinois American privately maintains the water and sewer the Village shouldn't need to inspect the water and sewer lines. The Village Boards position is to have Mr. Braley make payment to Bleck Engineering for the full amount.

b. Prairie Grove Bike Path along Barreville Road Discussion (Trustee Connelly)

Trustee Connelly has some concerns with the destruction of existing resident yards for the installation of a bike path for new residents. He believes that the 8 ft that is being required is too much to ask for. He would like the Village to consider using a 3 ft. where space is an issue and to use an 8 ft. path where space is allowed.

c. Resident Request for Speed Limit Increase on Village Roads:

The resident requesting this item to be put on the agenda was not present therefore this item is tabled until next month.

d. VOPG 2006 Road Program – Request for Rejection of Bids:

The Village is looking into putting a full road program in place for the next 10 years. The Village Engineer stated that the Village should go out to bid in the Spring for the Valley View & Nish Road repairs.

Motion by Trustee Duda, 2nd by Trustee Connelly to reject the bids for the 2006 road program and to go out to bid again in the Spring. **On a Roll Call Vote: Trustees Connelly, Duda, Greenwald and Robak all voted aye. Motion carries.**

New Business/Board Comments;

a. Motion to Authorize Execution of Annexation and Development Agreement for Terra Cotta Realty Co.:

Motion by Trustee Robak, 2nd by Trustee Duda to authorize the execution of the Annexation and Development Agreement for Terra Cotta Realty with revisions made by the Village Attorney David McArdle and subject to payment of all retained personnel fees. **On a Roll Call Vote: Trustees Connelly, Duda, Greenwald, Robak and President Breseman all voted aye. Motion carries.**

b. Motion to Approve the Ordinance Annexing Terra Cotta Realty Co. Property:

Motion by Trustee Connelly, 2nd by Trustee Robak to approve the ordinance Annexing the Terra Cotta Realty Property. **On a Roll Call Vote: Trustees Connelly, Duda, Greenwald, Robak and President Breseman all voted aye. Motion carries.**

c. Motion to Approve the Ordinance Zoning Terra Cotta Realty Co. Property:

Motion by Trustee Duda, 2nd by Trustee Connelly to approve the ordinance Zoning the Terra Cotta Realty Property. **On a Roll Call Vote: Trustees Connelly, Duda, Greenwald, Robak and President Breseman all voted aye. Motion carries.**

President Breseman would like to say that Terra Cotta and the Village Board came together and came up with a resolution. He stated that it was a very pleasurable experience.

d. Motion to Approve Ordinance Amending Chapter 2, Establish the Beginning Term of Office:

Motion by Trustee Duda, 2nd by Trustee Connelly to Approve the Ordinance Amending Chapter 2, Establish the Beginning Term of Office. **On a Roll Call Vote: Trustees Connelly, Duda, Greenwald and Robak all voted aye. Motion carries.**

e. Motion to Approve the Amendment to the Open Meetings Act, Ordinance Amending Chapter 2 and 8 of the Prairie Grove Municipal Code:

Motion by Trustee Duda, 2nd by Trustee Connelly to Approve the Amendment to the Open Meetings Act, Ordinance Amending Chapter 2 and 8 of the Prairie Grove Municipal Code. **On a Roll Call Vote: Trustees Connelly, Duda, Greenwald and Robak all voted aye. Motion carries.**

f. Execution of School Districts 46, 47 & 155 Indemnification Agreements:

Motion by Trustee Connelly, 2nd by Trustee Greenwald to Approve the Execution of School Districts 46, 47 & 155 Indemnification Agreements. **On a Roll Call Vote: Trustees Connelly, Duda, Greenwald and Robak all voted aye. Motion carries.**

g. Enter into Lease Agreement for 4305 W. Gracy Road:

Motion by Trustee Duda, 2nd by Trustee Connelly to enter into a lease agreement with Westminster Swanson for the use of the facility at 4305 W. Gracy Road. **On a Roll Call Vote: Trustees Connelly, Duda, Greenwald and Robak all voted aye. Motion carries.**

h. Intergovernmental Agreement with City of McHenry for Salt Procurement:

This would give the Village the same price as working with Nunda Township, the current state bid price.

Motion by Trustee Greenwald, 2nd by Trustee Duda to enter into an intergovernmental agreement with the City of McHenry for salt procurement. **On a Roll Call Vote: Trustees Connelly, Duda, Greenwald and Robak all voted aye. Motion carries.**

A discussion ensued over the Westminster Swanson, Terra Cotta & Tall Grass Developments. There will be a Special Meeting next Tuesday or Wednesday during the day to go over the submittal by Westminster Swanson for the Preliminary Plan, Plat and the Amendments to the Agreement. A promissory note could be given to the Village by Rick Swanson for the payment of all retained personnel fees.

Executive Session for Threatened Litigation:

None

Adjournment:

Motion by Trustee Robak, 2nd by Trustee Duda to adjourn the Special Board Meeting at 9:06 PM. **On a Roll Call Vote: Trustees Connelly, Duda, Greenwald and Robak all voted aye. Motion carries.**

**Respectfully Submitted by:
Kim Minor, Village Clerk**