

**Village of Prairie Grove**  
**Regular Board Meeting Minutes & Leach Annexation Hearing Minutes**  
**August 21, 2007**

**Annexation Hearing for Leach Property:**

- 1. Call to Order:** President Breseman called the Annexation Hearing to order at 7: 05 PM.
  
- 2. Roll Call:** Trustees Greenwald, McConnell, Robak and President Breseman all present. Trustees Baudin, Connelly and Duda absent. **Others in Attendance:** Attorney David McArdle, Administrator Jeannine Smith and Clerk Kim Minor.

The Planning & Zoning Public Hearing for the Leach property was held on August 15, 2007. Attorney McArdle gave a brief overview of the Leach Annexation Agreement, desired zoning and uses. The property consists of 12.77 acres extending from Route 176 to the east and Route 31 to the west. Mr. Leach has withdrawn his request for target shooting on this property. The Planning & Zoning Commission gave the Leach Annexation a positive recommendation.

**3. Public Comment:**

None

- 4. Close Annexation Hearing: Motion by Trustee Greenwald, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Trustee McConnell** to close the Annexation Hearing at 7:08 PM. **On a Roll Call Vote: Trustees Greenwald, McConnell, Robak and President Breseman all voted aye. Motion carries.**

**Regular Monthly Board Meeting:**

- 1. Call to Order:** President Breseman called the Regular Monthly Board Meeting to order at 7:08 PM.
  
- 2. Roll Call:** Trustees Greenwald, McConnell, Robak and President Breseman all present. Trustees Baudin, Connelly and Duda absent. **Others in Attendance:** Attorney David McArdle, Administrator Jeannine Smith and Clerk Kim Minor.

**3. Public Comment:**

Dr. Mark McKim, 3504 Thunderbird Lane came tonight to ask the Village Board about installing stop signs in the OakGrove Subdivision. Dr. McKim stated that he had called the Village several times recently, regarding people speeding in his subdivision. The Village recently installed 25 mph speed limit signs and children at play signs. These seem to have very little impact on the problem. Dr. McKim is presenting a signed petition from the residents of OakGrove asking the Village to install a 3 way stop sign at the intersection of Thunderbird Lane and Braberry Lane. The residents of that subdivision would also like to see another 3 way stop sign at the intersection of Lakewood and Oakleaf Lane.

Administrator Smith stated that since this item wasn't on the agenda it could not be voted on tonight. This request could be put on next month's agenda.

Trustee Greenwald stated that the Village needed to do their due diligence.

President Breseman would like Gary Overbay, the Village Traffic Engineer to be contacted to get his opinion on this request. He also stated that the Village Board may be able to have a Special Meeting on this if the Village Board is agreeable to it.

Trustee Greenwald stated that he would rather have one meeting once we have all of the information that we need.

Trustee McConnell stated that this was also his neighborhood and that the safety of the children is our number one priority.

Trustee Robak would like to see the Board have time to react or to possibly come up with a better solution.

President Breseman stated that he understood Mr. McKim's frustration however, he asked Mr. McKim to please give the Village time to react.

Mr. McKim asked about the placement of signs in the middle of the roadway or in the front lawns. The signs in the roadway would not be allowed according to Police Chief Sosnowski. President Breseman stated that the Village would allow the residents of OakGrove to use signs as long as they conform to our current sign ordinance.

#### **4. Consent agenda:**

**Motion by Trustee McConnell, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Trustee Robak** to approve the Meeting Minutes of July 17, 2007, Expenditure Reports of July 24<sup>th</sup> and August 16, 2007 and Revenues for July 2007. **On a Roll Vote: Trustees Greenwald, McConnell and Robak all voted aye. Motion carries.**

#### **5. Committee Reports and Meeting Dates: None**

#### **6. Staff/Consultant Reports or Comments:**

- a. Economic Development Commission, Swearing in of Keith McConnell, Bob Gray & Sean Rathjen:** These Commission members were sworn in by Clerk Minor.

Administrator Smith stated that with all of the recent rainfall she was pleased to announce that Timberhill's Engineering is working as planned. Administrator Smith stated that on August 14<sup>th</sup> she had met with School Districts 46 & 47 to discuss the districts' triennial needs assessment as required by the Prairie Grove Municipal Code.

The Special Census has been completed and we have a preliminary count of 949 additional persons in the Village. With the special census being complete the Village was told initially that it would

take 6 weeks to start receiving the additional revenue. Now the Village is being told that this would take 90 days.

Trustee McConnell wanted to know if the anticipated date change would throw off this budget.

Administrator Smith stated that this would have an affect on the budget, however they were trying to expedite our certified count.

Administrator Smith stated that there had been a glitch at IDOT regarding our road program. Our Village Engineer, Pat Bleck, is currently addressing our IDOT issue.

## **7. New Business/Board Comments:**

### **a. Motion to Approve 2007/2008 Revised Budget:**

Administrator Smith stated that this is a very tight budget with no waste. The only way to eliminate expenses is to reduce personnel or benefits. She gave the Village Board two scenarios to choose from in which to reduce the Village budget at a later date if necessary. Administrator Smith stated that the budget is used primarily as a planning tool for staff.

Trustee McConnell stated that the Village Board is gambling on people's taxes. We should defer some spending and use the budget to control future spending.

Trustee Greenwald stated that this budget works. The Leach Annexation could have an impact on future tax revenues.

Trustee Robak stated that some revenues are at risk. He doesn't see any immediate changes that need to be made at this time.

Trustee McConnell questioned the Police salaries and wages. Chief Sosnowski addressed the budget increase of \$14,000.00 over last year for the Police Department.

President Breseman stated that Administrator Smith is doing her job. She is making sure that the Village comes in at budget.

Trustee McConnell stated that he was against approving this budget.

**Motion by Trustee Robak, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Greenwald to Approve the 2007/2008 Budget as proposed by Administrator Smith. On a Roll Call Vote: Trustees Greenwald, Robak and President Breseman all voted aye. Trustee McConnell voted naye. Motion carries.**

### **b. Motion to Approve Execution of the Route 176 Corridor Planning Project, IDOT Intergovernmental Agreement:**

Administrator Smith stated that the Village Board had approved this scope of work in January 2007.

**Motion by Trustee Robak, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Trustee Greenwald to Approve the Execution of the Route 176 Corridor Planning Project, IDOT Intergovernmental Agreement.**

Trustee McConnell wanted to know if we could defer this expenditure for a short time to see if we do come in with a short fall in our budget.

**Trustee McConnell wanted to amend the Motion by Trustee Robak and this was seconded by Trustee Greenwald to Approve the Execution of the Route 176 Corridor Planning Project, IDOT Intergovernmental Agreement and defer payment until the last possible date.**

Trustee Robak withdrew his first motion and Trustee Greenwald withdrew his initial second motion. **On a Roll Call Vote: Trustees Greenwald, McConnell and Robak all voted aye. Motion carries.**

**c. Authorization to Pave Tamarack Court's Landscaped Island in Culdesac:**

This was tabled and put on tonight's agenda from the last meeting. Mr. John Iski of 4612 Tamarack Ct. had contacted the Village regarding this culdesac last month. Tim had come out to remove some dead trees. Mr. Iski stated that this island was put in years ago when his subdivision was built. He has always maintained this area until now. He stated that he and the other neighbors directly on the culdesac would like to see the entire island paved.

Nancy Roozee a resident of the same subdivision would rather see some prairie grasses or something natural being planted instead of pavement.

Administrator Smith read a letter that Superintendent Carone had received from Nunda Fire District. Captain Russin recommended that this area should be paved for all truck access.

**Motion by Trustee Robak, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Trustee McConnell to authorize the pavement of Tamarack Court's landscaped island in the culdesac. On a Roll Call Vote: Trustees McConnell and Robak and President Breseman all voted aye. Trustee Greenwald voted naye. Motion carries.**

**8. New Business/Board Comments:**

*(Trustee Duda is out of town on business and wanted to be contacted via telephone for a vote on the following motions at 8:47 P.M.)*

- a. Motion to Approve Ordinance #428, Authorizing the Execution of the Leach Annexation Agreement:  
**Motion by Trustee Robak, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Trustee McConnell to Approve Ordinance #428, Authorizing the Execution of the Leach Annexation Agreement. On a Roll Call Vote: Trustees Duda, Greenwald, McConnell and Robak and President Breseman all voted aye. Motion carries.**
- b. Motion to Approve Ordinance #429, Annexing Leach Property:  
**Motion by Trustee Robak, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Trustee McConnell to Approve Ordinance #429, Annexing the Leach Property. On a Roll Call Vote: Trustees Duda,**

**Greenwald, McConnell and Robak and President Breseman all voted aye. Motion carries.**

- c. Motion to Approve Ordinance #430, Zoning Leach Property:  
**Motion by Trustee McConnell, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Trustee Robak** to Approve Ordinance #430, Zoning the Leach Property with a change in section 2, to add additional uses.  
**On a Roll Call Vote: Trustees Duda, Greenwald, McConnell and Robak and President Breseman all voted aye. Motion carries.**

*(Trustee Duda wanted to go on the record. He apologized for being out of town and not being present at this meeting.)*

- d. Motion to Approve Resolution #2007-04, Authorizing Application for the Cy Pres Grant:  
**Motion by Trustee Robak, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Trustee McConnell** to Approve Resolution #2007-04, Authorizing Application for the Cy Pres Grant to be signed by Administrator Smith. **On a Roll Call Vote: Trustees Greenwald, McConnell and Robak all voted aye. Motion carries.**
- e. Motion to Approve Resolution #2007-05, In Support of the Metra Capital Expansion Program:  
**Motion by Trustee Greenwald, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Trustee Robak** to Approve Resolution #2007-05, In Support of the Metra Capital Expansion Program. **On a Roll Call Vote: Trustees Greenwald, McConnell and Robak all voted aye. Motion carries.**
- f. Motion to Approve Resolution #2007-06, In Support of Transportation Funding for McHenry County:  
**Motion by Trustee McConnell, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Trustee Greenwald** to Approve Resolution #2007-06, In Support of Transportation Funding for McHenry County. **On a Roll Call Vote: Trustees Greenwald, McConnell and Robak all voted aye. Motion carries.**

**9. Executive Session:** None

**10. Adjournment:** **Motion by Trustee Robak, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Trustee McConnell** to adjourn the regular monthly board meeting of August 21, 2007 at 9:00 PM. **On a Roll Call Vote: Trustees Greenwald, McConnell and Robak all voted aye. Motion Carries.**

Respectfully Submitted by

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Kim Minor, Village Clerk