

**Village of Prairie Grove  
Prairie Isle Golf Club  
Meeting Minutes  
January 20, 2009**

- 1. Call to Order:** President Breseman called the Meeting to order at 8:36 PM.
- 2. Roll Call:** Trustees Connelly, Duda, McConnell, Robak and President Breseman all present. Trustees Baudin and Greenwald absent.  
Village Administrator Smith, Clerk Minor and Attorney McArdle also present.

**3. Public Comment:** None

**4. Consent Agenda:**

**Motion was made by Trustee Duda, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Trustee Robak** to approve items A through G on the consent agenda. Items A through G include Motion to Approve the Meeting Minutes of December 16, 2008, Expenditure Reports of December 15 & 29, 2008 & January 9, 2009, Revenues of December 2008, and the following: Motion to Approve Resolution for Maintenance of Streets BLR 14320 in an amount not to exceed \$20,000 for Calendar Year 2009 Salt Purchases, Motion to Approve Municipal Estimate of Cost BLR 14231 for Calendar Year 2009 Salt Purchases and Motion to Approve a Resolution for the State of Illinois Joint Purchasing Program Participation.

**Discussion:**

Trustee Duda had a question on items e & f. He asked if the salt purchases would get us through until the end of the year. Administrator Smith stated that we approve this in calendar years and that this is for the MFT funds that are being allocated for salt purchases in 2009.

Trustee McConnell asked if there was any cost to join the State of Illinois Joint Purchasing Program. Administrator stated that there was no cost to join this program.

**On a Roll Call Vote: Trustees Connelly, Duda, McConnell and Robak all voted Aye, Motion carries.**

**5. Committee Reports and Meeting Dates:**

**a. ARC:** None

**b. EDC:** Trustee McConnell stated that the EDC met on January 12, 2009. They discussed the Rt. 176 Corridor Plan and their discussion is detailed in his report.

**c. Parks:** Chairman Lisa Behm stated that the Parks Committee last met on January 8, 2009. They are waiting to hear about the OSLAD grant. They will meet again in February.

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

**a. Motion to Approve Heritage Hills Public Improvements for 24 Month Maintenance Period: Motion by Trustee Duda, 2nd by Trustee Robak** to approve a 24 month maintenance period for Heritage Hills public improvements.

Administrator Smith wanted to thank Mr. Graft and Jim Condon for working with the Village. She stated that this is a good example of how local government and private developers can work together for a smooth transition from inception to subdivision completion.

**On a Roll Call Vote: Trustees Connelly, Duda, McConnell and Robak all voted Aye, Motion carries.**

**6. a. Presentation by Houseal & Lavigne Associates, Rt. 176 Corridor Plan & Riverfront Vision:**

**Comments by the Village Board:**

Trustee Duda questioned if we stop the plan what would the implications be with the contract. Can we amend or modify the plan?

John Houseal stated that the scope of the plan provides for modifications or the ability to hold additional hearings. We can change it.

Trustee Duda stated that the process needs a complete change. We need to communicate better. He stated that it wasn't his intent to go out and annex. He'd like to re-evaluate this and move forward.

Trustee McConnell completely agrees with Trustee Duda. He stated that when a plan is in place it would be in the best interest for everyone to be included in the plan. The plan could reflect your needs.

Trustee Robak stated that it's unfortunate that this didn't happen 4 1/2 months ago. He stated that it would be best to have our neighbors ideas written down somewhere, a clear vision. He wanted to thank everyone for participating. He stated that the next version will look a little bit enlightening.

Trustee Connelly stated that we could come back to this plan later with a different vision.

Mark Seagers, 4423 Wildwood Drive stated that we need to repair and create a new relationship. Protecting the river as a natural resource is paramount.

President Breseman stated that trust needs to start on both ends. The people need to be reflected in this plan, accurately reflected in this plan. He stated that each area should have a document on file for future developers. This is a good planning exercise that went terribly wrong.

Marcia Millman stated that the expense makes it really hard to communicate with neighbors.

Administrator Smith stated that the Village had a difficult time obtaining addresses of residents outside the corporate limits and agreed that mailing notices is a costly method of communication.

President Breseman stated that people can sign up on our email server list to receive notifications for future meetings.

Beverly Earley, Joey B's would volunteer to put up posters or banners at their place. She also offered the use of Joey B's for small meetings. She stated that progress is inevitable. She thought that we should keep what is good and build upon it.

Lori McConville stated that they need complete cooperation and full disclosure from her municipal neighbors.

Trustee Robak stated that the plan needs to be written down in order to change it.

John Houseal stated that they would have liked to have had this discussion 6 months ago. We could work with a new steering committee of 6 to 8 people with representatives of each area. An email tree could be set up along with a communication protocol and draft a plan that reacts to what was said tonight. This could solve the mistrust.

Vicki Marconi stated that she attended the stakeholder meetings. She made a point that the Village needed to get the word out.

Lisa Behm stated that a big portion of this plan is not the Riverwalk. The plan seems very specific and shouldn't be quite so specific.

John Houseal stated that the draft is to get the discussion going and start a dialogue.

- 7. a. Motion to Approve the Liberty Self Storage Tax Abatement Ordinance No. 463: Motion by Trustee Robak, 2nd by Trustee Duda to Approve the Liberty Self Storage Tax Abatement Ordinance No. 463. On a Roll Call Vote: Trustees Connelly, Duda, McConnell and Robak all voted Aye, Motion carries.**
- 8. b. Motion to Approve the Snow and Ice Removal Ordinance No. 464: Motion by Trustee Robak, 2nd by Trustee Duda to Approve Ordinance No. 464 for Snow and Ice Removal. On a Roll Call Vote: Trustees Connelly, Duda, McConnell and Robak all voted Aye, Motion carries.**

**c. Motion to Approve Amendments to Chapter 4, Police Department, Ordinance No. 465: Motion by Trustee Robak, 2nd by Trustee Connelly to Approve Ordinance No. 465, Amendments to Chapter 4, Police Department. On a Roll Call Vote: Trustees Connelly, Duda, McConnell and Robak all voted Aye, Motion carries.**

**d. Motion to Approve Replacement Laptop for the Police Department with a not to exceed amount of \$5,500.00: Motion by Trustee McConnell, 2nd by Trustee Connelly to Approve a replacement laptop for the Police Department with a not to exceed amount of \$5,500.00.**

Trustee McConnell asked if this was budgeted and if consideration was given to leasing. Administrator Smith stated that \$10,000.00 was budgeted. Director Lyons stated that this was planning for the future, the current laptops are 4 years old.

**On a Roll Call Vote: Trustees Connelly, Duda, McConnell and Robak all voted Aye, Motion carries.**

**9. Executive Session: None**

**10. Adjournment: Motion was made by Trustee Duda, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Trustee Robak to adjourn this Village Board Meeting at 10:00 PM. On a Roll Call Vote: Trustees Connelly, Duda, McConnell and Robak all voted Aye, Motion carries.**

Respectfully Submitted by:  
Kim Minor, Village Clerk

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