

# Village of Prairie Grove, Illinois

## Meeting Minutes



October 18, 2011

### Regular Monthly Board Meeting:

**1. Call to Order;** President Duda called the Regular Monthly Board Meeting to order at 7:02 PM.

**2. Roll Call;** Trustees Baudin, Behm, Breseman and Pratt present.

Trustees Greenwald and Robak absent.

Administrator Smith, Clerk Minor and Attorney McArdle also present, as were Treasurer Smith, Public Works Superintendent Carone and Director of Public Safety Lyons

**3. Public Comment;**

None

**4. Motion to Adopt Ordinance #520, Regarding Aggregation of Electricity (Presentation by David Hoover, NIMEC)**

Deferred at this time until Mr. Hoover arrives.

**5. Consent Agenda Motion to Approve:**

a. Meeting Minutes of August 16, 2011 and September 20, 2011

b. Cash Receipts Journal from September 1, 2011 to September 30, 2011

c. Cash Disbursements Journal from September 13, 2011 to October 12, 2011

*(Trustee Robak arrives at 7:04 PM)*

**Motion by Trustee Baudin, 2nd by Trustee Behm to approve items a through c on the consent agenda. On a Roll Call Vote: Trustees Baudin, Behm, Breseman, and Pratt all voted aye. Trustee Robak abstained. Motion carried.**

**Motion to Adopt Ordinance #520, Regarding Aggregation of Electricity (Presentation by David Hoover, NIMEC)**

David Hoover of NIMEC stated that NIMEC has worked with 100 municipalities throughout Illinois since 2007. They are now working with Illinois municipalities to help facilitate the aggregation of residential electricity rates. So far 18 communities in Illinois have done this on behalf of their residents. There is an average cost savings of \$175.00 per year for the residents. NIMEC works with the active players to get the best bid with the suppliers. ComEd makes money only on the delivery portion of getting power to the buyer as they act as a clearing house. An average contract can be between 1 to 3 years. Residents won't see any negatives only the cost savings. If the Village wants to do the opt in program no referendum is required and they would only see a 10% cost savings. However, if the Village decides to do the opt out program a referendum is required but residents would see a 20% cost savings. Administrator Smith stated that most all area



communities are looking at doing this. Fox River Grove has already gone to referendum and is in the program. Public Hearings will need to be held once the referendum has been passed to educate the residents on the program.

**Motion by Trustee Pratt, 2nd by Trustee Baudin to Adopt Ordinance #520, Regarding Aggregation of Electricity. On a Roll Call Vote: Trustees Baudin, Behm, Breseman, Pratt and Robak all voted aye. Motion carried.**

**6. New Business/Board Comments;**

**a. Motion to Adopt Resolution #2011-06, Authorizing the Sale of Vehicles for the Village of Prairie Grove:**

**Motion by Trustee Baudin, 2nd by Trustee Pratt to Adopt Resolution #2011-06, Authorizing the Sale of Vehicles for the Village of Prairie Grove. On a Roll Call Vote: Trustees Baudin, Behm, Breseman, Pratt and Robak all voted aye. Motion carried.**

**b. Motion to Adopt Ordinance #522, Authorizing Village Administrator's Execution of Documents Related to a Loan From Tax Exempt Leasing Corp. for the Purchase of a 2012 Freightliner M2 106V:**

**Motion by Trustee Baudin, 2nd by Trustee Behm to Adopt Ordinance #522, Authorizing Village Administrator's Execution of Documents Related to a Loan From Tax Exempt Leasing Corp. for the Purchase of a 2012 Freightliner M2 106V. On a Roll Call Vote: Trustees Baudin, Behm, Breseman, Pratt and Robak all voted aye. Motion carried.**

**c. Direction Regarding Fence Permit at 2480 Barreville Road:**

*(President Duda recused himself during the following discussion as he has a personal interest in it)*

**Discussion:** Attorney McArdle stated that a recent survey of the lot line that exists between 2480 and 2502 Barreville Road revealed that the pole barn built at 2502 Barreville Road was built on a setback of roughly 7 ft. rather than the minimum 20 ft. that's required. A variance by Mr. Duda is needed to remedy the situation. Attorney McArdle stated that both parties have pointed their fingers at the Village. Mr. Forti of 2480 Barreville Road is requesting a building permit to put up a fence along his property line. Attorney McArdle stated that we should issue the building permit, however, the integrity of Mr. Duda's pole barn is in question. Since the integrity of the pole barn is in question it could be assured by having a Structural Engineer render his opinion on it and we should make this a condition. Mr. Forti spoke up and stated that he would agree to install the fence on his southern property line, over the existing berm.

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**Motion by Trustee Baudin, 2nd by Trustee Pratt** to Give Direction to Administrator Smith to Issue the Fence Building Permit, 2480 Barreville Road along the Southern Property Line, going over the existing berm. **On a Roll Call Vote: Trustees Baudin, Behm, Breseman, Pratt and Robak all voted aye. Motion carried.**

### **7. Old Business/Board Comments;**

#### **a. Motion to Approve Architectural Elevations, Materials and Colors, Lighting and Landscaping Plans for Longhorn Equity Partners, LLC at 3103 Rt. 176:**

**Motion by Trustee Baudin, 2nd by Trustee Behm** to Approve Architectural Elevations, Materials and Colors, Lighting and Landscaping Plans for Longhorn Equity Partners, LLC at 3103 Rt. 176.

**Discussion:** This has been approved through ARC. According to Ordinance #509 issued to Longhorn Equity Partners for their Zoning and Special Use stated that final ARC approval needed to be at the Village Board level.

Mr. Trobiani showed the Village Board samples of the two color choices for paint and stone. Mr. Trobiani's preference is the smoldering red color.

Trustee Breseman asked about the peak all the way to the South of the building going up to the ridge line. He stated that he thought it would look better at the ridge line and there would be more room for mechanicals. Mr. Trobiani stated that he had done 99% of what the Village had suggested he do but he wasn't interested in changing this certain feature.

Trustee Behm had questions on the landscaping. She was worried about the site lines at the entrances. Mr. Trobiani stated that they would be placing low growing plants there and with the use of salt in the winter they probably wouldn't grow well anyway.

**On a Roll Call Vote: Trustees Baudin, Behm, Breseman, Greenwald, Pratt and Robak all voted aye. Motion carried.**

### **8. Committee Reports and Meeting Dates;**

**a. ARC:** Chairman Radwanski went over the previous ARC meeting's agenda and the four projects that were reviewed.

#### **b. EDC:**

Administrator Smith stated that the Committee met last Tuesday and finalized a business survey that went out to all Prairie Grove businesses. The Committee members will be following up with personal visits to all of our area businesses. The Committee will meet again in November.

**c. Parks & Recreation Committee:** Trustee Behm stated that construction is under

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way. Administrator Smith stated that they would be putting up the park sign soon, a copy of which was provided to the Village Board. A brief discussion ensued over the parks expenditure analysis. The Behms will be donating the use of the trucks and labor for the parks parking lot. Trustee Breseman personally thanked the Behms for their generous donations.

**d. Planning & Zoning:** A hearing is scheduled for November 8th.

**e. Police Committee:** Nothing at this time.

### **9. Staff/Consultant Reports or Comments;**

**a. Administrator:** Nothing in addition to report.

**b. Building:** Nothing additional to the report.

**c. Engineer:** Administrator Smith stated that they are working on the Half Mile Trail project and the signal at Edgewood & Rt. 31.

### **d. Police:**

#### **Authorization to Disburse \$13,414.00 for Police Equipment:**

**Discussion:** Director Lyons gave a summary of the equipment the PD would like to purchase and a brief discussion ensued over the current laptops no longer being adequate. Elgin has donated docking stations saving the Police Department \$1,600.00.

**Motion by Trustee Baudin, 2nd by Trustee Behm** for Authorization to Disburse \$13,414.00 for Police Equipment. On a Roll Call Vote. **On a Roll Call Vote: Trustees Baudin, Behm, Breseman, Greenwald, Pratt and Robak all voted aye. Motion carried.**

**e. Public Works:** Nothing additional.

**f. Treasurer:** Nothing additional, the annual Treasurers Report that will be posted in the Newspaper was included in the packet.

**Annual Treasurers Report:** The Village Board had no questions.

**10. Executive Session for the Purpose of Personnel, Litigation or to Acquire or Lease Real Property:** None

**11. Adjournment:**

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**Motion by Trustee Baudin , 2nd by Trustee Behm to Adjourn this Monthly Board Meeting at 8:07 PM. On a Roll Call Vote: All Trustees voted aye. Motion carried.**

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Respectfully Submitted by Kim Minor, Village Clerk