

**Village of Prairie Grove  
Meeting Minutes  
October 20, 2009**

**1. Call to Order:** President Duda called the Meeting to order at 7:00 PM.

**2. Roll Call:** Trustees Greenwald, Handera, McConnell, Robak and President Duda all present. Trustees Baudin and Behm absent.  
Village Administrator Smith, Clerk Minor and Attorney McArdle present.

**3. Public Comment:**

Tom Lillegard of 2025 IL Rt. 176 stated that he is here representing his wife and himself regarding the request for a T-Mobile cell tower at the Faith Community Church. They are not members of the church but they are the only direct neighbors to the Church. They are strongly in support of this request and recognize the Church's need for the revenue. He stated that people need cell phones just like people need the power that the Com-Ed power lines provide. He would like to help our local Church and he asked the Board for their consideration and support for this request.

*(Trustee Behm arrived at 7:04 PM)*

Marcia Millman of Nunda Neighbors stated that she lives within several hundred feet of the proposed site and that she is against the proposed tower. She cited possible health issues with the cell tower. She is not against the Church making money. She would like to see more guidelines for the placement of cell towers by local governments.

Georgine Cooper of 2023 IL Rt. 176 stated that she is the moderator of Faith Community Church. The Church has been and would like to be good neighbors in the Community. The Church is located on approximately 10 acres. She hopes that the Village Board will consider this request in it's own merit.

**4. Consent Agenda:**

**Motion was made by Trustee Behm, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Trustee Robak** to approve items A through C on the consent agenda. Motion to Approve Items A through C include the Approval of Meeting Minutes of September 15, 2009, the Cash Disbursements Journal from September 10, 2009 to October 14, 2009, Cash Receipts Journal from September 1, 2009 to September 30, 2009. **On a Roll Call Vote: Trustees Behm, Greenwald, Handera, McConnell and Robak all voted Aye, Motion carries.**

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

**a. ARC:**

Building Inspector Knudsen stated that we currently have one single family home and a deck in for the next ARC meeting.

**b. EDC:**

Chairman McConnell stated that he represented the EDC and provided clarification at the Rt. 176 Corridor Plan Hearing. He also stated that they are looking for 2 new members to join the EDC. He asked that this be added to the website.

**c. Parks & Recreation:**

Trustee Behm stated that they met last Thursday and recapped the Golf Outing. She stated that their next fundraiser would be a super raffle in January. The Parks Committee met with Pat Bleck and discussed the Engineering for the park.

**d. Planning & Zoning Commission:**

Administrator Smith stated that a Hearing was held for T-Mobile on October 28, 2009. A staff report was included in the agenda packet. The report stated that the P&Z has continued the hearing based on their recommendation to reconsider the petition after staff provided a draft telecommunications ordinance for the Commission to review. After a brief discussion ensued President Duda stated that he would recommend sending this back to Planning & Zoning and in the mean time staff should confer with the Attorney regarding this request.

**6. Staff/Consultant Reports:**

**Village Administrator:**

Administrator Smith stated that the Village will be hosting a Planning Charrette for the Town Center next Wednesday at 6:00 PM. She requested that the Village Board be present.

**Building:**

Building Inspector Phil Knudsen discussed his draft ordinance regarding the ARC revisions and asked the Board for direction. Inspector Knudsen will put the ordinance on the next month's meeting agenda for approval. He also stated that he is finishing the revisions for the fences & pools that will go before the P & Z for a vote at the same time they vote on the telecommunications ordinance.

**Public Works:**

Superintendent Carone stated that the Public Works Department is working on miscellaneous patching throughout the Village while the weather holds out.

**Police:**

Next week is National Red Ribbon Week (Say No to Drugs) drug prevention campaign. Director Lyons will be talking to the 5th graders at Prairie Grove School. Director Lyons stated that their would be extra officers on duty for Halloween. Prairie Grove was the first agency in the County to sign up for the Nixle Community Alert Program and since our press release, many others have signed up in the County.

**Treasurer:**

Treasurer Smith has provided the Village Board with a review of where we stand year to date. Next month she will provide the Village Board with an updated budget to vote on. President Duda asked her to give the Village Board an update regarding sales tax revenue.

**7. Old Business/Board Comments:**

**a. Motion Authorizing Village Administrator to Execute Timberhill Public Improvement Completion Agreement Dated October 13, 2009: Motion by Trustee Robak, 2nd by Trustee Handera Authorizing Village Administrator to Execute Timberhill Public Improvement Completion Agreement Dated October 13, 2009.**

**Discussion:** Attorney McArdle stated that the waiving of the maintenance requirement is new.

**On a Roll Call Vote: Trustees Behm, Greenwald, Handera, McConnell and Robak all voted Aye, Motion carries.**

**b. Board Discussion Regarding Rt. 176 Corridor Plan (Houseal Lavigne Associates):**

Devin Lavigne gave a brief summary of what the Planning & Zoning Commission recommended in regards to the Rt. 176 Corridor Plan. The Planning & Zoning Commission recommended approval of this plan subject to 5 changes. If the Village Board would adopt this plan it would be considered an amendment to the current Village Comprehensive Plan.

Trustee Behm stated that the plan reflects that Valley View and Rt. 176 would become open space. This is a 20 acre site on a signaled intersection that would be perfect for neighborhood retail. She would strongly disagree with leaving this as open space.

President Duda agrees that the Village would be losing an opportunity for Commercial Retail space.

Trustee Robak stated that the Village has an ideal setting for Commercial Development on the north side of Rt. 176 and Valley View. This would be lost revenue for School District 46 and future sales tax for the Village. He stated that in the long term, this doesn't make sense to the Village.

Trustees Greenwald and Handera were of the same opinion.

Trustee McConnell stated that he agreed with the comments. He felt that the Planning & Zoning Commission were being sensitive to the existing residential. The EDC recommended quiet office at that intersection.

The Village Board all agreed that the intersection of Valley View and Rt. 176 on the north side should be considered residentially scaled commercial.

The school parcels not yet acquired by the school district would be limited if they are listed as educational. Devin Lavigne suggested that the Village look at revising this to consider use in the event that the School District doesn't acquire these parcels. A note could be added that the Village would support the School District in the event they purchase these parcels.

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

**a. Motion to Approve Annual Financial Report for Fiscal Year Ended April 30, 2009: Motion by Trustee Robak, 2nd by Trustee McConnell to Approve Annual Financial Report for Fiscal Year Ended April 30, 2009. On a Roll Call Vote: Trustees Behm, Greenwald, Handera, McConnell and Robak all voted Aye, Motion carries.**

**b. Authorization to Release Bid Documents for Waste Hauler Services in the Village of Prairie Grove:**

**Discussion:**

Trustee Robak suggested using larger bins for recycling. Trustee Behm suggested allowing for a sticker program or a reduced rate in the event that the resident only put out one container.

**On a Roll Call Vote: Trustees Behm, Greenwald, Handera, McConnell and Robak all voted Aye, Motion carries.**

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

**10. Adjournment: Motion made by Trustee Robak, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Trustee Behm to adjourn this Village Board Meeting at 8:27 PM. On a Roll Call Vote: Trustees Behm, Greenwald, Handera, McConnell and Robak all voted Aye, Motion carries.**

Respectfully Submitted by:

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Kim Minor, Village Clerk