

**Village Board  
MEETING MINUTES**

**July 12, 2012**

**VILLAGE BOARD PRESENT:** A. Viau, P. Clouthier, D. Cattoi, B. Jaeck, L. Kawa-Pelish, E. Steiner, D. Voss

**VILLAGE BOARD ABSENT:** None

Staff: V. Rudychev

Also Present: Citizens

**I. Call to Order / Roll call**

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by A. Viau and roll call was conducted by V. Rudychev.

**II. Public Comment and Input**

C. Daceno, Jr., 3336 Lathrop Avenue, stated that he wished to have the issue of Wal-Mart go to a referendum so that residents could vote for or against. He also stated that the Village Board needs to refinance the loan on the Taylor Homes Property and that the Village needs a Financial Advisor to help them get through this mess. He asked D. Cattoi to do the right thing and not make this about protocol but about what the constituents want. He finished by asking A. Viau to resign.

P. Tearney, 3442 Oak Tree Lane, stated that he is on the Plan Commission and has a background in planning. He had previously outlined the procedure the Village must follow for the Wal-Mart application and nothing happened, which concerns him. He added that the Village needs to move forward with the public hearing and that the Village needs to give the opportunity for residents to speak their piece. He presented the Board with copies of sample public hearing notices for Comprehensive Plan and Rezoning.

B. Evers, 3319 S. Elmwood Drive, stated he looked at the history of the commercial property and it has been vacant for quite some time. He added that the previous property owner could not attract a business to go into that space and eventually ended up losing the property. As it stands today, the property is owned by the bank. He added that the property as is, is too small to compete against large grocery stores. He stated that the Board needs to look at everything when making their decision, including the amount of tax revenue the new project could generate for the Village.

L. Peterson, 3256 N. Elmwood Drive, read into record a letter he had submitted to the Journal Times editor. The letter called for the Plan Commission to address the Wal-Mart manner in depth.

N. Haas, 3302 Lathrop Avenue, stated that M. Hinkston has not attended any Plan Commission meetings since Wal-Mart came in. He added that M. Hinkston not only defended the Village President, but also used to work for J. Shannon. He stated that he hoped M. Hinkston would be removed from the Plan Commission. He stated that the Village should prohibit the use of J. Shannon as the attorney. He ended by asking A. Viau to step down as President to prevent the Village from going through a recall election.

**III. Consent Agenda**

**1. Minutes of the June 14, 2012–Village Board Meeting**

B. Jaeck had one minor correction to the minutes, one of the dates was incorrect.

D. Voss moved to approve the minutes of the June 14, 2012 Village Board meeting and L. Pelish seconded. Motion carried (6-0).

**2. Minutes of the July 2, 2012 – Special Village Board Meeting**

D. Cattoi moved to approve the minutes of the July 2, 2012 Special Village Board meeting and P. Clouthier seconded. Motion carried (6-0).

**3. Accounts Payable – July 2012**

D. Voss moved to approve the Accounts Payable for July 2012 and E. Steiner seconded. Motion carried (6-0).

**IV. New Business**

**1. Reports**

**a. Racine County Sheriff Monthly Report**

B. Mattke stated that the Village had been billed for 5.75 hours for a total of \$297.16. He added that the Sheriff's office is a couple hours behind on billing.

**b. Clerk/Treasurer**

V. Rudychev stated that she was looking into a possible refinancing of the Village loan for Taylor homes property and would keep the Board in the loop on any findings.

**c. Trustees**

P. Clouthier had no report.

B. Jaeck had no report.

L. Pelish had no report.

E. Steiner stated that property which was allegedly growing pot or weeds is all taken care of now and he will bring in the picture to show the Board. P. Clouthier asked E. Steiner about the dead and dying trees in the Village. He wished to know what control the Village had over that and asked if the Village could remove them. E. Steiner stated the property owners should be noticed.

D. Voss stated that the parking lot at 3554 Taylor Avenue has been patched and sealed but still needs to be striped. He added that he has not gotten any additional quotes on the tennis court repair, but wants to get a few more additional quotes before bringing it before the Board.

D. Cattoi had no report.

**2. 2011 Village Audit**

P. Romenesko was not in attendance of the meeting and it was requested that this item be brought back before the Board at a later date when P. Romenesko could attend.

**3. Plan Commission Appointment**

A. Viau stated she had two applicants for the vacant position, but one cancelled on her yesterday. She appointed G. Pelish to the Plan Commission. She stated that he is very dedicated and willing to help. She thanked him for his ability to serve the Community.

**4. Village Attorney Research Committee Appointment**

A. Viau stated that it was suggested that the Village look for another attorney to assist with the Wal-Mart application. She pointed out that an attorney from Milwaukee could be quite costly, upwards of \$235 per hour. D. Cattoi stated that there is a preserved conflict of interest for J. Shannon with this project. A. Viau stated she wished to appoint E. Steiner and V. Rudychev to the committee. V. Rudychev stated the original request was to appoint two Trustees and that she would be happy to assist the two appointed Trustees. A. Viau stated she would then like to

appoint D. Cattoi. Both D. Cattoi and E. Steiner accepted the appointments.

**5. Taylor Property Ad-Hoc Committee**

B. Jaeck stated he wished to have this matter discussed. He added that he would like to do an in depth review of the financials, appraised value, expenses, annexation from the City of Racine, how the facility compares to other facilities in the area, amenities versus rent, and other potential uses for the property such as picnics, weddings, and whatever else the group can come up with. He stated that he wished to have someone with a financial background, construction background, event planning background, and one or two women on the committee.

V. Rudychev pointed out that this would not be a formal committee of the Village, their meeting would not be posted, and that they would not be able to make any decisions. The committee is to serve solely in the advisory capacity to the Village Board.

B. Jaeck stated he would come back to the Board with their findings in two months time.

E. Steiner asked how this would fit in with V. Rudychev plans to look at refinancing. B. Jaeck stated it would work in conjunction.

B. Jaeck stated that the committee would be 2-3 Board members and 3-4 residents.

**6. Amendment to Ordinance 2.06(b): Plan Commission Citizen Member**

D. Cattoi stated that an ordinance amendment must be read into public record twice so tonight would only be the first reading and no action would be taken. D. Cattoi read the ordinance as it currently reads and with the proposed amendments into record. He added that since the Plan Commission has so much power and since it is difficult to choose people to be on the Commission he feels the Board on the whole should be responsible for that decision.

P. Clouthier asked if the only correction was changing the authority to appoint from the Village President to the Village Board. D. Cattoi answered yes, but the President still gets a vote. V. Rudychev stated that the ordinance would be read again and acted on at the next meeting.

**7. Convene into closed session per WI §19.85(1)(f) considering financial, medical, social or personal histories or disciplinary data of specific persons, preliminary consideration of specific personnel problems or the investigation of charges against specific persons except where par. (b) applies which, if discussed in public, would be likely to have a substantial adverse effect upon the reputation of any person referred to in such histories or data, or involved in such problems or investigations: Committee Member Behavior**

E. Steiner moved to convene into closed session per WI §19.85(1)(f) to specifically discuss committee member behavior. L. Pelish seconded. Motion carried (6-0).

**8. To reconvene into open session consider any motions and adjourn**

D. Voss moved to reconvene into open session and D. Cattoi seconded. Motion carried (6-0).

V. Rudychev reported that the committee member behavior will be an on-going discussion.

D. Voss moved to adjourn the meeting and L. Pelish seconded. Motion carried (6-0) and the meeting was adjourned at 7:52 p.m.