



VILLAGE OF FOX LAKE VILLAGE BOARD MEETING MINUTES

STATE OF ILLINOIS,
Lake and McHenry Counties, }
Village of Fox Lake } ss.

At the regular Board Meeting, held in said Village and County in the State of Illinois at 7:00 p.m. on June 10, 2008 meeting was called to order by Mayor Irwin. The following official business was transacted:

Roll Call

Present Mayor Irwin; Village Clerk Weeks; Attorney Teegan; Trustees, Bender Murrey, Working, Kiesgen, and Koske. Trustee Ulasy was absent

I. Preliminary Audience Comments

There were no preliminary comments by the audience.
Mayor Irwin stated that she would normally have Ed Lecher the ESDA Coordinator address the Village due to the flooding. However she stated that she had given him the night off because this was the third flood in less than a year. Mayor Irwin stated the Village was in no immediate danger and the water levels were under control. She stated that if we were to experience any major problems. She stated that the Street Department was currently sandbagging and notice has been given. She stated she was certain that everyone received the phone call from the 911 services if you needed sandbags you were to call the non-emergency Police number.

Mayor Irwin stated at the moment we are fine however once the river receives the rainwater from Wisconsin and crests we could see some problems at that time.

II. Approval of Minutes

Trustee Working made a ***motion*** to approve the Village Board Meeting minutes of May 27, 2008 seconded by Trustee Bender.

A roll call vote was taken as follows:

Trustee Bender Aye
Trustee Murrey Aye
Trustee Ulasy Absent
Trustee Working Aye
Trustee Kiesgen Aye
Trustee Koske Aye
Motion Carried

*Trustee Working made a **motion** to approve the Special Village Board Meeting minutes of June 4, 2008 seconded by Trustee Murrey.*

A roll call vote was taken as follows:

<i>Trustee Bender</i>	<i>Abstain</i>
<i>Trustee Murrey</i>	<i>Aye</i>
<i>Trustee Ulasy</i>	<i>Absent</i>
<i>Trustee Working</i>	<i>Aye</i>
<i>Trustee Kiesgen</i>	<i>Aye</i>
<i>Trustee Koske</i>	<i>Aye</i>

Motion Carried

IV. Presentation – Michael Lescher, Route 12 Traffic Control.

Michael Lescher 800 S. Route 12 Fox Lake, IL. Mr. Lescher stated that he requested a copy of a letter from himself to be distributed to the Board Members regarding a petition that he would be filing (copy attached). He read the petition for the record.

Regarding US Route 12 Traffic Control in Fox Lake

WHEREAS the Fox Lake area is in the midst of a great deal of residential and commercial expansion which is creating a significant increase in traffic congestion, and;

WHEREAS US Route 12 is and will continue to be the busiest roadway in Western Lake County and a conduit of traffic between State Route 53/I-355 and the controlled access portion of US Route 12 in Wisconsin, and;

WHEREAS the Frontage Road entrances at Kings Drive and further south at Marine Drive in the Village of Fox Lake have been the scene of numerous accidents, some fatal, in recent years (confirmed in state records) and established communities and businesses no longer have safe access;

WE, THE UNDERSIGNED, request that the Village of Fox Lake, the Township of Grant and the State of Illinois jointly investigate, authorize, fund and install the following safety measures:

1. Consistent, vigorous enforcement of existing traffic laws and speed limit; and,
2. Reduction of the speed limit on Northbound Route 12 to 45 MPH from Route 134 to the Route 59 cutoff (IDOT Structure Reference 049-0020) and 35 MPH from the cutoff to Kings Road, and, on Southbound Route 12, extend the 35 MPH limit South of Kings Road to the south Frontage Road access, then increase to 45 MPH to Route 134; and,
3. Removal, lowering or reconfiguring of the Guard rails in both directions at the intersection of Kings Road to improve visibility when entering Route 12; and, Installation of a traffic control signal at the intersection of Kings Road and Route 12 and closing of the median strip at the intersection South of that as recommended in the Strategic Regional Arterial Planning Study (CHI247/012.51).

Mr. Lescher stated that he has gathered 220 signatures from patrons from businesses and residence that live close by.

Mr. Lescher stated in addition he had 12 business owners signatures naming Mike Hellios, Dr. Rodowski, from Fox Lake Animal Hospital, Kings Island Marina,

Dynamic Hand Therapy, Dog Tag, Diamond Glass, Ben Watts Marina, Open Arc Computers, Joel from the hair styling place. He stated that he didn't get more than a thousand but wanted more than just himself.

He stated that he consulted with the Mayor, Chief of Police, Street Commissioner prior to circulating the petition. He stated that he also spoke to the Township Members and Bonnie Thompson Carter.

He stated he realized that this was the first step that the Village is on record asking IDOT for the past year requesting a traffic control device. He stated that he believed many people are aware of the type of accidents that occur there and some have been fatal. He stated that doesn't get much done due to finances. Mr. Lescher asked the Board Members for any support for his endeavor. He stated he would like managing this project and speaking to the state representatives. He stated he was willing to do the work and was hoping for support from the Board.

Mr. Lescher read the following from a letter that he received from Chief Behan, before a new traffic signal can be approved for installation at any intersection along a State highway, it must first be determined warranted by a traffic engineering study. An essential part of this study is a review of the existing traffic volumes at the proposed location; a manual all-movement traffic count will be conducted at the intersection of US12 and Kings/Sayton Road in the near future as well as a review of the recent crash history. Upon completion of the traffic count, the Department will conduct a traffic engineering study to determine if any changes in traffic control are warranted along with any geometric changes. You will be informed of the results of our study upon its completion.

He stated they were poised and getting around to a study at this location. He stated that if we could go on record. He stated the guardrails were bad when you pass by them by a car.

Trustee Working stated he would like to ask a question of Attorney Teegan that if a resolution stating something along these lines would be helpful for Mike to take to IDOT. Attorney Teegan agreed. Attorney Teegan stated it was encouraging to see that they were going to do a study regarding traffic patterns. Trustee Koske stated a study was done approximately 4 years ago. Trustee asked if the study was conducted during the winter or summer because if they did the study during the summer the traffic patterns are doubled. Trustee Koske stated that she looked into when the study would be conducted.

Mayor Irwin asked if there were any other questions from the Board. Mayor Irwin asked Trustee Koske for her feedback. Trustee Koske stated that she would be interested in the study and was agreeable to continue with the project and she has always supported the project. She wished Michael luck and thanked him for taking on this project. She stated she believed the largest hurdle would be the finance.

Trustee Bender stated that it took him almost 10 years to have the lights put up in front of Ben Watts Marina.

Trustee Murrey stated when he was elected to the Board under the Koske Administration he was Chair of the Street Department he had approached Grant Township and Volo. Trustee Murrey stated he wanted a speed reduction. Trustee Murrey stated when the legislation was deliberating about making the speed for trucks 65 MPH they stated it couldn't be done. He stated the drivers were already doing that speed and it would only encourage them to go faster than the posted speed limit. Trustee Murrey stated when you approach town and the speed begins to reduce you still experience drivers traveling at high rates of speed regardless of the posted speed limit.

Trustee Murrey stated the guardrails were hazardous because they inhibited a clear view to those who drive smaller vehicles. Trustee Murrey stated that he believed we should get someone from IDOT Schaumburg to come out to visit the site so they can experience the same thing as drivers do. Trustee Murrey stated he thought a resolution would be warranted and helpful. He stated if the speed was dropped down to 40MPH drivers might do 50MPH. Trustee Murrey stated that drivers traveling south on Route 12 past this intersection are already traveling at a high rate of speed perhaps at 60MPH or higher.

Trustee Murrey stated that he has seen Policemen from Fox Lake, Lake County and Lakemoor writing tickets on a regular basis. Trustee Murrey stated he believed that Trustee Kiesgen should contact someone at IDOT to see if he could get some help with this project. Trustee Murrey stated we could take them to experience this personally in his truck and then in his mother's car so they could see how dangerous the guardrails are.

Trustee Kiesgen stated that he agreed and extended an invitation to contact him with any questions. He stated that he would take Trustee Murrey's advice and he still knew people that worked for IDOT. Trustee Kiesgen stated that he believed the guardrails were a hazard and stated in the winter it posed a problem with the snowplows.

Trustee Murrey stated although he owned property at the end of Sayton Rd. he did not use that highway entrance rather he would go to the light at Eagle Point Rd. He stated drivers took their lives into their own hands when they try to cross Route 12 at that location. Trustee Murrey stated during rush hour it was extremely hazardous.

Trustee Koske asked if a resolution in order. The Board concurred on crafting a resolution.

Trustee Kiesgen asked Chief Behan how many tickets were written during the past week. Chief Behan stated one of his officers wrote 6 tickets during his shift.

Trustee Working asked Deputy Clerk Carol Ward if her husband could help the project since he was retired IDOT resident engineer and she stated she would talk to him.

V. Parks and Recreation Coordinator Update.

Ms. Rogers stated she had given her report during her committee.

VI. Director of Planning and Community Development Update

Mr. Rogers stated he did not have a report this evening.

VII. Department Head Reports

A. BEHAN

Chief Behan stated they had the chip the pet program this last week with 40 pets being chipped. Mayor Irwin asked if there was ever a call for finding a lost pet that was chipped. Chief Behan stated it was a successful program.

B. HOEHNE

Chief Hoehne the bid results for the Fire Station 2 Renovation was distributed to the Board Members. He stated that there would be a meeting with Chairman Bender before the next Public Safety Meeting and with Clark Dietz with a recommendation.

C. HART

Mr. Hart stated his report was covered during the Building and Zoning Meeting.

D. CHRISTENSEN

Mr. Christensen stated he did not have a report this evening.

E. WOLF

Ms. Wolf stated she would like to make a comment on the notification that everyone received this week regarding the sandbagging. She stated from the time the message was released it took 13 seconds to reach the intended target. She stated this system was for boil orders, inclement weather, tornados and other emergencies.

VIII. Village Administrator Report

Ms. Schuerr stated that they have been trying to get assistance through Northern Illinois University for our Comprehensive Plan. She stated that the application was ready and the Resolution ready and there would be a motion this evening to accept that. She stated that she has already talked to Northern Illinois University and they seemed to be ready to design a program for us for a reasonable rate. She stated that we would get some great assistance.

IX. Trustee Reports

A. BENDER

*Trustee Bender made a **Motion** to hire Stacy Niebuhr as a Part Time Telecommunicator for the Fox Lake 91-1 Communication Center at the rate of \$20.00 an hour with an effective date of June 11, 2008 seconded by Trustee Koske.*

A roll call vote was taken as follows:

Trustee Bender Aye

Trustee Murrey Aye

Trustee Ulasz Absent

Trustee Working Aye

Trustee Kiesgen Aye

Trustee Koske Aye

Motion Carried.

*Trustee Bender made a **Motion** to hire Georgene Van Cleve as a Part Time Telecommunicator for the Fox Lake 91-1 Communication Center at the rate of \$20.00 an hour with an effective date of June 11, 2008 contingent on passing the necessary background check and drug screening seconded by Trustee Working.*

A roll call vote was taken as follows:

*Trustee Bender Aye
Trustee Murrey Aye
Trustee Ulasz Absent
Trustee Working Aye
Trustee Kiesgen Aye
Trustee Koske Aye*

Motion Carried

*Trustee Bender made a **motion** to approve Ordinance 2008-21, An Ordinance Further Amending Title 3, Section 3 of the Code of the Village of Fox Lake Related to Liquor Control seconded by Trustee Working.*

A roll call vote was taken as follows:

*Trustee Bender Aye
Trustee Murrey Aye
Trustee Ulasz Absent
Trustee Working Aye
Trustee Kiesgen Aye
Trustee Koske Aye*

Motion Carried.

B. Murrey

Trustee Murrey stated that he would like to give some history with the resignation of Ron Hoehne – Superintendent of Public Works. Trustee Murrey stated in 1997 when we were elected under the Pappas Administration he recognized the lack of communication between the different Departments. Trustee Murrey stated at that time they wanted to streamline the departments. The goal was to give each one of the departments a Supervisor that was capable of operating the different departments under the direction of Ron Hoehne. Trustee Murrey stated at that time Ron Hoehne had a couple of decades of experience at that time working with the Village.

Trustee Murrey stated the program has been extremely successful under Ron Hoehne. He stated that he has been successful throughout the different administrations that have been in Fox Lake.

Trustee Murrey stated Ron Hoehne is now asking to retire. Trustee Murrey stated although they had a difference of opinion from time to time it has been a pleasure and honor to work along side of Ron Hoehne. Trustee Murrey stated just as his father he is a wealth of knowledge and will be lost. Trustee Murrey stated that he had confidence in the fact that if Ron were called for assistance or a recommendation Ron would be there for the Village. Trustee Murrey stated that Ron has been an intricate part of the successes within his departments. Trustee Murrey stated when the time was right the motor pool was incorporated and they have seen a much better return regarding the enterprise funds.

Trustee Murrey stated under this tenure 9 lift stations have been replaced, countless manhole sewers have been re-aligned. Trustee Murrey stated that Ron Hoehne developed a great staff and he would like to see the Village Administrator continue to let the individuals that have been trained and work well together continue the good works that they have been doing. Trustee Murrey stated from time to time they would need the support from the Mayor and the Village Administrator.

*Trustee Murrey made a **motion** to accept Ron Hoehne resignation as Superintendent of Public Works and accept his retirement as a member of Public Works Department effective June 12, 2008 seconded by Trustee Kiesgen.*

Trustee Kiesgen stated he was fortunate to work with Ron Hoehne father Stu Hoehne several years ago. He stated that Stu Hoehne did a marvelous job for the Village of Fox Lake. Trustee Kiesgen stated that he could remember the days when Ron was a young boy and that he was proud of him and wished him the best of luck. He stated that we all loved and respect you Ron.

Mayor Irwin stated than can we say we are not accepting his resignation and forget the whole thing.

Trustee Murrey stated with all due respect Mayor I told this gentleman when he got this well oiled machine working that it would not preclude him from walking away from it. Trustee Murrey stated that he would defend that handshake promise from years ago. Trustee Murrey stated that Ron Hoehne gave the Village a well functioning machine. Trustee Murrey stated that there was nothing but accomplishments from him and his staff.

Mayor Irwin stated that he promised me he wasn't going anywhere.

A roll call vote was taken as follows:

*Trustee Bender Aye
Trustee Murrey Aye
Trustee Ulasz Absent
Trustee Working Aye
Trustee Kiesgen Aye
Trustee Koske Nay*

Motion Carried

Mayor Irwin stated that this meeting is not legal because there will be something wrong with it, I'll make sure its not legal so it's not binding.

C. Ulasz

Trustee Ulasz was absent

D. Working

*Trustee Working made a **motion** to approve the Bill List dated June 10, 2008 in the amount of \$509,566.64 seconded by Trustee Kiesgen.*

A roll call vote was taken as follows:

*Trustee Bender Aye
Trustee Murrey Aye
Trustee Ulasz Absent
Trustee Working Aye*

Trustee Kiesgen Aye
Trustee Koske Aye

Motion Carried

Trustee Working made a **motion** to Ratify the Manual Check List dated June 10, 2008 seconded by Trustee Bender.

A roll call vote was taken as follows:

Trustee Bender Aye
Trustee Murrey Aye
Trustee Ulasz Absent
Trustee Working Aye
Trustee Kiesgen Aye
Trustee Koske Aye

Motion Carried

Trustee Working made a **motion** to approve Resolution 2008-R-29, a Resolution Authorizing the Mayor of the Village of Fox Lake, to Sign and Thereby Accept the Contract with Maximus, Inc. for Providing a Cost Allocation Plan for the Village seconded by Trustee Murrey.

A roll call vote was taken as follows:

Trustee Bender Aye
Trustee Murrey Aye
Trustee Ulasz Absent
Trustee Working Aye
Trustee Kiesgen Aye
Trustee Koske Aye

Motion Carried

Trustee Working made a **motion** to pass Ordinance 2008-22, An Ordinance Adopting the Prevailing Wages of Laborers, Mechanics and other Workers Employed in Public Works Pursuant to 820 ILCS 130/1 ET SEQ seconded by Trustee Bender.

A roll call vote was taken as follows:

Trustee Bender Aye
Trustee Murrey Aye
Trustee Ulasz Absent
Trustee Working Aye
Trustee Kiesgen Aye
Trustee Koske Aye

Motion Carried

Trustee Working made a **motion** to approve the Zoning Board of Appeals Recommendation for Don Sharlow, 114 Scenic Road for a variance for an accessory structure without the principal building on the lot with the additional condition that the garage and the house be sold as one unit seconded by Trustee Murrey.

A roll call vote was taken as follows:

Trustee Bender Aye
Trustee Murrey Aye
Trustee Ulasz Absent

Trustee Working Aye
Trustee Kiesgen Aye
Trustee Koske Aye

Motion Carried

Trustee Working made a **motion** to approve the Zoning Board of Appeals Recommendation for Jeff and Trevor Crivello, 42 S. Pistakee Lake for an addition on a 2 car garage and front yard variance seconded by Trustee Bender.

A roll call vote was taken as follows:

Trustee Bender Aye
Trustee Murrey Aye
Trustee Ulasz Absent
Trustee Working Aye
Trustee Kiesgen Aye
Trustee Koske Aye

Motion Carried

Trustee Working made a **motion** to approve Ordinance 2008-20, An Ordinance Granting a Certain Variation from the Fence Ordinance of the Village of Fox Lake, for a Fence to be located at the Osnacz Property at 256 Lippincott Road, Fox Lake, Illinois seconded by Trustee Kiesgen.

A roll call vote was taken as follows:

Trustee Bender Aye
Trustee Murrey Aye
Trustee Ulasz Absent
Trustee Working Aye
Trustee Kiesgen Aye
Trustee Koske Aye

Motion Carried

Trustee Working made a **motion** to approve Ordinance 2008-23, An Ordinance Amending Various Sections of the Village Code to Create Uniform Reference to Various Codes Adopted by Reference by the Village seconded by Trustee Bender.

A roll call vote was taken as follows:

Trustee Bender Aye
Trustee Murrey Aye
Trustee Ulasz Absent
Trustee Working Aye
Trustee Kiesgen Aye
Trustee Koske Aye

Motion Carried

Trustee Working read the building report for the month of May 2008: there were 99 permits, 1 new residential construction, 20 rental inspections, 1 re-inspection, 28 business inspections, 5 re-inspections, 4 hydro test, 4 flush tests and 28 site inspections.

Trustee Working stated that he was in receipt of a thank you card the Parks and Recreation Director received from Stanton School. Trustee Working read the card to the audience as follows:

Dear Nancy and Ruth,

Thank you so very much for working with my students on their littering project, The coloring contest was a huge success and we look forward to helping out on clean up day in July. It's great to be able to work together to make Fox Lake a better place.

Sincerely

Liz Anderson
Stanton School

Trustee Working stated they would be helping clean up Grand Ave. in July.

E. Kiesgen

Trustee Kiesgen he did not have a report this evening.

F. Koske

Trustee Koske made a motion to approve Resolution 2008-R-30, a Resolution Approving an Application for Illinois Municipal Assistance Program Services seconded by Trustee Working.

A roll call vote was taken as follows:

*Trustee Bender Aye
Trustee Murrey Aye
Trustee Ulasz Absent
Trustee Working Aye
Trustee Kiesgen Aye
Trustee Koske Aye*

Motion Carried

Trustee Koske stated during the last Planning Meeting one of the commissioners tended his resignation due to business reasons. Trustee Koske stated that she called the Village Administrator and asked her per the conversation she had with the Mayor and Village Administrator to please post the opening on the web site. Trustee Koske asked if the opening could be posted into the local newspapers. Trustee Koske asked the Board Members to help find a qualified individual to help fill the void.

VII. Attorney's Comments

Attorney Teegen stated he did not have comments this evening.

VIII. Presidents Comments

Mayor Irwin stated that Ron Hoehne would be missed but she has been working with Dan Miller the last couple of months on most things. She stated that he would do a great job and we are in very good hands.

Mayor Irwin announced the resignation of Paul Christensen.

IX. Audience Comments

There were no audience comments this evening.

XI. ADJOURNMENT

Trustee Working made a motion to adjourn the Village Board Meeting at 7:35PM Seconded by Trustee Bender.

*A roll call vote was taken as follows
Trustee Bender Aye*

Trustee Murrey *Aye*
Trustee Ulasz *Aye*
Trustee Working *Aye*
Trustee Kiesgen *Aye*
Trustee Koske *Aye*
Motion Carried

Meeting was adjourned at 7:35 p.m.

Samantha Weeks
Village Clerk

Mayor Cindy Irwin and Village Trustees:

I have been asked on a number of occasions by business owners & patrons on the Rt. 12 Frontage Road and by residents of Meyer's Bayview Terrace & Glen Arms Subdivisions if anything is planned to improve traffic safety when accessing Rt.12 at the two frontage road entrances. As you know, many serious accidents have occurred at those locations in recent years.

After meeting with the Mayor, Chief Behan & Ron Hoehne and finding that they have had little assurance that the issue would be addressed in the near future, I and several other interested people circulated a petition regarding changes we feel could improve traffic safety in the area. A copy is attached.

I will present several hundred signatures to the Board at your June 10th meeting and would request that the Village go on record in support of the recommendations, as well as adding any input as we go forward in addressing the issue. I will make the same request of the Grant Township Board this month and I have the support of District 5 County Board member Bonnie Thomson-Carter.

From that point, I will contact our State Senators and Representatives as well as officials at the Illinois Department of Transportation to press for funding and implementation of our requests and/or other measures that they feel will improve the situation.

We appreciate any input and assistance the Village of Fox Lake can give us in this effort. Thank you in advance for your help.

Sincerely,

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