

Village of Wonder Lake, McHenry County, Illinois
Board of Trustees
Minutes of the Committee of the Whole Meeting
Wednesday August 21, 2013

Meeting called to order at 7:06 pm

Roll Call Present: Topf, Naatz, Palys, Reinhard, Sullivan
Absent: Kowalski, Anderson, Lynd
A quorum was established with 4 Trustees

Attorney Not Present

Public Comment:

1.) Richard Hilton, 3237 E. Lake Shore Drive, Wooded Shores Subdivision – Here is an update on the Lake Dredging Project. A MPOA Special Meeting with the Directors will be held in the next couple of weeks to review the bids for the dewatering site and to possibly to award a contract to Copenhaver Construction Company in Gilberts, Illinois. The MPOA does not have the dredging permit yet but Copenhaver has agreed to extend the price for 6 months (180 days). If the dredging permit has not been received by then the bid will be null and void. Copenhaver is the same company that did the Fox Waterway Project. If the dewatering site project is started before a hard freeze than Copenhaver can work through the winter.

Department Updates

Sewer and Water (Moved up due to presentation) - Trustee Anderson – Not Present

- **Presentation by Rick Lieber, Manhard Consulting LLC** – The maximum level for Arsenic in the water supply is 10 parts per billion. The Norther Illinois Utilities water system on the East side has been at 11 parts per billion for 4 consecutive test which exceeds the EPA maximum. A letter was sent out using the EPA wording explaining about this condition. Manhard contacted the EPA asking what can be done. The EPA wanted to know what the Village Plan was. The Village was planning on using the Thatcher Meadows Water Supply and Treatment facility and not using the current well. Construction of the Thatcher Meadows Water Supply has been delayed and will not be completed until 2016. A water softener will take out the Arsenic. Water Quality Testing will continue as regularly scheduled by the EPA. If the level continues to exceed the maximum letters will be sent out again. Rick Lieber informed the Board that if the residents have any questions they should call the Village Hall or the Water Department. It was suggested that the information from Manhard be put on the Village Website.

Engineering – Bud Reed, Manhard Consulting LTD. - Not Present – Nothing at this time

Public Works - Steve Weir, Public Works Director – Present

- **Meadows of West Bay** – grass partially cut. Also working with Saybrook on other issues such as the marina.
- **Illegal Sewage Dumping** – has stopped at this time
- **FEMA Money** – the Village may receive a check for a small project
- **Road Patching & Culvert Replacement** – has been completed, there have been a few road failures that need to be added to the project
- **Stolen Signs** – now the signs and the posts are being stolen. Trustee Sullivan if this is an Insurance Claim. Public Works Director Weir informed the Board that the deductible is too high.
- **Community Center Building Project** – IEPA deemed it necessary to have the building 2 feet above the flood plain so will need to raise the building 17 inches to meet this requirement. Public Works Director Weir wanted to inform the Board that the project may cost an additional \$15,000.00 which would be over budget. Weir would like to proceed with preparing bid specs and would like to go out for bid.
- **MS4** – all the required information is on the Website so in compliance now

Police - Chief Mason – Present

- **3880 Twin Oaks, Deerpath Subdivision** – grass cut and trees trimmed by owner; the gentleman at the last meeting was notified that the owner took care of the property

General Affairs - Trustee Reinhard – Present – Handout dated August 2013

- **Police Commission**– Trustee Reinhard is the Liaison to the Police Commission not a voting member so he cannot call a meeting. In 2009 an ordinance was passed which described the role of the Police Commission and that the Commission should receive a monthly report like the Trustees. There have been 2 resignations and 1 member has agreed to stay on until a replacement is found so now looking for 3 new members.
- **Hockey Court** – new coat of stain done and steel top is on the side rails, the stairs need to be redone at an estimated cost of \$1,500.00.
- **Huff Farm Park** – needs to be dug out and re-mulched at an estimated cost of \$2,000.00
- **Cedar Park** - will install a new blue bench, need to take out a dead pine tree.
- **Soccer Fall Program** – there is no leader for the soccer program so may not have a fall program
- **New Signs** – will be installed in 2 weeks

Financial - Trustee Naatz – Present

- **Water Meters – contacted** Rick Lieber, Manhard Consulting LLC, about the Loan Application through the State. Apparently the State changed the program so money is out there but will need to fill out a new application.

E.S.D.A. Health - Trustee Palys – Present – Nothing at this time

Planning and Zoning Commission – Chairperson Cavanaugh – Not Present – Nothing at this time

Communications / Public Relations – Trustee Sullivan – Present

- **Community Calendar** – would like to start a Community Calendar on the Village Website, would need to establish rules as to what information is posted so the Calendar reflects the entire community and not just individuals.

Old Business:

- **Wonderview Lots** – still looking into annexing the vacant lots

New Business:

- **Vacant Building/Houses** – Trustee Naatz discussed the Buildings in the Village that have been boarded up for a long time and asked if could pass an ordinance to have them torn down. Assistant Treasurer Cwerenz informed the Board that not much can be done for 3 years because the property can be reclaimed if the taxes are paid within 3 years. Cwerenz has talked with CSO Officer about a plan of action, reviewing the list of the longest vacancies and then taking each building and formulating a plan specific to each situation. Village President Topf Talked with Village Attorney Curran and was informed that it is an arduous task for the Village to actually take down a house/building. Trustees Naatz and Sullivan volunteered to work with Assistant Treasurer Cwerenz on the project.
- **Watering Grass** – Public Works Director Weir wanted to remind everyone that there is an ordinance about watering only on even or odd days.

Motion to Adjourn the Committee of the Whole Meeting

Motion by: Trustee Palys

Second by: Trustee Sullivan

Voice Vote Ayes: Naatz, Palys, Reinhard, Sullivan

Nays: None

Abstain: None

Absent: Anderson, Lynd

Motion carries with 4 Trustees

Meeting adjourned at 8:01 PM

Minutes submitted by /s/ Jo-Ellen McIntosh, Village Clerk