

Village of Wonder Lake, McHenry County, Illinois
Board of Trustees
Minutes of the Committee of the Whole Meeting
Wednesday, December 20, 2023

Meeting called to order at 7:15 pm

Roll Call Present: Dycus, McIntosh, Dirr, Hilton (electronically), Houston, Palys, Reinhard, Tollini
Absent: None
A quorum was established with 5 Trustees.

Attorney Present

Public Comment: None

Department Updates

Engineering – Ryan Christensen, Robinson Engineering – Present

- **Meadows of West Bay and Stonewater** – review final permit plat & final grading; still building houses
- **Hancock Drive** – TOPO completed, now in drafting
- **Stonewater** – no major infrastructure projects going on in the winter

Sewer and Water –Jacob Wellbank, Robinson Engineering– Present

- **West Side** – water system flushed due to increased water quality complaints
- **Hydrant Repair** – about 45% complete, will need ComEd's help to hold up a pole for one repair
- **Stonewater** – met with NRB to discuss expansion for Sewer & Water Treatment Plant and timetable
- **Water Quality Discussion** – Trustee Tollini asked if a plan in the budget to better address water quality issues; Ryan informed the Board that cleaned out the MOWB Reservoir of sediment, the iron levels leaving the plant is low and at very good levels, would need aggressive capital improvements in older subdivisions, MOWB issue mains filled with only 40 houses on the system which allowed sediment to settle in pockets, even though flushed throughout the years now with more houses on the system the sediment is moving into residential service lines affecting appliances, laundry, etc. as discussed tonight, are working on it with cleaning the tank and flushing but would like to isolate MOWB but difficult to do in the winter months; Village President Dycus informed the board working on replacing the Filter Media, working on chlorine treatment automation adjusting to real time readings to keep levels where need to be ; looking into other

Village Attorney – Richard Curran – Present

- **Tax Levy Ordinance** – filed with County

Public Works – Chuck Bissell, Public Works Director – Present

- **Signs** – replaced due to vandalism and being stolen
- **White Oak Court** – placed stop sign and information sign for bus stop, trees cut for clear view

Police – Chief Redlin – Present – Nothing at this time – Wished everyone Happy Holidays

General Affairs – Trustee Reinhard – Present – Nothing at this time

Financial – Treasurer Dirr – Present

- **Audit** – had first preliminary meeting with the new auditor for field day, went well ; Village Attorney Curran informed the Board that received letter from the Auditor, this is a standard request for information of any pending litigation claims or assessments, anything that will have a material impact on financial structure of the municipality

Pollinator Habitat Restoration and Enhancement Department - Trustee Palys – Present

- Waiting for snow to put seed down and cover up seed already there

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

Communications / Public Relations – Trustee Tollini – Present – Nothing at this time

Village Administrator – Bill Beith – Present

- **B&F Construction** – working on Building Code Update

- **Zoning Code** – examining current code and will integrate and updates by ordinance

Old Business:

- **Hancock Drive Update** – second response from Village Attorney's office will go back to their attorney tomorrow, hopefully we will get some agreement from businesses represented there, making sure the individual business is still in the loop

New Business:

- **Marketing for Village** – Village President Dycus will send out information to the Trustees on a marketing plan for the Village of Wonder Lake; Greg and Ann French reached out with a proposal about revamping marketing and communications used by the Village along with community relations

Motion to Adjourn the Committee of the Whole Meeting

Motion by: Trustee Reinhard

Second by: Trustee Houston

Voice Vote Ayes: Hilton (electronically), Houston, Palys, Reinhard, Tollini

Nays: None

Abstain: None

Absent: None

Motion carries with 5 Trustees

Meeting Adjourned at 7:33 PM

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