

**CHANNAHON VILLAGE BOARD
COMMITTEE MEETING
NOVEMBER 5, 2007**

Village President Joe Cook called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. with Trustees Davidson, McMillin, Slocum, Militello and Greco present. Trustee Nash entered at 6:12 p.m.

Also present were Village Administrator Jamie Bowden, Village Attorney Justin Fredin, Finance Director Robert Guess, Police Chief William Doster, Director of Public Works Ed Dolezal and Deputy Village Clerk Leti Anselme. Director of Community Development Mike McMahan was not present.

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT

No Formal Items for Discussion.

FINANCE DEPARTMENT

FY 06-07 Audit

Finance Director Bob Guess stated that the Village had a good financial year. Guess stated that other requirements that had not been asked for in the past were required this year. His staff did a good job and getting it done. He then presented Ed Marso from Wermer, Rogers, Doran & Ruzon, LLC to the Board.

Mr. Marso stated that the audit for FY 06-07 had no findings in terms of internal control, difficulties or compliance issues. One of the things that he observed was the financial condition of the Village, it is extraordinary in good shape in terms of surrounding municipalities. A couple of things to remember are that there is positive fund balance in every one of the funds and no deficits.

Mr. Marso stated that the Village has been able to finance their debt and make the bond, interest and principal payments without levying taxes to do so. The Village found other means to do that. He stated that it is extraordinary to do that. He stated that this shows fiscal responsibility. He then asked if the Board had any questions for him.

President Cook stated he appreciated his comments, but what staff is now dealing with is decreasing revenues.

POLICE DEPARTMENT

Community Meeting Update from Joe Pena with IACP

Chief Doster stated that Joe Pena was present to update the Board.

Mr. Pena stated that the Community Meeting is set up for Saturday, November 17 from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Chief Doster, Limey Nargelenas and himself will be the panel. They will accept open comments at the Village Hall, on the phone and written. A phone number has been provided to the press, with the hopes to get it into the paper.

Mr. Pena also mentioned that the IACP is currently coming down to six candidates for the Police Chief position. The assessment is scheduled to be conducted next Saturday, November 10 at the Village Hall.

Trustee McMillin asked how the community meeting is going to be held. Mr. Pena stated that if there are residents here, they will have 10 minutes to speak. If they call, one of us, will be here to answer. There may be some people who do not want to speak openly, they may just have some comments to make outside the public view. We will have a separate room for that.

President Cook stated that this is definitely moving the police department forward. Mr. Pena stated that the intention is to listen to what the comments are, not to agree or disagree, but to listen to what they are. It is going to show us what past practices were and what we could recommend to refine the department.

Trustee Judie Nash entered 6:12 p.m.

Hiring of a Police Officer

Chief Doster stated that there is a recommendation to hire Adam Bogart as a Police Officer at the Village Board meeting tonight.

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT

No Formal Items for Discussion.

ADMINISTRATION

Senate Bill 678/Competition Law for Cable/Video Act

Village Administrator Jamie Bowden stated that the last couple years AT&T is looking to get into the cable and video industry and provide the service as a competition to Comcast.

Communities have been concern with the ability to control their right-of-way. The right-of-way ordinance will set standards on how they are to provide the service in the right-of-way. Some of the boxes and installations are quite large. It allows us to have AT&T go into the state franchise or municipal franchise. The Legislative allows the Village to charge 5% gross revenue for the use of the right-of-way and up to 1% for the cost of providing a Public Education Governmental Channel.

Bowden stated that he would like for the Board to review the information and bring it back at the next meeting.

President Cook stated that this has been something that has been in the works for two years. The original legislation that was fought was the Light Speed Bill. It would have allowed AT&T to build out the community without providing any of the services that we currently have with our local franchise agreements. He stated that we were instrumental in lobbying to the general assembly to start with not allowing AT&T eminent domain powers where they could condemn the right-of-ways. The boxes that AT&T is using for these services is somewhere between 6' tall, 6' wide by 3' deep.

Trustee McMillin asked if it is possible that it go underground, since we are homerule. President Cook stated that with what has been done we can direct where the boxes are going to be located. That is why it is important to pass these ordinances, so that we do not have these issues. It will require us to have screening so that it is not in the line of sight as far as traffic. Also to provide the Public Education Channels and to have the option of an emergency interruption if something does occur and notification needs to get to the residents.

Bowden stated that they are not required to provide to everyone, which is why passing these ordinances would not allow that. President Cook stated that our franchise agreement with Comcast they were required to provide the services to new subdivisions in town.

A Resolution Authorizing the Execution of an Agreement with Johnson, Depp & Quisenberry

Bowden stated that about a month Greg Michard was in attendance and gave a presentation on the Odor Alert Network (OAN). He suggested to set up the OAN Board or membership. That would allow us to access who is willing to contribute to the Village as a funding source to run the OAN. He spoke with the Manager from Lemont and they had a great success with the surrounding companies to contribute.

Bowden stated that we would have a coordinator within the police department who would proceed with contacting the century. The procedure now is if there is a complaint a police officer will be sent out if it is an emergency and a form is set to the IEPA.

President Cook stated that the Village has met with the IEPA and it is a program that is supported by the IEPA.

Mailbox Ordinance Reimbursement

Bowden stated that he received some quotes on mailbox replacements. He stated that the policy works well with the reimbursement. As long as the resident comes in, records the damage and signs the waiver, staff does not have a problem with doing the reimbursement beyond 30 days.

Bowden stated that he spoke with Jeff Simon and he submitted a request for reimbursement of \$171.79. This reimbursement should be made by the property owner with a paid receipt, signing a wavier and without setting precedent.

President Cook stated that no action be taken by the Board unless it is brought forth from the resident, not from the contractor, the resident.

Bowden asked that the Board that if the property owner does come forward with the request, what is the Board's indication of the amount. It is not to set precedent. Trustee Davidson stated that \$100 would be fine. Bowden stated that he does not want the resident to have the impression that the Board is going to pay the full amount of \$171.79.

Trustee Slocum asked Dolezal how many replacements were done last year. Dolezal stated about 35.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Trustee Greco made the motion to go into Executive Session at 6:35 p.m. for an Appointment, Employment, Dismissal, Compensation, Discipline and Performance of an Employee Of The Village Of Channahon. Seconded by Trustee Militello.

VERBAL VOTE: ALL AYES

MOTION CARRIED

Trustee Slocum made the motion to close Executive Session at 6:45 p.m. Seconded by Trustee Militello.

VERBAL VOTE: ALL AYES

MOTION CARRIED

Minutes Submitted by
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Deputy Village Clerk