

**CHANNAHON VILLAGE BOARD
BOARD MEETING
JANUARY 21, 2008**

Village President Joe Cook called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

Chief Kerry Sheridan led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Roll call was taken with Trustees Davidson, Nash, McMillin, Slocum, Militello and Greco present.

Also present were Village Administrator Jamie Bowden, Village Attorney David Silverman, Finance Director Robert Guess, Police Chief Joe Pena, Director of Public Works Ed Dolezal, Director of Community Development Mike McMahan and Acting Village Clerk Leti Anselme.

CITIZENS/ SPECIAL REQUESTS/PUBLIC HEARINGS

CONSENT AGENDA

Trustee Militello made the motion to approve the Consent Agenda. Seconded by Trustee Greco.

ROLL CALL AYES: McMillin, Slocum, Militello, Greco, Davidson and Nash

NAYS: NONE

MOTION CARRIED

Items approved at this time are as follows:

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| A. | Minutes | Committee Meeting | January 7, 2008 |
| B. | Minutes | Board Meeting | January 7, 2008 |
| C. | Minutes | Executive Session | January 7, 2008 |
| C. | Bills List | | January 21, 2008 |

REPORTS & COMMUNICATIONS FROM VILLAGE OFFICIALS

A. VILLAGE PRESIDENT

Minooka School District 201 with Jim Satorius and Al Gegenheimer

President Cook presented School Board President Jim Satorius and Superintendent Al Gegenheimer to the Village Board.

Mr. Gegenheimer stated that members of the referendum committee were also present with him, Jim Murphy and Laura Sharlan. They attended the meeting to bring the referendum to the Village Board, to inform them.

He stated that school district is growing at a rate of 500 new students each year. The school district has grown from about 1600 students four years ago to 3700 currently. Classroom space is what is needed.

The economic slow down will help the school district from planning and financial perspectives. A planning committee was formed of about 60 residents, business owners and parents. The school district explained to them the financial situation to them, took a look at their enrollment

projections, the past enrollments and what to expect in the future. Then presented what schools children learn best in, so we looked at best practices, education wise. The committee came up with six different options.

The plan is to build a 5th and 6th grade building that will be on the same campus as the current Minooka Junior High School. It will house about 1100-1200 students. Staff would be able to be shared. Building these two buildings will allow us to house an additional 2000. The referendum is also asking for money to renovate and improve the two oldest schools.

The Minooka Intermediate School is the oldest school in the district, built in 1924. This building has narrow hallways and smaller classroom spaces are better for the younger students.

Mr. Gegenheimer stated that the referendum will provide two new schools and improvements and renovations to Minooka Intermediate and Elementary Schools. It will also not raise the tax rate.

Trustee Nash asked if there will be an education rate referendum to staff these classrooms. Mr. Gegenheimer stated that he ran a financial projection and the school will not need a rate increase in the next five years and that is with opening these two new buildings. It costs more money to open and operate seven schools, than it does to operate their current five schools. He projected the start up costs for the new buildings at \$2.5 million. He stated that in five years, they may come back and state that they can no longer operate the way they are.

President Cook stated that he spoke with Mr. Satorius and Mr. Gegenheimer and thought it was a great idea to bring in people from the community. They are looking for a bonding authority and not for a tax increase. It is a positive change for the school district.

A Resolution for Naming of the New High School

President Cook stated that this is something that the Board has been talking about. The new campus is in Channahon and staff has worked with the high school district to help them out with the development of their new campus. This Board took a vote to reduce some of their fees and all the issues that were involved. This Resolution is asking them to name the new high school district 111, Channahon Campus and to put up the appropriate signage in a timely fashion.

Trustee Militello made a motion to approve the Resolution for Naming of the New High School to be Channahon Campus. Seconded by Trustee Nash.

ROLL CALL AYES: Slocum, Militello, Greco, Davidson, Nash and McMillin

NAYS: NONE

MOTION CARRIED

A Resolution for Endorsing the Metropolitan Caucus' Greenest Region Compact

President Cook stated that he received a letter from the 4th grade class from Minooka grade school wanting us to adopt the U.S. Mayor's Climate Protection Agreement. The Greenest Region Compact states that we will endorse water conservation, reduce hazardous and solid waste, which is much of what we are already doing. It would also qualify us for grant opportunities.

Trustee McMillin stated that he read through it and thought it was a very good idea. Although he stated that he would not want the Metropolitan Caucus to tell the Village that the things need to be changes. President Cook stated that this contract is non-binding.

Trustee Slocum made a motion to approve the Resolution for Endorsing the Metropolitan Caucus' Greenest Region Compact. Seconded by Trustee Nash.

ROLL CALL AYES: Militello, Greco, Nash McMillin and Slocum.

NAYS: Davidson

MOTION CARRIED

President Cook then introduced District 6 Will County Board Members, Commissioner Rozak, Commissioner Gould and Commissioner Chief Sheridan.

Commissioner Gould stated that their fiscal year starts December 1 and this past year they started a budget review committee. Four Rivers in Channahon is going to be a great project. It is going to be a great benefit to the County. Lake Chaminwood is going to be on the drawing board for now as a joint effort with the Department of Natural Resources. It would have trails and fishing. We have been pushing for a dog park with the Channahon Park District and hopefully it will happen soon.

Commissioner Rozak stated that they just attended the fire department ceremony that swore in the first full-time fire department staff. She stated that they like to keep the lines of communication open with Channahon. The County has a balanced budget without laying anyone off and without raising any taxes.

Chief Sheridan stated that the fire department swore in there first full-time staff and it is a great time for the community. It's a good fire department and a good Village. In 1984, there were 7.5 miles of trails, today we have 139.

President Cook stated that he went to this Board for help on many items that involved the Village of Channahon. They were up against some political pressures to support Channahon and he is grateful for it. He stated that we are looking forward to the grand opening of the Fours Rivers facility. It is going to be a first class recreational center in Channahon.

B. COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT

McMahon handed out the landscape ordinance to the Board to review and forward any comments to him. This will go before the Board sometime in March.

He stated that staff met with the Heritage Corridor. They have another program that is requesting that the Village start promoting tourism in the area. They want to bring a presentation to the Board to discuss this topic.

Bowden stated that when meeting with the Heritage Corridor, they would like to request for a reoccurring spenditure for about \$5,000 a year, to allow us to place the Village's information in the visitor's guide.

McMahon then presented his monthly report for December 2007.

C. FINANCE DEPARTMENT

Guess presented his Monthly Report and Financial Report for the month of December 2007.

D. POLICE DEPARTMENT

Resolution of the Intergovernmental Agreement with the Will County 911 Emergency Telephone System Board and for the Funding of a 911 Surcharge Reallocation

Chief Pena asked that the Board approve the Intergovernmental Agreement with the Will County 911 ETSB.

Trustee Davidson made a motion to approve the Resolution of the Intergovernmental Agreement with the Will County 911 Emergency Telephone System Board and for the Funding of a 911 Surcharge Reallocation. Seconded by Trustee Slocum.

ROLL CALL AYES: Greco, Davidson, Nash, McMillin, Slocum and Militello
NAYS: NONE **MOTION CARRIED**

An Ordinance to Establish Initial and Primary Eligibility List for Police Candidates

Chief Pena stated that this ordinance would confirm and created the primary eligibility list and an initial eligibility list for the police department. The termination date of this list would be July 21, 2008.

Trustee Davidson made a motion to approve an Ordinance to Establish Initial and Primary Eligibility List for Police Candidates and waive second read. Seconded by Trustee Slocum.

ROLL CALL AYES: Slocum, Militello, Greco, Davidson, Nash and McMillin
NAYS: NONE **MOTION CARRIED**

Chief Pena then presented his monthly report for the month of December 2007.

E. PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT

Dolezal then presented his monthly report for the month of December 2007.

F. VILLAGE ATTORNEY

G. VILLAGE ADMINISTRATOR

Authorization to Bid for Electric Rates for the Village Wells

Bowden stated that this would be the utility system and have the attorney review the contract.

Trustee Davidson made a motion to approve the Authorization to Bid for Electric Rates for the Village Wells. Seconded by Trustee Militello.

ROLL CALL AYES: Nash, McMillin, Slocum, Militello, Greco, and Davidson
NAYS: NONE **MOTION CARRIED**

Bowden then presented his monthly report for the month of December 2007. He also had a few reminders for the Board, the Special Workshop is scheduled for Saturday, January 26, 2008 at Attorney Silverman's office.

On February 7, 2008 at 3 p.m. the Village will be having a membership meeting for the Odor Alert Network. Mr. Michard will be present at the meeting to help out. Information was sent out to business in the area.

He also had a resident in Indian Trails Subdivision that had concerns about the scavengers that come through the community and pick up garbage that is put out. He feels that the police department should regulate them. This was informational, so that you are aware of it.

Bowden continued that another resident had a concern with the Town Center development. It has to do with the construction traffic that comes through Channahon Acres. Staff has spoken to Town Center developers to try to direct them off to Canal or Tryon.

President Cook stated that the construction traffic does not need to go through there. Bowden stated that an ordinance possibly be put together to restrict the access through the subdivision.

The last reminder he had for the Village Board was that on Wednesday, January 30, the Local Elected Officials dinner will take place at the Channahon Junior High.

Trustee Davidson stated that if government starts regulating to one person, what is going to happen. Bowden stated that he did not think it was an issue. President Cook stated that the scavenger usually picks up what Waste Management will not.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Trustee Sam Greco – Community and Legislative Affairs and Public Health & Emergency Support – No report.

Trustee Scott McMillin – Public Works – No report.

Trustee Debbie Militello – Human Resources – She would like for an issue to be looked into with Waste Management. She feels that the recycling totes are too small. Guess stated that the small totes that were given out before are still being used and there has been a conversation to obtain larger recycling totes.

Trustee Judie Nash – Code Enforcement – No report.

Trustee Gary Davidson – Finance – He stated that it is important to recognize that the Village has three outstanding County Board Members and he looks forward to working with in the future.

Trustee Scott Slocum – Public Safety – He stated that about 25-30 people that called to get the speed signs. The first batch has been ordered.

OLD BUSINESS

NEW BUSINESS

COMMENTS FROM THE FLOOR

Glen Lindquist, a resident from Minooka, was present and had concerns for the Five Star expansion of the landfill. He attended the Grundy County Board meeting and they informed him that they had nothing to do with it. His question to the Board is what is the Village's position on the landfill being expanded.

President Cook stated that there are a couple of different issues. Allied currently has the landfill in which he mentioned, it is not Waste Management. It is within the City of Morris. He encouraged him to talk to Grundy County since they are in the process of updating the Waste Management plan.

Karen Smith, a resident from Channahon, stated that Channon Drive was reconstructed and she would like a "No Construction" sign up, so that they do not come through. President Cook stated that staff will speak with the developer.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

ADJOURNMENT

Trustee McMillin made the motion to adjourn at 8:00 p.m. Seconded by Trustee Nash.

VERBAL VOTE: ALL AYES

MOTION CARRIED

Submitted by
Leticia Anselme
Deputy Village Clerk