

**CHANNAHON VILLAGE BOARD
COMMITTEE MEETING
JUNE 2, 2008**

Village President Joe Cook called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. with Trustees McMillin, Slocum, Militello and Greco present. Trustee Davidson entered at 6:10 p.m. and Trustee Nash entered at 6:13 p.m.

Also present were Village Administrator Jamie Bowden, Village Attorney David Silverman, Finance Director Robert Guess, Lieutenant Mark Fischer, Director of Public Works Ed Dolezal, Director of Community Development Mike McMahon and Acting Village Clerk Leti Anselme.

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT

No Formal Items for Discussion.

POLICE DEPARTMENT

No Formal Items for Discussion.

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT

Roadway Improvements Survey Contract Award

Director of Public Works Ed Dolezal stated the proposal from Baxter & Woodman is to perform surveying of the existing ditches and edges of pavement at Joliet and Hansel Road with this year's Pavement Maintenance Program. Other firms were approached for proposals, but Baxter & Woodman was the best at the amount of \$13,000.

Ridge Road Patching Project Award

Dolezal stated that patching will be done on Ridge Road. Bids were received and the lowest bidder was Patriot Concrete & Asphalt in the amount of \$13,036.25. Staff would like to award the project to Patriot Concrete & Asphalt and waive the bidding requirements.

2008 Sump Pump Conveyance Project Award

Dolezal stated that this is the last year of connecting sump pumps to the storm sewer to eliminate drainage problems along the street and icing on the pavement of sidewalks. Bids were received and the lowest bidder was Crystal Sewer and Water in the amount of \$35,729. It is the same contract as the previous two years and it is well under budget with this project.

Change Order to Tower 3 Contract

Dolezal stated that Tower 3 on Ridge Road and Route 6 is almost complete. It has been painted, although there is not a watermain that it is connected, which needs to be done to complete the contract. It was anticipated that the watermain would have been installed years ago with River's Plaza subdivision. Once the tower is in service, the contract with CB&I Constructors will be complete.

He would like the Board to do a Change Order with the original plans to install a watermain to Tower 3. In addition the Village Attorney will record the cost against the property or the developer to recover the cost of improvements.

Dolezal recommends that the Board approve Change Order 1 to the Tower 3 construction contract in the amount of \$151,500 and waive bidding requirements.

Engineering Proposal for Staking Watermain to Tower 3

Dolezal stated that Atwell-Hicks designed the watermain for Tower 3 and would like for the firm to do the construction staking of watermain in the amount of \$5,100.

Trustee Davidson entered at 6:10 p.m.

Hiring of a Utility Laborer

Dolezal stated that the Utility Laborer position was vacant when a staff member took another position at the public works building. The candidate would be hired in at the starting rate of pay as dictated by the Collective Bargaining Agreement and contingent on satisfactory results of a background check, physical and drug/alcohol screening.

Trustee Nash entered at 6:13 p.m.

Illinois Emergency Management Agency Lease Agreement for Radiation Detectors

Dolezal stated the IEMA has radiation detectors faced towards the Dresden Nuclear Power Station. Currently they have obtained new detectors and would like to move to better locations. They have requested that we enter into a lease agreement for the placement of radiation detectors at Tower 2 site, McKinley Woods Road and Ridge Road, right-of-ways.

FINANCE DEPARTMENT

Waste Management Recycling Options

Finance Director Robert Guess stated that the Village entered into a 7 year contract with Waste Management (WM) in February 2005. At that time the recycling bins were 18 gallon open totes and on windy days the items would blow away, which are why the open totes were replaced with 35 gallon carts. Residents have informed the Village that the 35 gallon cart is too small.

In March of 2008, Village Administrator Jamie Bowden and Guess met with Mike Morley from WM to discuss some tentative options. Mike Morley was present from WM to speak to the Board about the recycling options.

Mr. Morley brought forth a proposal to offer larger cart size. All residents were given 35 gallon carts for recycling and the next size up is the 64 gallon cart. The two options that WM would like to propose are:

Option 1 – Cart Rental – Residents would rent a 64 gallon recycling cart directly through WM for an annual fee of \$36 with a one-time \$15 delivery charge. WM would invoice the resident directly for this service. There would be no need for any amendment to the current service agreement for this option.

Option 2 – Village Invoice – Residents would be offered the 64 gallon recycling cart through the Village for an additional charge of \$2 per month. The \$2 rate would carry through for the rest of the pricing listed in the agreement. WM would collect the 35 gallon cart and exchange it for the 64 gallon cart. This option would require some form of amendment to the current service agreement.

Bowden stated that these would be optional to the residents. The current contract states that the 18 gallon open tote is allowable with the 35 gallon recycling cart.

President Cook asked if WM picks up the recyclable items separates them and sells them off, it's an advantage to WM. Mr. Morley stated that recycling is encouraged, but the residents do have the option of placing items in an 18 gallon bin if their 35 gallon cart is full.

The Board's concern was that WM is receiving additional funds with all the recycling that the Channahon residents are providing. Mr. Morley stated that the original proposal provided all the residents in Channahon with a 35 gallon cart, which they built into the monthly rate. Residents are now requesting larger carts for recycling and that is not built into the rate. The amount of recycling that the residents provide does not off-set the cost of obtaining the larger carts.

Mr. Morley's concern is that collection of recycling is costing WM more money due to the diesel prices. Trustee Davidson stated that the additional cost of the 64 gallon cart is more than the ability of the recycling materials. He asked Mr. Morley if he would know when the cost for the cart would be met with the recycling items. Mr. Morley stated that he does not have a price point of where the cart would pay for itself.

Mr. Morley stated if the Village could provide him with a number of residents that would be interested in switching their cart from the 35 to a 64 cart, he may be able to add time to the contract to cover the 64 gallon carts. WM will work with the Village on the contract.

Trustee Nash's concern was that the 35 gallon cart would be given to another resident, when the cart gets replaced by the 64 gallon cart. She understands the delivery charge, but feels that Channahon residents are encouraged to recycle, which will generate funds to WM.

President Cook asked Mr. Morley to come up with an amount that for the 64 gallon cart, since an increase in service fees is not fair to the resident. Mr. Morley stated that WM is willing to look at other options with the Village.

Trustee Slocum asked Mr. Morley if he knew the percentage of residents that recycle. Mr. Morley stated that it is about 90% of residents. He stated that Channahon has always been very strong with recycling. Mr. Morley just wants the cost of the 64 gallon carts to be covered for WM.

ADMINISTRATION

Intergovernmental Agreement with the Fire Districts

Village Administrator Jamie Bowden stated that staff has met with the Minooka Fire District and the Channahon Fire District to provide annual fire safety inspections for businesses. The Village would provide the fire districts with a list of the businesses in town and they would then be contacted for an appointment.

If there are any safety issues the fire districts would assist the Village with enforcement.

Chief Yancy from the Minooka Fire District was present. Chief Riddle from the Channahon Fire District was unable to attend the meeting.

Lieutenant Mark Fischer asked Chief Yancy if the inspections would also consist of checking the maximum occupancy for the business. Chief Yancy stated that if a business is over the maximum occupancy they would be notified.

Trustee Greco asked how often the inspections would occur. Chief Yancy stated that it would be once a year. Trustee Greco asked when this would start. Chief Yancy stated once someone is hired. The inspector would work with both communities.

Trustee McMillin asked if this would only pertain to new businesses in the area. Chief Yancy stated that it would be new and existing.

Trustee Greco asked who would fund the inspector's salary. Chief Yancy stated that it is a 50/50 split, since the inspector would be working for both of the communities.

C.W. Billiards Request for a New Classification of a Liquor License

Bowden stated that C.W. Billiards has approached staff on a number of occasions about alcohol service. Oscar Casey, the owner, and Kathryn Ciesla, his attorney, had requested a full service bar license, but staff did not feel it was appropriate. They are requesting a limited service of beer and wine only.

Oscar Casey and Kathryn Ciesla were present. Attorney Ciesla stated that Mr. Casey wants to have a pool hall with limited alcohol service in order to accommodate his existing customers.

Mr. Casey stated that the facility they wanted to open would consist of family, teenagers and adults with their children, but things did not go as he expected. His customer base quickly changed to adults from the age of 18 and up, with 50% of his customers being over the age of 21. His customers over 21 were interested in beer and wine sales, since he could not provide the service, they became one time customers and his numbers declined.

Mr. Casey continued that many pool leagues will not utilize his establishment for league play, since they are sanctioned by beer manufacturers, which requires him to sell product when leagues play. He realized that an underage crowd would not sustain C.W. Billiards and that a change would be necessary to survive.

Mr. Casey would like to request a beer and wine license to stay in Channahon and be successful.

He has sent all of his employees to Illinois BASSET training. He has signed up with the "Card Hard" program. He has agreed to split the facility into two areas, an area for customers under 21 and another area for over 21. The customers over 21 would be required to have wrist bands on at all times. Other steps he has taken is that he will personally increase his onsite time from about 65% to over 85%, as well as his partner will increase his time from 25% to 50% at the establishment.

He has added on 2 full-time managers to cover all hours of operation whether Jeff Winston, his partner, or himself is not at the establishment. He may have to close the business within the next 30 to 60 days if this is not approved by the Village.

President Cook stated that Mr. Casey has demonstrated that he could be a liquor license holder and the responsibility behind it. He has done more than any other liquor license holder that is currently in the Village, with having his employees taking the BASSET training. President Cook stated that the Board would create the liquor license and Mr. Casey would go through the interview process. He would like to start having liquor hearings, since there have been requests for liquor licenses. At that time, President Cook, the Liquor Commissioner, would make a decision whether or not to issue the license.

Trustee McMillin stated that he was very impressed with what Mr. Casey presented to the Board.

Bowden stated that the concern staff had with a full service bar, people would just drink. Trustee Nash stated that is her concern, if someone enters the establishment how do you turn a customer away who wants to drink and not play. She does not mean to be disrespectful and is impressed with his presentation, but she does not feel that this is good for the community.

Trustee Militello stated that she went into C.W. Billiards and Mr. Casey was there by himself. People over 21 are going to an establishment where they could drink alcohol and play pool. She feels that businesses like this are being driven out of town.

Trustee Greco asked Mr. Casey if selling the beer and wine is going to sustain his business. Mr. Casey stated that it would with the league play. He is willing to let these leagues play in a clean environment that is not a bar.

Trustee Slocum asked the Lt. Fischer what his feeling is with C.W. Billiard being located right off of Route 6. Lt. Fischer sat in on the initial process and issues that were brought up were addressed. Liquor establishments, where problems are at, are the ones that the owners are not present. Trustee Nash asked what the penalty would be. President Cook stated that the license would be revoked. Trustee Nash asked if any current establishment has been penalized. President Cook stated that one had their license suspended for 4 days.

Lt. Fischer stated that anytime the police department is called out to a liquor establishment a report is generated. The report will state how the business owner called due to a problem and how the police department handles the situation.

Attorney Ciesla stated that Mr. Casey has spoken to his employees about a no tolerance policy, the employee will be fired on the spot. Lt. Fischer stated that the biggest problem is over serving customers. Mr. Casey stated that he informed his employees that they can tell customers that they need to stop drinking. Mr. Casey and Mr. Winston will be around for the staff. He has planned to have a bouncer overnight at all times.

McMahon questioned Mr. Casey about the layout. Trustee Nash had a concern with the layout of the establishment, since customers would be able to bring alcohol into the under 21 section.

Internet and Email Policy

Bowden stated that this was discussed with the Board before and would like the 2nd read to be waived.

Resolution Opposing the Canadian National Railway Company

Bowden stated that the Canadian National Railway Company (CN) is going to purchase the Elgin Joliet and Elgin Railway (EJ&E). Most communities in the area believe that there will be an increase of traffic going through the main line. There is a railroad spur we believe may have a negative effect on the companies in our area. The CN has not provided any documentation or assurance that it will not raise rates or it ultimately closes the line.

President Cook stated that it is in our best interest to oppose this.

Minutes Submitted by
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Acting Village Clerk