

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

THE SPECIAL COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE
MEETING HELD AT THE VILLAGE BOARD MEETING ROOM
AT 9500 W. BELMONT AVENUE
OF THE VILLAGE OF FRANKLIN PARK, ILLINOIS
TUESDAY, OCTOBER 11, 2011

I. **CALL TO ORDER:** President Pedersen called to order the special meeting of the Committee of the Whole at 7:00 p.m.

II. **PRESENT:** Clerk Assistant Karen Bellendir called the roll: (Present) President Barrett Pedersen, Trustees Tom Brimie, John Johnson, Randy Petersen, Rose Rodriguez, and Bill Ruhl. Absent: Trustee Cheryl McLean, Also present: Karen Bellendir (Clerk Assistant), Dave Talbott (Clark Dietz, Inc.), Jeff Eder (Community Development Director), Frank Grieshamer (Treasurer), Ron Heller (Comptroller), Carmen Cupello (Building Department Director, Joe Lauro (Utilities Director), Ron Hamilton (Fire Department), Chief Mike Witz and Deputy Chief Phil Ruch (Police Department)

III. **PUBLIC COMMENT**

1. Ken Zurek, 3229 George Street – Commented on a statement made by the Mayor in the Village Newsletter regarding the General Obligation Bond, Series 2006
2. Catherine Sroka, 9722 Dodge Lane – Commented on speeders coming down her street and wanting action taken to remedy this problem

IV. **COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE**

PROPERTY, PLANNING, ZONING AND LEGISLATIVE REVIEW

1. Police Station

Chief Witz reported on the status of the new police station which is currently in the drawing stage. Chief Witz stated demolition and remediation of the Unilever building and Graco building should be completed by the end of the year. He discussed the drawing plans which include some major changes for the new building. Some of these changes include: eight holding cells, a new firing range, an adjudication courtroom/Village meeting room which can be split into two by a divider and a roll call room which will hold 24 police officers. Chief Witz presented the board with precast brick samples and distributed a document showing brick and color options for the board to review and choose from. The board was unanimous in their choice

WATER AND SEWER

1. Christopher Burke Engineering

Dave Talbott spoke about how he had requested a proposal for Christopher Burke Engineering to assist in the Village's floodplain management program. Mr. Talbott explained the reason why he chose this company. The four areas Mr. Talbott requested or them to look into included: reservoir optimization; performing an

analysis of the I-294 industrial park area and coming up with a plan for the water coming downstream; the culvert removal on Parker Avenue west of Riverside Street all the way to Park Street; and the George Street/Nevada Avenue storm sewer. The cost to complete these tasks is approximately \$32,000 for reservoir optimization, \$15,000 for the industrial park analysis, \$9,000 for the culvert removal and \$11,000 for the George Street/Nevada Avenue storm sewer. The consensus of the board was to move forward with these four tasks and put them on the consent agenda for the next President and Board of Trustees meeting

FINANCE AND SPECIAL EVENTS

1. Utility Aggregation

Dave Talbott explained what municipal electric aggregation in detail and introduced Jon Casadont of Blue Star Energy Solutions. Mr. Casadont gave a slideshow presentation and further explained municipal electric aggregation and the services his company has to offer. This program saves money for the municipality and the residents by allowing them to purchase electricity at a much cheaper rate with a cost savings of approximately 20-25%. A referendum is required on the ballot giving voters the right to authorize such a program

The second speaker was Richard Spilky of Integris. Mr. Spilky spoke about utility aggregation and gave a slideshow presentation. He gave some background information on his company and explained the differences in what his company Integris has to offer compared to Blue Star Energy Solutions

Trustee McLean enters the meeting at 8:20 p.m.

The third speaker was Dave Hoover of Nimec. Mr. Hoover also spoke on municipal aggregation and gave a slideshow presentation. Mr. Hoover explained how his company acts as a broker for their customers by soliciting multiple bids from all the electrical suppliers in order to get the best price

There were discussion/questions between the board members and the three different company representatives

V. PRESIDENT'S COMMENTS

1. President Pedersen commented on Ken Zurek's public comments being factually inaccurate regarding the Series 2006 bond reference and explained why
2. President Pedersen stated he received a request from a resident to reduce the hours for trick-or-treating on Halloween

VI. ADJOURNMENT

Motion made by Mr. Petersen, seconded by Mr. Johnson to adjourn at 9:23 p.m.
Voice vote carried.

ATTEST

Karen Bellendir, Clerk Assistant

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