

October 13, 2009

MAYOR RICHARD CHAPMAN CALLED TO ORDER THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE SHOREWOOD VILLAGE BOARD. (*Trustee Lea Stahr will be participating telephonically*).

ROLL CALL

After the Invocation was given by Deacon Karl Huebner of Holy Family Parish of Shorewood and the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag the following answered to Roll Call: Trustees: Dan Anderson, Gary Fitzgerald, Dan Gron, James McDonald, Celine "Cene" Schwartz, Lea Stahr and President Richard Chapman. Also present: Administrator Kurt Carroll, Attorney Dave Silverman and Economic Development Coordinator Nancy Roman. The number present constitutes a quorum.

Trustee Fitzgerald made a motion to have Trustee Lea Stahr's participation telephonically be in full voting capacity. Seconded by Trustee Gron. (*Trustee Stahr is out of the State on business*), Roll Call: Yeas: Anderson, Fitzgerald, Gron, McDonald, Schwartz, Stahr. Nays: None. Motion carried.

CITIZENS

Resident Paul Udell of 404 Birch Drive, described his problem to the Board and asked for their assistance. He stated his main issue of concern is that about 270 feet along Ridge Drive actually drains into his back yard via two troughs. The north side of Ridge has storm drains that pick up the water, but the south side does not have any and his yard seems to be the lowest spot in the area. (*He had pictures for the Trustee's information and left them for our engineering staff.*) Mayor Chapman assured him the staff and engineers would take a look at it and see if it could be repaired.

CONSENT AGENDA

1. Approval of minutes of the regular meeting September 22, 2009.
2. Approval of accounts payable invoices in the amount of \$434,573.19.
3. Approval of payment in the amount of \$23,897.75 to Illinois Department of Transportation for Route 59 North Improvements.
4. Approval of final payment in the amount of \$13,736.14 to Denler, Inc. for work completed on the Crack & Seal Project.
5. Approval of refund in the amount of \$42, 583. to Oxford Development.

Trustee Fitzgerald made a motion to approve the Consent Agenda. Seconded by Trustee Gron. Roll Call: Yeas: Fitzgerald, Gron, McDonald, Schwartz, Stahr, Anderson. Nays: None. Motion carried.

REPORTS & COMMUNICATIONS

Mayor Chapman announced that Trick or Treat Hours will be from 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. October 31st. He encouraged everyone to be aware and drive safely. Police Officers will be distributing “glow” necklaces again this year.

ORDER OF BUSINESS

ADVANCEMENTS IN UTILITY BILLING

Mayor Chapman introduced Fran Giarrante (long time Village employee) to give a presentation to the Board and to the residents about improvements that have been made in reading the meters and processing of the water bills in providing utilities to the Village with the emphasis having been on better customer service and greater efficiency in reading the meters and processing the bills. Even though the customers increased over the last several years from 1700 to 5400 the staff that serves the meter reading and billing has actually decreased because of the use of advanced technology. Today, with recording of meter readings, on line billing and payments, direct debit, and e-mail in the near future, with less staff cost savings are up, revenues are immediate and efficiency is increasing daily.

AUDIT SERVICES

A proposal for Audit Services was presented for the Board’s consideration. The Finance Department has completed the 2008-09 Fiscal Year Audit which is the last in a 3 year contract with Sikich, LLP. After careful consideration the Finance Department feels it is in the Village’s best interest to select Sikich, LLP as our contracted auditors and recommends a continuation of their contract. The Finance Department is happy with their work, they are well respected in the auditing community and their cost is very reasonable. There would be no increase this year and only a 3% increase next year. After discussion, Trustee Gron made a motion to retain Sikich, LLP. for another three year contract. (*Proposal to provide Professional Auditing Services for the Fiscal Years Ending March 31, 2010 through March 31, 2012*). Seconded by Trustee Anderson. Roll Call: Yeas: Gron, McDonald, Schwartz, Stahr, Anderson, Fitzgerald. Nays: None. Motion carried.

COMMUNICATIONS LEASE

ORDINANCE # 09-1552

After consideration of a request from Nextel West Corp. to add an additional communications tower to a Village water tower in Walnut Trails for an additional \$350.00 per month, Trustee Gron made a motion to pass an ordinance (#09-1552) authorizing an amendment to the Communications Site Lease Agreement (Water Tank) between Nextel West Corp., a Delaware Corporation, d/b/a Nextel Communications and the Village of Shorewood, and waive the second read. Seconded by Trustee Anderson. Roll Call: Yeas: McDonald, Schwartz, Stahr, Anderson, Gron. Nays: Fitzgerald. Motion carried.

TOWNE CENTER PARK

The Board considered a proposed change order from Jasco, the electrical firm for the Towne Center Park and Veteran's Memorial to complete the electrical work that would allow the lights on the bridge to work. The work was the responsibility of the developer, MCZ, but it did not get done. They have agreed it was their responsibility and the price is acceptable, but they cannot front the money. The Village would pay for the work and be reimbursed from the developers performance bond. It could be paid from P&R donation fees. The total cost would be \$21,114.00. After discussion, Trustee Anderson made a motion to approve the \$21,114.00 (for the additional electric work to complete the lighting work for the Towne Center Park Bridge to JASCO Electric) for the electrical work and waive the formal bids. Seconded by Trustee Schwartz. Roll Call: Yeas: Schwartz, Stahr, Anderson, Fitzgerald, Gron, McDonald. Nays: None. Motion carried.

DISPOSAL OF PERSONAL PROPERTY ORDINANCE # 09-1553

The Board considered the request of the Staff to dispose of personal property owned by the Village that is no longer necessary or useful to the Village. *(1 light bar, 3 switch controllers, 3 arrow stick controllers, 2 2-way radios, console parts & hardware)* Staff requests authority to sell the items on E-Bay. After discussion, Trustee Fitzgerald made a motion to pass an Ordinance (#09-1553) authorizing the Disposal of Personal Property by the Village of Shorewood and waive the second read. Seconded by Trustee Anderson. Roll Call: Yeas: Stahr, Anderson, Fitzgerald, Gron, McDonald, Schwartz. Nays: None. Motion carried.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Trustee Anderson reported the Village leaf vacs will be going through the Village (east to west) during the week and requested that residents keep leaves behind the curbs and within the parkway..

Trustee Fitzgerald announced the next Planning & Zoning Commission meeting will be November 4, 2009.

Trustee Gron reminded the Board to read the responses to the Auditor's questions in the Finance Director's memo.

Trustee Stahr reported the next meeting of the Citizens Advisory Committee will be October 22, 2009. There will be a presentation by the National Humane Society. Another presentation will be by Exelon on the Dresden Facility and emergency responses in our area related to that facility if there is an emergency issue there. Trustee Stahr will be attending the Will County Emergency Management Seminar the 22nd and 23rd of October.

Trustee Schwartz reported the Parks & Recreation Fall Fling will be October 25th from 5 to 7 pm for 4th through 8th grade students. Each attendee is asked to bring one item of canned goods. It will be held at Four Seasons Park. Trick or Treat hours will be 5 pm to 7 pm October 31st.

Trustee McDonald announced the annual Lions Club Halloween party will be at the Troy Middle School on Theodore on October 30. Pre-school – 5th grade. Judging will be at 7:00 pm. It will be televised. (All kids in Troy Township).

Mayor Chapman reported he attended a meeting of the communities thinking of utilizing Lake Michigan water, he will be keeping the Board up-to-date.

ADJOURNMENT

Trustee Schwartz made a motion to adjourn. Seconded by Trustee Gron. Roll Call: Yeas: Anderson, Fitzgerald, Gron, McDonald, Schwartz, Stahr. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Julia A. Russell
Village Clerk