

MINUTES

REGULAR VILLAGE BOARD MEETING 6:30 PM, October 27, 2009

A. MOMENT OF SILENCE

B. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

C. ROLL CALL

Board: Trustees Herr - present, Mau - present, Boyle - present, Reynolds - present, Kavanagh - present, Schatteman - present, and President Gray - present. Others: - Clerk Schad, Treasurer Dierking, Directors Branham and McCord and Village Attorney John Myers.

D. HEARING OF CITIZENS

John Seiz discussed an October 21 neighborhood meeting at the Township Community building he organized. John said 50-60 people attended. He thanked village officials that attend and asked them to comment. Trustees Herr, Mau and Schatteman spoke favorably of the meeting. Offering these neighborhood meetings on a regular basis was discussed. Trustee Reynolds, Boyle, and Mayor Gray questioned the necessity of having regular neighborhood meetings because the village already has four open meetings per month; two committee and two board meetings. Furthermore, all board members expressed concerns regarding the open meeting act. Discussions will continue.

E. CONSENT AGENDA

Trustee Herr moved, seconded by Trustee Mau, to approve the Consent Agenda.

Consent Agenda item(s):

1. Payment of Warrants (36-09)
2. Minutes (October 13)
3. Submitted Committee Reports

Public Works Committee - 10/20/09 – Trustee Herr

Water Project - The Commission has a contract to purchase half of the access road to the water plant site. They will begin eminent domain action immediately to obtain the other half of the access road. A permit from IEPA for all transmission mains from the plant to Chatham has been received. The Chatham to New Berlin transmission line is still awaiting a permit. Complete design for the water plant will be done by the end of November which will allow the Commission to develop hard rate figures for the cost of water.

Gordon Drive Culvert Project - The revision in the plan for the north culvert to miss the property that we could not acquire was approved by the SATS Policy Committee for funding commitment. When the road is widened in the future we will address the purchase of additional land to lengthen the culvert to the width of the new road.

The developer of the Crescent Villas Retirement Area Project (a large scale development area) discussed requested variances regarding the lots and streets in the duplex area. The Planning Commission considered the subdivision variances at its 9/17/2009 meeting and approved all but one

request. The zoning related variances will be addressed in a public hearing on November 9 with the Zoning Board of Appeals meeting. All parties are continuing to work on the issues in order to insure a quality development that will benefit the village and potential residents.

The meeting with old Chatham residents was held 10/21/2009 at the Chatham Community Building. There were about 60 people in attendance and addressed a number of concerns and ideas. Primary issues were to make sure that old Chatham is on the plans for capital improvements in the future, continue to actively enforce village code violations (burning, trash, inoperable motor vehicles, etc). The meeting was very well conducted by John Seiz and there was a good exchange of information.

Without discussion, the motion to approve the Consent Agenda passed by roll call vote 6 yes, 0 no, 0 absent as follows: Herr – yes, Mau – yes, Boyle – yes, Reynolds – yes, Kavanagh – yes, Schatteman - yes.

F. PRESIDENT'S REPORT - None

G. CLERK'S REPORT

Clerk Schad received correspondence regarding changes in the FOIA act and gave it to village attorney Myers. John will be briefing clerks in the municipalities for which he is council.

H. OLD BUSINESS - None

I. NEW BUSINESS

An Ordinance **Supporting a Sangamon County Comprehensive Plan** and an ordinance **Approving a Letter of Credit Reduction for Foxx Creek, Plat 7** were moved to Old Business.

Trustee Kavanagh moved, seconded by Trustee Mau, to bring to the table **Ordinance 09-62, An Ordinance of the Village of Chatham, Sangamon County, Illinois, Authorizing the Issuance of General Obligation Bonds (Alternate Revenue Source), Series 2009, of the Village in the Aggregate Principal Amount of \$690,000 for the Purpose of Defraying the Costs of Certain Street, Sidewalk, Drainage and Utility Improvements of the Village and Refunding Certain Prior Outstanding Bonds of the Village.** This ordinance finances the Walnut Street improvement project. 09-62 passed by roll call vote 6 yes, 0 no, 0 absent as follows: Herr – yes, Mau – yes, Boyle – yes, Reynolds – yes, Kavanagh – yes, Schatteman - yes.

Trustee Kavanagh moved, seconded by Trustee Mau to bring to the table **Ordinance 09-63, An Ordinance Amending the Electric Rate Schedule as Set Forth in the Village of Chatham Code of Ordinances.** Following a study by Baker, Tilly, Virchow, and Krause consultants, this ordinance will increase the village electric rate 15.2 percent. Average residential customers will see their electric bill raise about \$15 per month. Village officials realize this increase won't be popular but said the new rate still compares favorably with other municipalities. Village Administrator Del McCord said the rate study will be put on the village web site for all to see. 09-63 passed by roll call vote 6 yes, 0 no, 0 absent as follows: Herr – yes, Mau – yes, Boyle – yes, Reynolds – yes, Kavanagh – yes, Schatteman - yes.

Trustee Schatteman discussed proposed state legislation that would require municipal cemeteries to be regulated by law. The legislation would be very costly to municipalities and is considered a “knee jerk” reaction to recent problems at the Burr Oak Cemetery in Chicago. If passed, persons working in municipal cemeteries need to be registered. Also, municipalities could be fined for allowing unregistered employees in

cemeteries while working – even if that work has nothing to do with the cemetery per se. Trustee Schatteman said several organizations are opposing this legislation but House Speaker Mike Madigan and Governor Quinn are supporting it.

J. CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Committees meet every 1st and 3rd Tuesday at 6:00 PM. The Village Board meets every 2nd and 4th Tuesday at 6:30 PM, except in December when there is only one on the 3rd Tuesday. Planning Commission meetings are the 3rd Thursday at 7:00 PM. All meetings are open to the public, unless in executive session, and are posted in advance on the municipal hall bulletin board.

K. ADJOURNMENT

Having no further business to come before the board, Trustee Herr moved, seconded by Trustee Reynolds, to adjourn. The Motion passed by voice vote.

Respectfully Submitted,
Pat Schad, Village Clerk