

MINUTES

REGULAR VILLAGE BOARD MEETING

6:30 PM, March 11, 2008

A. MOMENT OF SILENCE

B. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

C. ROLL CALL

Board: Trustees Herr - present, Schatteman - present, Boyle - present, Reynolds - present, McGrath - present, Kavanagh - present, and President Gray - present.

Others: - Clerk Schad, Treasurer Dierking, Directors Branham and McCord and Village Attorney John Myers.

D. HEARING OF CITIZENS

1. Ms. Julie Newberry of Juniper Place expressed her concerns about a dog in her neighborhood that recently bit a Chatham Policeman. The dog was shot by the officer, cared for by a veterinarian, and has returned home. She said the dog still appears violent, so she and other neighborhood parents are very worried about their children's safety.

There was a lengthy animal control discussion based on the Village Code of Ordinances. Afterwards, **Trustee Kavanagh moved, seconded by Trustee Reynolds**, to have Attorney Myers

pursue appropriate proceedings to have the dog declared vicious. If successful, that designation will force specific events. The motion passed by roll call vote 6 yes, 0 no, 0 absent as follows: Trustee Herr - yes, Schatteman - yes, Boyle - yes, Reynolds - yes, McGrath - yes, Kavanagh - yes.

2. Ms. Newberry also asked what could be done about a property she called "unfinished". She said the property has no grass and apparently the owner has no garbage service because garbage is kept in the garage.

Director Branham is aware of the property from problems last year and is pursuing a resolution. He said there is no ordinance saying a property has to have grass and unless weeds exceed a regulated height the village can't do anything about the yard.

3. Speaking of unkempt property, Director McCord started a discussion about property on Park Street that has been considered an eye sore for years. He said the time has come for "a more aggressive approach". Again, village control is limited but attempts will be made to have the property cleaned up.

To that end, **Trustee McGrath moved, seconded by Trustee Reynolds,** to have Attorney Myers pursue appropriate proceedings in order to have the property cleaned up as much as legally possible. The motion passed by roll call vote 6 yes, 0 no, 0 absent as follows: Trustee Herr - yes, Schatteman - yes, Boyle - yes, Reynolds - yes, McGrath - yes, Kavanagh - yes.

4. Mr. Chuck Wehmhoff addressed the Board and voiced his concern about Comcast's Cable TV's rate increased. He asked if the village could do anything to have the increase "reviewed". Attorney Myers said a rate freeze can be requested but Comcast will probably ignore it and the Village has no authority to control rates. The village's Franchise Agreement (Ordinance) is being reviewed by Attorney Myers, but he said they are essentially "canned agreements" because the industry is controlled by federal law. Even the service requirements in Franchise Agreements are controlled by State law. There's very little municipalities can do to control the business.

E. CONSENT AGENDA

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

Consent Agenda item(s):

1. Regular Board Meeting Minutes (**02-26-08**)
2. Payment of Warrants (**Res. 13-08**)

3. Committee Reports (03/04/08)

Public Works Committee

Water Supply Project - We continue to discuss ROW easements with the County for running the waterline from the plant to Chatham. Engineer Williamson continues discussion with the County. Well site and plant site acquisitions continue with possible contracts in the near future.

A proposal has been presented to change the ordinance pertaining to the location for parking of campers, boats and trailers. The committee has changed the language to include side yards and backyards, while addressing the issue of corner lots that don't have a "true" backyard. Any boat, camper or trailer cannot block access to a view of public ROW. The change will be considered by the Planning Commission in a public hearing, to be held in March.

Homeowners from Manor Hill 1 and 2 - The water drainage problems have been looked at on an individual basis and will be addressed one on one to reach a solution. Also, one way to avoid future problems is make sure that no one can ever fill in any part of the concrete swales which are designed to help remove watershed. Village director will meet with the engineers, developers, Home Owners

Association, and builders to address the concerns and determine the corrections required.

The SATS project list has been revised, and Chatham will move the Gordon Drive improvements to 2012.

A request for federal funding was submitted to assist with a new water tower and the water main to connect it to the existing system. In the future, additional water storage will be necessary for Chatham and other communities as needed.

There being no discussion, **the motion to approve the Consent Agenda passed by roll call vote** 6, yes, 0 no, 0 absent as follows: Herr - yes, Schatteman - yes, Boyle, yes, Reynolds - yes, McGrath - yes, Kavanagh - yes.

F. PRESIDENT'S REPORT

1. President Gray and Director McCord met with Doug Scott, the director of the EPA, about "our pilot testing" regarding the water project. The EPA has not responded, which is causing delay.

2. President Gray and Director McCord met with Harold Christofilakos about property he's developing on Gordon

Drive, south east of Glenwood High School. He's plans call for residential and commercial development and a soccer complex.

G. CLERK'S REPORT

1. Clerk Schad will contact American Legal Publishes about the 2008 Village Code of Ordinances supplemental update. The updates to the Village Code of Ordinances were sent to American Legal several weeks ago and the supplement is usually received by now.

2. Clerk Schad will ask the Village Web Master to take a picture and post information on the village website about Trustee Reynolds.

H. OLD BUSINESS

Director McCord asked for a motion to pay a bill from Rabin, Myers and Hanken for legal services regarding the Mau case. This bill will be repaid by the developer, Mr. Schlegl.

Trustee McGrath, moved by Trustee Herr to pay the bill. The motion passed by roll call vote 6, yes, 0 no, 0 absent as follows: Herr - yes, Schatteman - yes, Boyle, yes, Reynolds - yes, McGrath - yes, Kavanagh - yes.

I. NEW BUSINESS

Trustee Boyle moved, seconded by Trustee Herr, to bring to the table **Resolution 14-08, A Resolution Granting the Chatham Firefighters Local 4490 Use of the Village Square.**

The firefighters are having a car show June 7, 2008. The event will be on the square and surrounding streets, except Route 4. 14-08 passed by roll call vote 6 yes, 0 no, 0 absent as follows: Herr - yes, Schatteman - yes, Boyle - yes, Reynolds - yes, McGrath - yes, Kavanagh - yes.

J. CALENDAR OF EVENTS

- Public Property - None Scheduled
- Administration - March 17, 6:00 PM
- Public Works - After Administration
- Regular Village Board - March 25, 6:30 PM
- Planning Commission - Every 3rd Thursday, 7:00 PM

L. ADJOURNMENT

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

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Respectfully Submitted,

Pat Schad, Village Clerk