

MINUTES

REGULAR VILLAGE BOARD MEETING
March 27, 2007
6:30 PM

A. MOMENT OF SILENCE

B. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

C. ROLL CALL

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

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

Trustee Herr moved and Trustee McGrath seconded the motion to bring to the table **Resolution 11-07, A Resolution Proclaiming March 2007 Red Cross Month.** 11-07 passed by roll call vote 5 yes, 0 no, 1 absent as follows: Herr - yes, Schatteman - yes, Boyle - absent, McAdams - yes, McGrath - yes, Kavanagh - yes.

D. HEARING OF CITIZENS

1. Leslie Sgro and Butch Elzea of the Springfield Park District showed a video and discussed the development of the 80-acre Southwinds Park within the Springfield Park District, north of Chatham on south Second Street. This is a "state-of-the-art" park that will be accessible for everyone - particularly the physically challenged.

2. Village resident Dave Sullivan suggested an intergovernmental agreement between Chatham Township and the Village could be the way to improve parking in Community Park.

Dave is a member of the Chatham Township Board. Village officials will explore the suggestion.

Mr. Sullivan said the Main Street RR crossing needs repair. "It's crossable but very rough". Director Del McCord said the RR is planning repairs.

Mr. Sullivan also asked if a farm for sale on Main street adjacently south of Community Park would remain a farm when sold. (Mr. Sullivan is a realtor.) He showed an ad stating that the property could remain a farm but, he said he was told long ago by "the board" or a member of the board or an official (he couldn't remember who or when) that if the farm were ever sold it would lose its agricultural zoning. No board member or village official recalled making or hearing that statement. Furthermore, Zoning Administrator Meredith Branham said it would be illegal to change the properties zoning without proper due process. Village officials said the property will remain zoned as is when and/or if sold.

(Trustee McAdams left the meeting during Hearing of Citizens.)

E. CONSENT AGENDA

Trustee Herr moved and Trustee Kavanagh seconded the motion to approve the Consent Agenda.

Consent Agenda item(s):

1. Minutes (**03-13-07**)
2. Payment of Warrants (**10-07**)

Without discussion, the motion to approve the Consent Agenda passed by roll call vote 4 yes, 0 no, 2 absent as follows: Herr - yes, Schatteman - yes, Boyle - absent, McAdams - absent, McGrath - yes, Kavanagh - yes.

F. COMMITTEE REPORTS

Public Works - Chairman, Trustee Herr

Troy Pressler of Glenarm addressed the committee about annexing 15 acres on Covered Bridge to Chatham. Approximately 300 ft are already annexed. He presented a sketch of his plans for the acreage and the committee had no problems. Troy will work with the directors to complete the necessary details for annexation.

- The findings for noise levels from Harmon's by Mr. Greg Zak were presented to the committee for review. Some of the readings were still high and we will discuss the results and determine any action that may be taken.

Tom Hasse from the Jaycees spoke to us concerning the thought of a building in the South Park that they would like to build. We ask if they had considered the possibility of partnering with the Village, Township, Chatham football and Soccer leagues to build a community multi-purpose building that could be used as a shelter, concession stand, and bathrooms. We will pursue this concept further since it would help fund the cost.

Mark Summer - Engineer for Prairie Vista Subdivision requested consideration for waiving the subdivision rear yard concrete swale requirement due to elevation and a partial swale in Fox Creek. The committee had a number of concerns due to drainage issues and need to work out a plan. Meredith will also look at the request and make suggestions to the committee.

The letter to developers and their engineers explaining procedure changes for subdivision design and construction were sent out 2 weeks ago and invited them to the 3/20 meeting to discuss questions and concerns. Only one engineer commented concerning right of way

changes. The letter and proposed changes were presented to the committee and a recommendation will be made later to the Board.

Comprehensive Plan/Transportation Plan - The Planning Commission recommended approval of the Comprehensive Plan with additional language to discourage spot zoning and maintain the single family character of the older parts of Chatham. Also the Transportation Plan was recommended for approval with some minor revisions. We will present it for Board approval in May.

Walnut Street - Park Avenue Improvement - A letter has been sent to IDOT requesting additional safety funds for the project. A review of the cost estimates for the project have identified a need for \$200,000 in additional funds related to (drainage structures and paving). IDOT extended the project limits by 200 feet, which increases the resurfacing and storm sewer length.

Bids for the North Fox Creek truck sewer bids have reviewed and the low bid was Petersburg Plumbing for \$67,884.

The 2007 MFT program is being worked on by G&B and the village staff to develop a street repair program for 2007 in the Village. We should finalize at the next committee meeting.

Bids for Electrical System construction supplies were received and recommended. The committee agrees with the recommendations for purchase.

A request for a consolidation and reduction of credit for Willows subdivision was accepted and recommended for approval.

Public Property - Chairman, Trustee Boyle - No Report

Administration - Chairman, Trustee McGrath - No Report

G. PRESIDENT'S REPORT

President Gray briefly mentioned a recent trip to Washington D. C. in an effort to acquire funding for village projects and improvements. He was accompanied by Trustee Kavanagh and hoped their meeting will be fruitful.

H. CLERK'S REPORT - No Report

I. OLD BUSINESS

Trustee Herr moved and Trustee Schatteman seconded the motion to bring to the table **Resolution 12-07, A Resolution Granting the Chatham Jaycees Use of Community Park.** 12-07 lets the JCs use the Community Park for their annual Sweet Corn Festival. 12-07 passed by roll call vote 4 yes, 0 no, 2 absent as follows: Herr - yes, Schatteman - yes, Boyle - absent, McAdams - absent, McGrath - yes, Kavanagh - yes.

Trustee Herr moved and Trustee McGrath seconded the motion to bring to the table **Resolution 13-07, A Resolution Granting the Chatham American Legion Use of the Village Square.** 13-07 lets the Legion use the Village Square for their annual Homecoming Festival. 13-07 passed by roll call vote 4 yes, 0 no, 2 absent as follows: Herr - yes, Schatteman - yes, Boyle - absent, McAdams - absent, McGrath - yes, Kavanagh - yes.

J. NEW BUSINESS

Trustee Herr moved and Trustee Kavanagh seconded the motion to bring to the table **Ordinance 07-04, An Ordinance Annexing Pressler Land to the Village of Chatham, Illinois.** 07-04 annexes about 15 acres on Covered Bridge Road. 07-04 passed by roll call vote 4 yes, 0 no, 2 absent as follows: Herr - yes,

Schatteman - yes, Boyle - absent, McAdams - absent, McGrath - yes, Kavanagh - yes.

Trustee Herr moved and Trustee Kavanagh seconded the motion to bring to the table **Ordinance 07-05, An Ordinance Accepting Bid for a North Foxx Creek Sanitary Sewer**. 07-05 accepts a low bid of \$67,884 for a "truck sewer" from Petersburg Plumbing. 07-05 passed by roll call vote 4 yes, 0 no, 2 absent as follows: Herr - yes, Schatteman - yes, Boyle - absent, McAdams - absent, McGrath - yes, Kavanagh - yes.

Trustee Herr moved and Trustee McGrath seconded the motion to bring to the table **Ordinance 07-06, An Ordinance Annexing Bids for Electrical Distribution Supplies**. A routine ordinance, 7-06 purchases supplies for Chatham's Electrical Department. 07-06 passed by roll call vote 4 yes, 0 no, 2 absent as follows: Herr - yes, Schatteman - yes, Boyle - absent, McAdams - absent, McGrath - yes, Kavanagh - yes.

Trustee Herr moved and Trustee Kavanagh seconded the motion to bring to the table **Ordinance 07-07, An Ordinance Relating to a Stop Sign on Goldenrod Drive at Dewberry Trail**. 07-07 erects a permanent stop sign at the titled location. 07-07 passed by roll call vote 4 yes, 0 no, 2 absent as follows: Herr - yes, Schatteman - yes, Boyle - absent, McAdams - absent, McGrath - yes, Kavanagh - yes.

Trustee Herr moved and Trustee McGrath seconded the motion to bring to the table **Resolution 14-07, A Resolution Approving Combination, Reduction and Partial Release of Letters of Credit Pertaining to the Willows Subdivision, Plats 1, 2 and 3**. 14-07 passed by roll call vote 4 yes, 0 no, 2 absent as follows: Herr

- yes, Schatteman - yes, Boyle - absent, McAdams - absent, McGrath - yes, Kavanagh - yes.

Trustee Herr moved and Trustee Kavanagh seconded the motion to bring to the table **Resolution 15-07, A Resolution for Improvement by Municipality Under the Illinois Highway Code (MFT Maintenance for FY 2008)**. 15-07 pertains to the Village's annual MFT-funded street maintenance program. 15-07 passed by roll call vote 4 yes, 0 no, 2 absent as follows: Herr - yes, Schatteman - yes, Boyle - absent, McAdams - absent, McGrath - yes, Kavanagh - yes.

Trustee Herr moved and Trustee McGrath seconded the motion to bring to the table **Ordinance 07-08, An Ordinance In Reference to Village Employment for the Street Department**. 07-08 hires Gina Carter and Nick Franke to work fulltime in the Street Department. 07-08 passed by roll call vote 4 yes, 0 no, 2 absent as follows: Herr - yes, Schatteman - yes, Boyle - absent, McAdams - absent, McGrath - yes, Kavanagh - yes.

K. CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Public Property - April 03, 6:00 PM
Administration - after Public Property
Public Works - after Administration
Regular Village Board - April 10, 6:30 PM
Planning Commission - April 19, 7:00 PM

L. ADJOURNMENT (7:30 PM)

Having no further business to come before the board, Trustee Herr moved and Trustee McAdams seconded a motion to adjourn the regular village board meeting.

Upon unanimous voice vote, Mayor Gray declared the motion carried and the regular village Board meeting was adjourned.

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Respectfully Submitted,
Pat Schad, Village Clerk