

RESOLUTION 11-10
CHATHAM, ILLINOIS 62629

WHEREAS the Village of Chatham recognizes West Central Illinois Educational Telecommunications Corporation, dba Network Knowledge, as a vital part of the community and local employer of 25 full and part-time employees headquartered in Chatham; and

WHEREAS Network Knowledge is the community licensee of WSEC/PBS serving the citizens of Chatham and a two-state area population of more than 915,000 persons in 29 Illinois counties; and

WHEREAS Network Knowledge is facing a severe financial crisis as the result of state and federal funding cuts; restrained corporate and foundation participation; and further restraint in corporate support during this recessionary period; and

WHEREAS Network Knowledge has, since May, 2009, furloughed 100% of its work force and may face the possibility of dismissing further personnel and risking its viability:

WHEREAS the Comprehensive Plan of the Village of Chatham includes the creation and retention of jobs in their goal of economic development:

BE IT THEREFORE RESOVLED THAT on Tuesday, March 9, 2010, the Village of Chatham Board of Trustees approve a grant request to the Community Development Assistance Program in behalf of Network Knowledge in an amount not to exceed \$450,000.

Village President: Thomas A. Gray

Village Clerk: Pat Schoad

Yeas: 6 HERR, MAU, BOYLE, REYNOLDS, KAUAUAH, SCHATTEMAN

Nays: 0

Absent: 0

Passed: 3-9-10

Approved: 3-9-10

SEAL



Community Priorities Requirement

After conversations with others who have used the CDAP process, I have a better understanding of what is implied in the requirement for “community priorities” as part of the application and as part of the minutes of the hearing and meeting.

The assumption is that a public hearing may elicit a variety of concerns by community members; including requests for consideration of a variety of community projects. Those would be separate from the request concerning job retention at Network Knowledge. Any such information about community needs as expressed at the hearing is desired by CDAP for their internal use. If no person or persons speaks at the meeting to offer such requests and suggestions, it is incumbent on the community to have its own priority list available to insert in the minutes.

The list should be for or five items and stated in very general terms such as improvements in water systems, sewers, roads and, of course, job retention. Since job retention is the heart of the request being made in behalf of Network Knowledge, it must be included in the priority list that is appended to the minutes, whether from statements at the public hearing or from the Village administrators.

Tom, Del and Pat;

I don't know what the appropriate protocol is with making suggestions to the Village but I have a suggested list of “needs” that might satisfy the requirement imposed in the CPAD application for a prioritized list of community development needs—assuming no suggestions are made by citizens at the hearing. These would be obvious needs in any community and include the one that is applicable to Network Knowledge.

Community Needs:

- An improved and expanded second corridor to provide vehicular access to and from the Village and Springfield
- The retention of existing jobs in the community
- The attraction of new commercial and retail enterprises in the Village
- Provision for the eventual expansion of water and sewer services as the population of the Village continues to increase
- The widening of Route 4 in and through the Village

These are suggested as items to include in the minutes if no person raises “needs” during the public hearing and in order to comply with what CDAP requires as a component of the minutes.

ITEMS MANDATED FOR INCLUSION IN HEARING

1. Total amount of funds available. (Does that mean in total state CDAP program or just for the project being proposed?)
2. Description of the Range of activities intended to be undertaken (Does this pertain only to our project?)
3. Estimate amount of benefit to low-moderate income population. (Our broadcasts reach 915,000 viewers, and a very large percentage of them are in the low-moderate income range. Does that count? Or is it only our employees who are low-moderate income?)
4. Describe plans to minimize displacement of persons. (I assume this has no relevance to our project but can we say that or does it need more amplification?)
5. Provide a prioritized list of community development needs. (As I understand it, if anyone at the public hearing suggests other projects and priorities, they are to be recorded in the minutes. Also, of if no other items are suggested, the priorities of the Village as they currently exist are to be listed in the minutes.)

As I understand the directions, all of this is to be included in the minutes or provided as an addendum to the minutes.

AGENDA

REGULAR VILLAGE BOARD MEETING 6:30 PM, TUESDAY, MARCH 09, 2010

A. MOMENT OF SILENCE

B. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

C. ROLL CALL

D. HEARING OF CITIZENS

E. CONSENT AGENDA

1. Warrants (10-10)
2. Minutes (02-23-10)
3. Committee Reports

F. PRESIDENT'S REPORT - President Gray

G. CLERK'S REPORT - Clerk Schad

H. OLD BUSINESS

1. Intergovernmental Agreement, Ball-Chatham School District concerning new property
2. Intergovernmental Agreement, Chatham Township
3. South Park Commons Final Plat SA
4. An Ordinance Pertaining to Storm Sewers

I. NEW BUSINESS

1. Supporting Network Knowledge CDAP Application
2. Authorizing and Providing the Issue of \$2,715,000 Debt Certificates (Waterworks System), Series 2010 (Ordinance 10-09)
3. Amending Customer Deposit Requirements and NSF Check Fees
4. Granting JC's use of Community Park for Sweet Corn Festival
5. Granting St. Andrew's Society use of Community Park
6. Intergovernmental Agreement, School District concerning security at Glenwood Complex.
7. TIF Agreement with Retro Inc. for property on Market Street.

J. CALENDAR OF EVENTS

K. ADJOURNMENT

Posted March 7, 2010

Clerk Schad