

REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES
November 15, 2011

The Regular Board of Trustees Meeting of the Town of Grantwood Village was held on Tuesday November 15, 2011, at Village Hall, One Missionary Ridge, Saint Louis MO, 63123. The following Trustees were present:

Cathy Forand, Village Chairman
Mark Kienstra, Treasurer
Bob Bess, Building Commissioner
Kevin Kelso, Public Works Commissioner
Pat Williams, Village Clerk

Also present were: Village Attorney, Rich Magee; Dr. Joe Forand, Budget Director; Kathy Kienstra, Vice President-Lindbergh Board of Education Officer Thomezchek, St. Louis County Police, Sergeant Apsolon, St. Louis County Police, and Jennifer Merritt, Secretary. The meeting was called to order at 7:00 P.M. by Cathy Forand. Pat Williams conducted roll call, and Cathy Forand announced a quorum.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

MINUTES

REGULAR BOARD MEETING –October 18, 2011

- No changes to the regular board meeting minutes.-Bob Bess Motioned, seconded by Kevin Kelso, to approve the October 18, 2011, meeting minutes as stated. On voice vote, the motion unanimously passed.

RESIGNATION OF VILLAGE ATTORNEY-EMILY KELLY

- Cathy Forand read Emily Kelly's Resignation letter.

APPOINTMENT OF VILLAGE ATTORNEY-RICHARD MAGEE

- Richard Magee has been selected for the replacement of Emily Kelly as Village Attorney for Grantwood Village. Rich is a graduate of Columbia University and Washington University School of Law. He assisted in the St. Louis County Counselor, and has served on the Board for the City of Glendale from 1995-2005. In 2005 he was elected Mayor and is now in his 4th term. In 2010-2011 he served as president of the St. Louis County Municipal League for 2010-2011, where he worked on the response to the legislation for Sales Tax Distribution. Rich is also a past President of Mayors of small cities. In 2010 he began serving as the prosecuting attorney in Grantwood Village.
- Rich has agreed to the same rate as the former Village Attorney. Another firm was contacted and they quoted a higher rate.
- Cathy Forand motioned, seconded by Mark Kienstra, to adopt Resolution authorizing the appointment and contract for legal services.
- Pat Williams read the resolution 2011.7
- On voice vote, the motion unanimously passed.

TRUSTEES' REPORTS

TREASURER'S REPORT- MARK KIENSTRA

- Beginning Balance \$236,556.26, Receipts \$24,645.46, Disbursements \$98,984.06, Ending \$162,217.66.
- Mark Kienstra Motioned, seconded by Bob Bess, to approve the Treasurer's Report for October as stated. On voice vote, the motion unanimously passed.

- November Disbursements \$26,065.67. Mark Kienstra Motioned, seconded by Pat Williams, to approve the November Disbursements as stated. On voice vote, the motion unanimously passed.

VILLAGE CLERK-PAT WILLIAMS

- Working with Elise Vandover and Mark Kienstra on the guidelines to be included in the Chicken Ordinance.
- Met with a villager with a Sunshine Law Request.
- Kept up on the Auto Stickers
- Completed a Census for the Village
- Still working with the new computer, getting files organized.

BUILDING COMMISSIONER-BOB BESS

- Worked with everyone on the Chicken Ordinance. There are probably three or four Villagers that have expressed interests in raising chickens.

PUBLIC WORKS COMMISSIONER-KEVIN KELSO

- Received four bids on the snow removal. The lowest bid came from McManus, which came in at the same price as last year. Additionally, McManus would lock in those prices for the next three seasons.
- McManus will use the rubber blades. When using rubber blades the streets will need to be salted sooner. If the cost of salt begins to outweigh the cost to repair the streets if using the steel blades, McManus will be instructed to discontinue the rubber blades and return to the steel blades.
- Getting bids to replace stop signs in the Village that have been damaged.
- If anyone sees a problem with something or has any questions please call to get it taken care of.

MIKE THOMECZEK-POLICE OFFICER REPORT

- Only one incident, a domestic incident which is being taken care of.
- Just a reminder that Holiday parties are around the corner, please don't let your guests drink too much and drive.

CHAIRWOMAN-CATHY FORAND

- The Flag raising ceremony and dedication was held on November 5th. There are new Grantwood Village flags flying at the Town hall and at the Historic Site. Pat Long will have one at Sam's Steakhouse and we are also working on getting one flown at Grant's Farm.
- There was a report of a gas odor outside the Town Hall. Laclede Gas was called and came out and said everything was ok.
- Cathy has responded to 46 phone calls, 87 emails and 7 phone calls for the Village.
- Thursday November 17th is Old Newsboys Day. Cathy Forand will be out at the main entrance of Forest Haven starting at 6:30am.

VILLAGE ATTORNEY-RICHARD MAGEE

- Rich thanked everyone for the opportunity to serve as Village Attorney. He looks forward to working with the Village and the residents.
- Rich stated that it has been great getting up to speed on the issues currently in Grantwood Village and hopes to be a help to the Board.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

- CHICKEN ORDINANCE
- Bob Bess motioned, seconded by Kevin Kelso to do a first reading by title on Bill No.658 which is an ordinance amending Chapter 205, Animal Regulations, and Section 215.010, Nuisances affecting Health, of

the Town of Grantwood Village Municipal Code relating to the Keeping of Chickens. On voice vote, the motion unanimously passed.

- Pat Williams read Bill No.658
- A hold was put on discussion until the Villagers Questions/Comments period.

NEW BUSINESS

- SNOW REMOVAL
- Cathy Forand motioned, seconded by Kevin Kelso to do a reading on the Resolution 2011.8 Authorizing and Awarding the contract for snow removal. On voice vote, the motion unanimously passed.
- Pat Williams did the reading of Resolution 2011.8
- Discussion on the snow removal bid and resolution. The contract period would be for three years. The cost is \$85.00/hour/truck and \$160.00/ton of salt with a 1 ton minimum of salt. Salting will begin earlier to accommodate the rubber blades.
- Adoption of Resolution No.2011.8. On voice vote, the resolution unanimously passed.

VILLAGER'S QUESTIONS/COMMENTS

- Andrew Limanni- Clarification on the flags. The flags are already flying at the Park. Clarification on the Snow removal contract. The contract is Flexible to switch back to steel blades if the overall costs for using rubber blades exceed the overall cost of using the steel blades.
- Jan Muraski-9007 Whitehaven – Clarification on the CPA fees. The additional cost incurred for the CPA was due to the correction of the previous year's tax rate. This took additional time that was not known at the time of the proposal.
- Laurie Severson-8809 Paragon Circle- Discussion on the rules for the chickens.
- Christine Thorwegen-8921 Granbury Circle- Suggestion to rewrite the ordinance to give more clarification.
- Pam Wendl-44 Grantwood Lane-Suggestion to have Bob Bess issue a variance on the individual differences, to accommodate each person who wants the chickens but may not fit exactly into what the ordinance says for the building, fence, etc.
- Genny Webelhuth-7401 Whitehaven- There is pros and cons to the chickens, but everyone should remember that the neighbors come first, not the chickens. So be respectful of your neighbors if you plan on having chickens.
- Walter Rust-58 Grantwood Lane-Clarification on the increase in lawn service expense. The increase was due to the replacement of the damaged Zinzer Island from the moving van and to spruce up the bird sanctuary. Discussion on who was responsible for paying for the repairs to the island and suggestion to get the moving company or the resident to pay for the repair. Rich Magee will send a letter to the moving company.
- Bill Hypes-21 Vicksburg Circle- Made a statement about mud-jacking and petition.
- Pam Wendl-44 Grantwood Lane- The prosecuting attorney position is open; Rich Magee will be filling in until we fill the position.
- Don Dempsey- 57 Grantwood Lane- Clarification on the \$250 expense to the Grantwood Village Preservation Society. This amount was to purchase the flags.
- Katy Forand- 7401 Granbury Lane-The Grantwood Village Preservation Society was formed for the 75th anniversary of Grantwood Village by Katy Forand and Kevin Bley. Its basic purpose is to promote the Village, it is privately funded and they are working on getting the 501(3) (c)-designation from the IRS. A coffee table book is currently in the works.
- Florence Schreiter 9032 Whitehaven- Discussion on the type of fence and how chickens would still get through most fences.

- Bob Bess motioned, seconded by Mark Kienstra to table the Chicken ordinance until the December 2011 meeting. On voice vote, the motion unanimously passed.

ADJOURNMENT

Mark Kienstra motioned to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Bob Bess. On voice vote, the motion was unanimously approved. The next Board of Trustee meeting will be held on Tuesday December 20, 2011 at **7:00 P.M.** The meeting closed at 8:12 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Chairman

Attest:

Village Clerk