Minutes
Special Workshop Meeting
Glen Ellyn Village Board of Trustees
Monday, February 27, 2017

Call to Order

President pro tem Clark called the meeting to order at 5:43 p.m.

Roll Call

Upon roll call by Village Clerk Galvin, Trustees Clark, Kenwood, Ladesic, McGinley, O'Shea and Senak answered "Present". President Demos was excused.

In Attendance: Village Clerk Galvin, Village Manager Franz, Village Attorney Mathews, Finance Director Coyle, Director of Planning and Development Hulseberg, Police Chief Norton, Public Works Director Hansen, Professional Engineer Daubert, Professional Engineer Minix, Volunteer Fire Company Chief Clark and Fire Company Administrator John Chereskin.

Pledge of Allegiance

President Demos asked Mr. Greg Mathews to lead the Pledge of Allegiance.

Agenda Item E. - Volunteer Fire Company Fire Service Fee: (Village Manager Franz) (Discussion Only)

Village Manager Mark Franz led the discussion on the proposed Fire Service Fee.

Staff is asking for direction from the Village Board on the potential increase to the Fire Service Fee. This issue was discussed during the budget process and staff is recommending an increase sufficient enough to meet operating and capital costs. The GEVFC continues to provide incredible service and value to the community and by supporting this increase to the Fire Services fee, the Village will be able to meet the short term and long term needs. Manager Franz added that the fee was initiated to replace the donation program and to fund long-term facility needs.

A discussion ensued regarding bond funding and the Service Fee vs. a property tax levy. President Demos suggested that future Boards visit and debate the pros and cons while seeking input from the residents.

Trustee Ladesic asked how many households are included. Director Coyle responded approximately 8,000 water bills are sent out, excluding the area east of Illinois Route 53 which is serviced by the Glenbard Fire Protection District. Manager Franz added that SSA's fluctuate based on the actual costs of the Fire Company.

Trustees O'Shea and Clark stated their approval to move forward to increase the Fire Service Fee.

Trustee Senak asked which funds support the Fire Company. Director Coyle responded Fire Services Fund for the vehicles and the Facility Reserve Fund for the facilities. Trustee Senak inquired about undesignated expenses. Fire Company Administrator John Chereskin responded they put in $50,000 annually for unforeseen expenses. They are replacing more tools and equipment due to their new engines. Manager Franz added there may be a matching grant available for equipment. Trustee Senak stated that fees are another name for taxes.

Trustee Kenwood stated that he is fine with the approach to funding and finds it appropriate. He considers it a user fee. Trustee McGinley commented that she is in complete support of this and added that the services are top notch and we need to support the Fire Company. Trustee Ladesic remarked this is a small price to pay for a core service and we may want to consider a reduced rate for seniors and those with sprinkler systems.

President Demos commented that there is a strong consensus to move forward. Trustee Ladesic asked if they can enforce the Ordinance requiring addresses to be visible from the street. Chief Clark thanked the Board for their support.

Agenda Item F. Train Station Pedestrian Improvements Project: (Professional Engineer Daubert) (Discussion Only)

Professional Engineer Rich Daubert presented information regarding proposed Architectural Design.

The CDM Smith team was seen as superior in terms of their experience with having worked on nearly 100 train station projects across all 10 Metra Commuter lines. The CDM Smith team is also currently working on a nearly identical assignment for the City of Elmhurst.

Staff recommends proceeding with retaining CDM Smith of Chicago, Illinois for the completion of Architectural and Preliminary Engineering Services for the Glen Ellyn Metra Station Improvements. The next steps would include negotiating the terms of the agreement including the scope and fee format. Staff would then prepare formal recommendation to the Village Board for consideration of approval.

Trustee McGinley stated that Glen Ellyn and Villa Park are the only 2 remaining stations on this line to have not moved forward. She added that this is a safety issue that should be minimized. In lieu of prolonging this project Trustee McGinley would like to see the project reduced in scope and not including every commission. Trustee O'Shea agreed with Trustee McGinley.

Trustee Kenwood inquired if grants would cover approximately 60-70% of the cost. Manager Franz responded yes and added it is TIF eligible but they need to move forward with Phase I.

Trustee O'Shea asked who is responsible for the platform, as it is deteriorating. Mr. Chris Martel, Vice-President, CDM Smith responded that the UP covers this. In Elmhurst grants were submitted via CMAC. Mr. Martel also clarified that Phase I is not eligible for grants.

Mr. John Mehdi, Kaltsouni Mehdi Incorporated (KMI) Architects stated this is not a detailed design and they need to review the impact of an overpass vs. underpass. Trustee O'Shea responded he is not interested in an underpass or going through commission review. Trustee Clark agreed about commission review but added he is open to an underpass. Trustee Senak indicated he is in favor of renovating the train station with an added rental space. He is not in favor of an overpass as he does not see this as a safety issue, or economic development impacted. Trustee Kenwood favors a pedestrian underpass. Trustee McGinley favors an overpass.

President Demos asked Manager Franz and the committee for further review.

Agenda Item G - Park Boulevard Rehabilitation Project: (Professional Engineer Daubert) (Discussion Only)

Professional Engineer Rich Daubert led a discussion about the Park Boulevard Rehabilitation Project. The issue of roadway width and bicycle accommodation on Park Boulevard - especially in the proposed reconstruction section between Roosevelt Road and Fairview - is a point of some debate.

Staff is seeking resolution to the questions of the appropriateness of the roadway width and bicycle accommodations so the engineer can proceed ahead with the development of final plans. Staff is looking for direction from the Village Board to allow our engineering consultant to finalize the design plans for these improvements and proceed with the overall project on Park Blvd.

Trustee O'Shea is not supportive as he finds it dangerous. Trustee Clark is not wild about it but would consider it appropriate if safe.

Trustee Senak favors the link between COD and the CBD. He considers it a key to economic development. He shares Trustee O'Shea's concerns and prefers a dedicated lane on both sides and widening Park Blvd. if needed. Trustee Ladesic does not support this; while bicyclists prefer roadways, he prefers the sidewalk. Trustee McGinley added that she is all for connectivity this is a safety issue and she is not in favor of. Trustee Kenwood agreed with Trustee McGinley.

Agenda Item H. - Residential Refuse and Recycling Program: (Assistant Village Manager Stonitsch) (Discussion Only)

This agenda item was tabled.

Adjournment:

At 7:38 p.m. a motion was made by Trustee Kenwood and seconded by Trustee Clark to adjourn. Motion carried.