

Minutes

Regular Village Board Workshop Meeting

Glen Ellyn Village Board of Trustees

Monday, April 17, 2017

Call to Order

President Demos called the meeting to order at 7:04 p.m.

Roll Call

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

In Attendance: Village Clerk Galvin, Village Manager Franz, Assistant Village Manager Stonitsch, Village Attorney Mathews, Finance Director Coyle, , Public Works Director Hansen, Planning & Development Director Hulseberg, Police Chief Norton and Fire Services Administrator Chereskin.

Pledge of Allegiance

President Demos asked Trustee Ladesic to lead the Pledge of Allegiance.

Audience Participation:

Ms. Diana Martinez, 594 Elm St., approached the Board to state her opposition to the proposed gas station at 825 N. Main St. She referenced stormwater concerns and the run-off from behind Papa Saverio's after a recent heavy rain. This is a problem and we need to deal with this. She realizes that people on Boards and Commissions are volunteers but decisions cannot be based on friendships. This is not what a hearing is about. She stated her continued opposition to the gas station being open 24/7.

Mr. Dan Porter, 594 Elm St. approached the Board to state his opposition to the proposed gas station at 825 N. Main St. He wanted to tell the residents how much work Diana Martinez is doing on their behalf. He called the CEO of True North to ask what the deal is.

Mr. Andrew Livingston, 789 Forest approached the Board to state his opposition to the proposed gas station at 825 N. Main St. He is a 25 year resident and he is worried about chemicals and benzene, along with the fumes and run-off. He does not understand the point of a 24/7 operation. He asked the Board to think through this.

Ms. Jessica Valerio, 830 Lenox Rd., approached the Board to state her opposition to the proposed gas station at 825 N. Main St. She gave a detailed account of their social media efforts and showed how many people their Facebook page has engaged. She provided additional statistics on social media and data regarding millennials.

Mr. Mark Simon, 604 Elm St. approached the Board to state his opposition to the proposed gas station at 825 N. Main St. He referenced a quote from former Village Trustee Carl Henninger regarding the proposed use of this site. He showed video of traffic at this intersection. He also stated that True North claims to be a good neighbor and showed photos of a True North property in Cleveland, Ohio.

Ms. Sarah Tuscher, 524 Oak St. approached the Board to state her opposition to the proposed gas station at 825 N. Main St. She is the Co-President of the Forest Glen PTA but she is speaking as a resident. She is requesting no left turns onto Main St. and to add traffic controls or crossing guards. The Main St. signs are already ignored. The Environmental Commission has not done a report. Forest Glen has an open air intake and District 41 does not have a plan to make it closed air, this is a very serious concern to her.

F. Glen Ellyn Chamber of Commerce License Agreement Renewal: (Presented by Village Manager Franz) (Discussion Only)

Village Manager Mark Franz led a discussion regarding the Glen Ellyn Chamber of Commerce License Agreement Renewal.

Steve Thomas, President and Terri Pfeiffer-Smith, Treasurer were in attendance. Manager Franz noted that in 2012 the Chamber moved in. Trustee Ladesic suggested another appraisal be done on the building. Trustee McGinley responded she is in support of this and until we have a plan the Chamber should stay there – she is excited they want to stay.

E. 2017 First Quarter Financial Report: (Presented by Finance Director Coyle) (Discussion Only)

Finance Director Christina Coyle reviewed the 2017 First Quarter Financial Report.

Trustee McGinley referenced Page 13 and asked if there was significant water leakage. Director Coyle responded it is due to hydrant flushing and fire calls. Director Hansen responded there will always be some leakage. The EPA sets standards and the Village meets them. Director Coyle responded they are testing meters and they are being replaced as needed.

Trustee O'Shea expressed concerns about the decline in sales tax revenue. Director Coyle responded they are not getting a lot of information from the state. Trustee O'Shea suggested the state may have made errors in the past and this may be revenue we do not see again.

At 8:07 p.m. President Demos requested a short break until 8:20 p.m.

G. Proposed Pedestrian Walkways Project: (Presented by Planning and Development Director Hulseberg) (Discussion Only)

Planning and Development Director Staci Hulseberg presented information regarding the proposed Pedestrian Walkways Project.

Trustee O'Shea thinks this looks great. Trustee Clark asked how many parking spaces would be added. Director Hulseberg responded approximately 40 parking spaces.

Trustee O'Shea would prefer the walkway to be all outside; Trustee Clark agrees. Trustee McGinley also agreed with Trustee O'Shea and added she would like to see the exterior further south to give more businesses foot traffic.

Trustee Senak stated he is supportive but wants a wider walkway to allow for outdoor seating and to be part of a broader plan for a parking garage behind. He would like the Village to acquire the entire parcel, tear it down but this is a great start. President Demos responded that the Village needs to work within our means.

Trustee O'Shea commented that the width looks tight. Director Hulseberg responded it is tight but it meets code.

**H. DuPage County Forest Preserve Proposed Lease of Maintenance Property and McKee House:
(Presented by Village Manager Franz) (Discussion Only)**

Village Manager Mark Franz presented information regarding a proposed lease of maintenance property and McKee House with the DuPage County Forest Preserve.

Forest Preserve District Commissioner Tim Whelan was in attendance.

This would provide the Village with salt storage and an additional building for general storage. The gas pumps would remain property of the Forest Preserve District.

Ms. Cam Page, 206 Hill Ave. approached the Board to state she is really excited about this. She was involved with a plan to save the McKee House 10-11 years ago but there was a failed agreement. She is happy about the salt dome and glad to see this will be under local control. It is more important to us.

Ms. Kathy Cornell, 678 Forest Ave. is a 38 year resident and she is very interested in preserving this house. It is historic to the overall community. There is broad support in DuPage County and beyond. The Park District Board has written letters to the Forest Preserve District twice encouraging them to support the McKee house. It would be great for summer nature camps and as a special use venue. The \$400,000 needed is doable but we need to start right away. There is already a 501c3: the McKee Preservation Group is poised and ready to go. Thank you.

Trustee McGinley added we have already started planning; this is about inclusion and involvement. The Village will serve as an oversight group and we are very excited about this.

Manager Franz remarked that the Village and the Forest Preserve District will each add \$25,000 to this project after the \$400,000 has been raised.

Trustee Kenwood asked about the 2 year timeframe. President Demos responded they may add to that timeframe to allow for startup. Trustee O'Shea added that he is excited to see the Village step up to this extent. The McKee house sits in the center of the county. He did express concerns about the Village running an event space.

Commissioner Whelan stated there is some grant money available. Trustee Senak commented that future generations will be indebted to you. Trustee Ladesic remarked that he is generally supportive. President Demos recommended they look for in kind donations of parts and labor.

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The Board reached a consensus to move forward.

Adjournment:

At 9:11 p.m. a motion was made by Trustee Kenwood and seconded by Trustee O'Shea to adjourn.
Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Catherine Galvin
Village Clerk