



COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE
August 20, 2019
Immediately Following the Village Board Meeting

MINUTES

Roll Call: Taylor x Vogel x Jarvis x Waldenstrom x
Davies x Shores x Nicodemus x

PUBLIC COMMENT – AGENDA ITEMS: None.

Mayor Taylor stated he encourages the Carillon North residents to participate in the Village’s competitive bidding process for various improvements within the subdivision. He stated he neglected to include this in the Mayor’s report at the Village Board meeting.

1. APPROVAL: MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF AUGUST 6, 2019

Trustee Vogel made a motion, seconded by Trustee Nicodemus, to approve the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of August 6, 2019. On voice vote - all “aye”. Motion carried.

2. DISCUSSION: ZONING ORDINANCE VARIANCE – 781 CAITLIN COURT

Mayor Taylor stated the Village has received a request from the homeowner to allow a side yard of four feet rather than eight feet to accommodate a garage addition. He noted the Plan Commission/Zoning Board of Appeals unanimously recommended granting the request and the neighbor immediately adjacent has signed a letter not objecting to the request. Mayor Taylor noted that with the variance there would still be nearly 22 feet between houses and the property is adjacent to a vacant back yard. He stated the Village has granted these types of requests in the past when they have minimal impact on the neighborhood.

Trustee Nicodemus noted the petitioner told the Plan Commission/Zoning Board of Appeals that a homeowner’s association (HOA) did not exist in the Meadows of Grayslake. She stated that, in fact, one does exist and urged the petitioner to consult with them prior to the Village Board approving the request. Mark Stolz (homeowner/petitioner) stated he was unaware there was a legally registered HOA. He stated he was involved in attempting to start one at the inception of the subdivision but it never registered since there are no common areas in the subdivision. He stated he would consult with the HOA if its legally registered.

Mayor Taylor stated it appears the Committee can either ask the petitioner to return once he’s discussed the request with the HOA or the Committee could recommend the request to the Village Board pending the discussion with the HOA.

Mayor: Rhiett Taylor
Trustees: Shawn M. Vogel ~ Ronald L. Jarvis ~ Kevin D. Waldenstrom ~ Elizabeth Davies ~ Adam R. Shores ~ Heather S. Nicodemus
Village Clerk: Cynthia E. Lee

After brief discussion, Trustee Shores made a motion to recommend the variance request pending the petitioner discussing the request with the HOA. Trustee Waldenstrom 2nd. All “ayes”. Motion carried.

3. DISCUSSION: COMMUNITY NOTIFICATION SYSTEM

Mayor Taylor stated Village staff has asked the Committee to review the Village’s use of the community notification system. He stated the Village has used the system since 2007. At that time a determination was made that the system should only be used for emergency life threatening events such as severe weather and for information related to non-emergency events such as road closures. Mayor Taylor noted that over the years notifications periodically went beyond the original scope. Therefore, the question is does the Board basically continue the system or return to the originally approved 2007 scope. He stated he has not received any negative feedback as to how the system is currently being utilized so he is inclined not to change. Trustee Davies noted that on occasion public events are advertised. She believes the system should not be used for that as there are other ways those can be advertised. She stated that other than that she is comfortable with how the system is being used. Trustee Vogel stated he agrees with Trustee Davies and noted Village staff pre-notifies the Village Board when something is going out on the system. Trustee Jarvis stated he would like to keep the notifications to a minimum, especially through the land lines but that the staff has been responsible in that regard.

Mayor Taylor stated the consensus is to continue to utilize the current practice and to continue to pre-notify the Village Board.

4. OTHER BUSINESS: None.

5. ADJOURNMENT: Trustee Jarvis made a motion, seconded by Trustee Davies, to adjourn. On voice vote – all “aye”. Motion carried.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:45 p.m.