



# VILLAGE OF **DEER PARK** EST. 1957

## Minutes

### Board of Trustees Special Meeting

Monday, April 5, 2010

7:00 p.m.

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Deer Park Vehe Barn  
23570 W. Cuba Road  
Deer Park Illinois 60010

#### 1) Pledge of Allegiance

The special meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Village of Deer Park was held on Monday, April 5, 2010 at Vehe Barn, 23570 W. Cuba Road, in the Village of Deer Park, in the counties of Lake and Cook, Illinois. President Kellermann called the meeting to order at 7:00pm. Village officials and guests recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

#### 2) Roll Call and Determination of a Quorum

Upon roll call, the following were present: President Kellermann, Trustees Trost, Kizior, Olson, Sands, Pratscher and Evans.

Other Village officials present were Administrator Connors, Clerk Schroeder, Attorney Bateman, and Village Treasurer Stade. President Kellermann stated there is a quorum.

#### 3) Approval of Agenda

President Kellermann entertained a motion to approve the agenda as presented.

***Motion: Trustee Pratscher moved, seconded by Trustee Trost, to amend the agenda by moving the Budget Item 7) before the Executive Session Item 5).***

#### Discussion

President Kellermann noted that there would be a time limit on Executive Session discussion therefore Executive Session will be done in a timely manner.

There was general discussion about the agenda as it was presented. Trustee Sands encouraged the public to make their comments regarding the budget. Trustee Pratscher noted that it's important to let the public listen to the budget deliberation. President Kellermann asked the public their opinion on the importance of which should be discussed first, the budget or Executive Session.

***Upon Roll Call:***

***Ayes: Pratscher and Trost***

***Nays: Kizior, Olson, Sands and Evans***

***Motion Failed. 2/6***

***Motion: Trustee Olson moved, seconded by Trustee Kizior, to approve the agenda as presented.***

***Ayes: Sands, Kizior, Trost, Pratscher, Evans and Olson***

***Nays: None***

***Motion Carried. 6/0***

**4) Public Comments – Sign up prior to meeting on sign-in sheet on podium; 5 minutes time limit**

Joel Thomason of 23686 Juniper Lane expressed his concerns about the roads and parks. Mr. Thomason encouraged the Board to consider allocating funding for resources for resident's use such as Village roads and parks, especially Charlie Brown park.

Roger Hankin of 20856 Swansway expressed his concerns in regards to the budget review. He encouraged the Board to review the Village's revenues first. Mr. Hankin further referenced an article regarding the Inverness Police service and asked the Village to review the Village's police service.

Betsy Glorch of 21947 Farthingdale asked the Board to consider having the public comments before the Executive Session. She further noted that the Hamilton Park needs some attention.

Frank Rettmuller of 12 Deerpath Road expressed his concerns about the resident that has landscape vehicles parking and speeding around the neighborhood. He pointed out that the resident works from where he lives and asked that the Village takes action.

President Kellermann noted that Village staff would investigate and will confirm if the resident is grandfathered for his home business.

Trustee Kizior asked if the police were notified. President Kellermann noted that the police have monitored the situation.

President Kellermann thanked the public for their comments. With no further comments, Public Comments were closed at 7:25 p.m.

**5) Executive Session to discuss litigation which is probable or imminent**

President Kellermann entertained a motion to enter into Executive Session at 7:25 p.m. to discuss litigation which is probable or imminent.

***Motion: Trustee Olson moved, seconded by Trustee Sands, to enter Executive Session at 7:25 p.m. to discuss litigation which is probable or imminent.***

***Upon Roll Call:***

***Ayes: Trost, Kizior, Olson, Sands, Pratscher and Evans***

***Nays: None***

***Absent: None***

***Motion Carried.***

At this time, President Kellermann and Trustees Evans, Pratscher, Sands, Olson, Kizior and Trost entered into Executive Session.

Others present included Village Administrator Connors, Attorney Bateman, Attorney Eric Stubenvoll of Fischer-Kanaris and Village Clerk Schroeder.

After discussion, President Kellermann entertained a motion to exit Executive Session at 8:55 p.m.

***Motion: Trustee Olson moved, seconded by Trustee Sands, to exit Executive Session at 8:55 p.m.***

***Upon Roll Call: voice vote was called – 6 Ayes/0 Nays. Motion Carried 6/0.***

***Motion: Trustee Sands moved, seconded by Trustee Kizior, to open the public meeting at 9:00 p.m.***

***Upon Roll Call: Voice vote was called – 6 Ayes/0 Nays. Motion Carried 6/0.***

**6) Action items based on executive session:**

- A. Action to initiate one or more civil action(s) relative to the Vehe Farm and Barn**
- B. Engagement of Special Counsel to pursue litigation relative to the Vehe Farm and Barn**

*Motion: Trustee Sands moved, seconded by Trustee Kizior, that the Village retain Attorney Eric D. Stubenvoll of the firm Fisher Kanaris, PC., as special counsel, to investigate all litigation options relative to Vehe Farm and Barn Projects at a cost not to exceed \$5,000.00 using billing Option 1 and to call a Special Meeting on an emergency basis as recommended by special counsel.*

*Ayes: Olson, Trost, Sands, Pratscher, Kizior and Evans*

*Nays: None*

*Absent: None*

*Motion Carried. 6/0*

**7) Discussion of draft FY2010-2011 Budget**

Village Treasurer Stade presented the FY2010-2011 Budget and was available for questions from the Board.

The Board reviewed and discussed the FY2010-2011 Budget as it was presented.

The Board recommended amendments to the draft FY10-11 budget as follows:

**There was general discussion regarding the income tax rate lowered by 30%. The tax was lowered from \$238,854 to \$167,198. Also, the Local Use Tax was revised from \$37,224 to \$34,122 due to revised estimate from IML.**

**Sales Tax – change from 1,500.00 to \$1,600.00.**

**There was discussion regarding the proposed Red Light Violation. Village Administrator Connors noted a potential \$25,000 revenue base for the Village starting in July 2010.**

**Trustee Sands inquired about the Azavar utility audit. Village Administrator Connors noted he would look into the progress.**

**Trustee Pratscher suggested using an \*asterisk on certain budget lines items to identify items that are separate from the General Fund.**

**Village Treasurer Stade pointed out that she understood that there was yet another 30% State Income revenue cut. She would look into it further.**

**Village Administrator Connor noted that the Non-Home Rule Survey regarding Hotel Tax still needs to be tabulated.**

**Trustee Sands inquired about engineering expenses. Treasurer Stade was asked to gather 04-05 civil litigation history.**

**Trustee Kizior inquired and recommended increasing legal expenses from \$80,000 to \$100,000.**

**Travel fund from \$4,000 to \$2,000.**

**There was general discussion regarding animal control. The Board recommended putting \$1,000 into the animal control fund and to create an office policy on procedures.**

**There was general discussion regarding Cap Outlay items. Village Administrator Connors expressed his security concerns with moving the Village staff to the barn.**

**Trustee Pratscher inquired about the Building & Zoning Services RFB. Administrator Connors replied the deadline was April 2<sup>nd</sup>.**

**There was general discussion regarding Bldg. Admin. JULIE Inspections fund. Trustee Sands noted that he would discuss this item with Village Engineer Gordon.**

**There was general discussion regarding road repairs. Trustee Sands recommended looking at alternatives for road repairs and suggested searching for potential grants.**

**There was general discussion regarding the Park Fund. The Board agreed to increase Park Fund Expenses – Salaries to \$1,000 as recommended by Trustee Evans. An item was added in the Parks for R&M/Contracted for \$7,500.**

**Trustee Sands indicated that he would follow up with Village Engineer Gordon regarding Park Develop & Maintenance – regarding the drainage problem. There was general discussion and Board recommendation to amend the PD&M from \$38,000 to \$30,000.**

**Trustee Sands provided an update on the Vehe Barn Survey and distributed the most recent results up-to-date to the Board. Trustee Kizior suggested getting more return surveys to reduce the error band.**

President Kellermann recommended reviewing the telecommunication tax, amusement and police services agreements.

There was general discussion to review the SSA's.

There was general discussion to leave the Hotel Tax proposed amount and to be further reviewed.

Considering the lateness of the meeting, President Kellermann suggested to continue the review and discussion of the draft budget. The Board agreed.

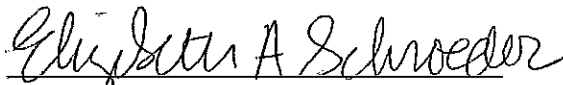
**8) Adjournment**

President Kellermann entertained a motion to adjourn the meeting at 11:06 p.m.

***Motion: Trustee Olson moved, seconded by Trustee Sands, to adjourn at 11:06 p.m.***

***Upon Roll Call by Voice Vote. 6 Ayes/0 Nays – Motion Carried 6/0.***

***Respectfully Submitted,***

  
**Elizabeth A. Schroeder, RMC**  
**Village Clerk**

  
**Robert Kellermann**  
**Village President**



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