

VILLAGE OF GRAFTON
VILLAGE BOARD MEETING MINUTES

SEPTEMBER 5, 2017

President Brunnuell called the Village Board meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. The Pledge of Allegiance followed.

Board members present: Jim Brunnuell, Thomas Krueger, Dean Proefrock, Lisa Harbeck, Sue Meinecke, David Liss and David Antoine

Staff/Officials present: Village Administrator Jesse Thyges, Attorney Mike Herbrand, Director of Administrative Services Paul Styduhar, Director of Planning and Development Jessica Wolff, Fire Chief William Rice and Village Clerk Kaity Olsen

Others present: Melanie Boyung with the News Graphic, and other members of the Community

MINUTES

Motion by Trustee Liss, seconded by Trustee Antoine to approve the 08-21-2017 Village Board; and file the 08-07-2017 Finance Committee meeting minutes, as presented.

Trustee Harbeck would like to request that it be shown she made the request for the letter form John Meinecke to be included with the 08-07-2017 Village Board Minutes.

Motion carried with requested changes.

PERSONS REQUESTING TO BE HEARD

None

BUSINESS PRESENTED BY THE PRESIDENT

None

RESOLUTIONS/ORDINANCES/ACTION ITEMS

Resolution amending the 2017 General Fund Budget was offered by Trustee Liss

Motion by Trustee Krueger, seconded by Trustee Proefrock to approve the Resolution amending the 2017 General Fund Budget.

Trustee Harbeck inquired if this was something that was overlooked in the 2017 budget. Director of Administrative Services Paul Styduhar replied that this resolution is done every year for the wage adjustment factor and does not include any new positions.

Motion carried.

Item 1/Report of Plan Commission

Ordinance amending zoning table 19.03.0301 (B) in the CBD- Central Business District to add “Dry Cleaner, Drop Off/Pick up Only” as a permitted use and “Dry Cleaner, Full Service with On-Site Treatment” as a conditional use permit

Motion by Trustee Proefrock, seconded by Trustee Antoine to approve the Ordinance amending zoning table 19.03.0301 (B) in the CBD- Central Business District to add “Dry Cleaner, Drop Off/Pick up Only” as a permitted use and “Dry Cleaner, Full Service with On-Site Treatment” as a conditional use permit

Director of Planning and Development Jessica Wolff explained that this amendment is intended for one of the proposed businesses to go into the Lumberyard 1505.

Motion carried.

Item 2/Report of Plan Commission

Ordinance amending Sections 19.03.0305 € & (F) adding specific regulations in the C-4 Freeway Interchange Business District for Garden Center Seasonal Outdoor Display

Motion by Trustee Antoine, seconded by Trustee Harbeck to approve the Ordinance amending Sections 19.03.0305 € & (F) adding specific regulations in the C-4 Freeway Interchange Business District for Garden Center Seasonal Outdoor Display.

Director Wolff explained that the village has been approached several times by Meijer and Home Depot to ask for these changes. The Village would still have firm control over the site plan and architectural review.

Motion carried.

DEPARTMENT AND OFFICERS REPORT

None

NEW BUSINESS

Review and Possible Action on Options for the Village Board to Re-Visit a Previous Action (WRS Eligibility).

Village Administrator Jesse Thyges explained the three options the Village Board has to re-visit a previous motion. They may either reconsider, rescind, or amend the original motion. The option to reconsider is off the table since that would have had to happen at the meeting in which it was voted on or at the next meeting. Administrator Thyges

reminded the board of the rules according to Robert's Rules which govern our Village Board procedures per our Municipal Code.

A motion was made by Trustee Meinecke, seconded by Trustee Proefrock to rescind the previous Village Board action on 07-17-2017 to approve up to three Fire Department employees to access the WRS.

Trustee Meinecke explained that this went through committee without any discussion regarding the financial impact to the taxpayers. Trustee Meinecke has further concerns that this would force the Village into a full time Fire Department which would greatly impact the taxpayers. Trustee Meinecke also is concerned that the Fire Department would decide to unionize based on this action. Administrator Thyges commented that he does not believe this would force the Village into a full time Fire Department based on allowing WRS eligibility. Administrator Thyges also commented that the Fire Department has the right to unionize at any time with or without this action and WRS eligibility has no bearing on this. Regarding the financial impact of this action, Administrator Thyges said this has been explained that it will be discussed as part of the 2018 Budget since it will not go into effect until January 1, 2018.

Comments were heard from John Meinecke in support of rescinding the motion.

President Brunquell asked Chief Rice if anything has fundamentally changed since he has made the request to allow WRS eligibility. Chief Rice replied that nothing has changed with the Fire Department since the motion was passed. President Brunquell inquired if this incentive has been use for other Fire Departments to aid in staffing issues. Chief Rice said it has been used in several other Fire Departments. Chief Rice explained his need for fire fighters and his troubles in having enough people to respond on weekends.

Trustee Krueger explained that we will have a vote on the financial impact of this action with the 2018 budget. If the Village staff and Village Board find there is an issue financially, it can be looked at when that time comes.

Chief Rice reiterated that the issue of hiring full time fire fighters and offering WRS are two separate issues.

Motion failed 1-6 (Aye-Meinecke).

LICENSES

Motion by Trustee Harbeck, seconded by Trustee Meinecke to approve the issuance of the Operator's Licenses, as presented. Motion carried.

REPORT OF BILLS

Motion by Trustee Krueger, seconded by Trustee Liss to approve the payment of Village expenditures in the amount of \$567,508.18

ADJOURN

Motion by Trustee Antoine, seconded by Trustee Proefrock to adjourn at 6:35 p.m. Motion carried.