

VILLAGE BOARD
OCTOBER 17, 2017

The Village Board of Combined Locks was called to order by President John Neumeier. Trustees in attendance included: Cathy Vander Zanden, Roger Kirch, Jim Ponto, Beth Sewall, and Justin Krueger. Ruth Wulgaert was absent.

Also in attendance were Village Administrator Racquel Shampo-Giese, FVMPD Lieutenant Ulman, residents David Hopfensperger and Tim Mulry, and several students.

The first item on the agenda was for public comment for matters not on the agenda. No public comments were received.

The next item on the agenda was to review the America in Bloom participation results. Tim Mulry reviewed the results with the Board. He noted that we did not have much improvement over 2016, according to the judges. However, the volunteer participation has grown tremendously. Mr. Mulry also noted that we placed in the top three of all population categories for Urban Forestry and Community Involvement. This is very good as it places the Village in competition with communities much larger than us. The matter was discussed. The Board thanked Tim for attending the symposium and sharing the feedback.

The next item on the agenda was to repeal and recreate ordinance section 15-1-11 regarding regulation and permit for razing buildings. The Administrator explained that the recommendation to change the ordinance came from Outagamie County and WI Department of Natural Resources representatives who have had experience with closures and razing of industrial sites in other communities. The ordinance outlines the requirements to remove foundations down to eight (8) feet below grade, specifies the type of fill that may be used and includes a flat fee of \$100 plus \$.15 cents per square foot. The matter was discussed. J. Ponto made a motion to repeal and recreate ordinance section 15-1-11 as presented. R. Kirch seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

The next item on the agenda was to review and consider approval to create ordinance section 15-1-21 regarding removal of salvageable non-structural materials from vacated buildings. The Administrator explained that the recommendation to create this ordinance section came from Outagamie County and WI Department of Natural Resources representatives who have had experience with closures and salvaging of industrial sites in other communities; specifically the Mirro Plant in Manitowoc. The ordinance, as presented, is from the DNR's model ordinance. The matter was discussed. J. Krueger made a motion to create ordinance section 15-1-21 as presented. B. Sewall seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

The next item on the agenda was to review and consider approval of Resolution 2017-15 regarding borrowing \$300,000 from the State Trust Fund Loan to fund reconstruction of Prospect Street. The Administrator reminded the Board and audience that the Village currently has \$500,000 of previous debt funds for street projects that must be spent in 2018. The

estimated cost to reconstruct Prospect Street from Elm Street to Maes Avenue is \$800,000. Resolution 2017-15 was presented by R. Kirch who made a motion to approve. C. Vander Zanden seconded the motion, and it passed with a roll call vote of six (6) ayes and one (1) trustee absent (R. Wulgaert).

The next item on the agenda was to review and consider approval of Resolution 2017-16 regarding borrowing \$200,000 from the State Trust Fund Loan to refinance unfunded retirement liability. The Administrator reminded the Board and audience that the unfunded retirement liability came to be when the Village began participation in the Wisconsin Retirement System and chose to give previous years of credit to the employees who qualified for WRS. The debt has been "on the books" for many years and has an interest rate of 7%. By paying the liability in full through a five (5) year loan at 3% interest, the Village will save money in the long run. Resolution 2017-16 was presented by C. Vander Zanden who made a motion to approve. J. Ponto seconded the motion, and it passed with a roll call vote of six (6) ayes and one (1) trustee absent (R. Wulgaert).

The next item on the agenda was to review the 2018 preliminary draft budgets for all funds and utilities. The Administrator provided a brief summary of the budgets. The final drafts will be reviewed at the 11/07/17 meeting.

The next item on the agenda was to review and consider approval of operator licenses for J. Carter and R. Sawlsville. It was noted that the Police deferred a recommendation for J. Carter to the Village Board due to the background check. The matter was discussed. B. Sewall made a motion to approve the license for R. Sawlsville but table the decision for J. Carter until he can attend a meeting. R. Kirch seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

Under other general business the Administrator reported that FVMPD has a goal to vacate the Police wing by 12/01/17; PSL Wery has identified some of the vandals at Blaese Park, and one student has been expelled/banned from Blaese Park; Appleton Coated is officially for sale by Industrial Assets; and the shared revenue payment for 2017 has been decreased by about \$90,000 due to the co-gen facility being purchased by Appleton Coated from WPPI; Representative Tusler and Senator Lasee have been contacted to help the Village with a plea to the Wisconsin Department of Revenue to review the sale agreement which prohibits Appleton Coated from "self-supplying" electricity. B. Sewall asked that the gate at the Hidden Ridges Way emergency access to the Kimberly High School be placed on a future agenda. The 11/07/17 Village Board meeting will start at 6:00pm for budget review.

R. Kirch made a motion to adjourn the meeting. C. Vander Zanden seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.