

**City of Fox Lake**  
**Committee of the Whole Synopsis**  
**January 18, 2017**

The January 18, 2017 committee of the whole meeting was called to order by Mayor Tom Bednarek, at 6:30 p.m., in the Council Chambers. Those in attendance were John Mund, Dan Ault, Dennis Linke, Peter Hartzheim, Robert Jenswold, and Tom Jahnke. Also attending were city clerk Susan Hollnagel, interim city administrator Chuck Schranz, librarian Paula Torgeson, director of public works Gene Huettner, police chief Jim Rohr and utilities superintendent Brad Ruenger.

In the audience was Amanda Lutey of WBEV.

The Mayor gave kudos to Huettner and his crew for a great job on snow removal. He said he has received compliments from other cities on how well the streets look.

**Purchase of new truck-water/sewer department**

The Mayor stated three bids were received for the purchase of a new truck for the water/sewer departments. He said the bids were \$31,525 from Ewald's Hartford Ford LLC, \$34,175 from Ewald Chevrolet Buick LLC and \$38,083 from Streich Motors. He suggested accepting the bid of \$31,525.00, from Ewald's Hartford Ford LLC. Ruenger said with the Ford bid coming in low, he would like to get a spray in bed liner for the box of the truck, about \$1,000, since he figures he will have it for 15-20 years. Hartzheim said Ruenger can probably get a good bed liner for \$500 - \$600. Schranz said the difference between the high and low bid is \$6,550-. The Mayor asked the Council what their preference was. The consensus was to go with the Ford because of the lowest bid. The Mayor said this would be on the February Council agenda.

**Increase in parking ticket fees**

Rohr asked the Council to consider raising the fine for parking tickets to \$25. He said he's been here a long time and there hasn't been an adjustment to the fees. He said it is easier to raise them across the board. He said handicapped parking violations will be removed, as the fine for that is around \$250. The Mayor said this would be placed on the February council agenda.

**Yearly ordinance maintenance**

The Mayor suggested doing yearly maintenance on the ordinance book so when it comes to recodifying it again, it won't take so long because the book will be current. Hartzheim suggested sending in the new ordinances once a year. The clerk concurred.

## **Operator licenses**

Operator license applications have been received from Barry Hanamann and Nicole Waterworth, for the year ending June 30, 2017. Chief Rohr said they both are good.

## **Administrator's update**

Schranz said Karavan trailers would like another 10 acres to store their trailers on. Jenswold said there would be acreage on the east side of Mill Road. The Mayor asked if there would be access to get around to the bottom of the lot. Schranz said MSA is doing a topography study and environmental assessment of the property. Hartzheim asked if Karavan is paying for that cost. Jenswold said yes. Schranz said they would be meeting with Karavan, on Monday, to get his squared up.

The Mayor said the city had a few more hoops to jump thru for the purchase of land from Hoekstra's and also the sale of land to Leroy Meats. He said the city needed to get the fair market value of the property,

Schranz said the agreement for the rental of land, in the industrial park, has expired and they would be advertising for new bids to rent the land. He said there is about 26 acres, give or take, to rent. Schranz said it would be a four (4) year contract. He said the bids are due in by 4:00 p.m. in Friday, February 3. Huettner asked if there would be any acres for the storage of topsoil. The Mayor said they will talk with the successful bidder on this.

The Mayor said there would be a public hearing on the proposed application for a CDBG-PF economic development grant application. He said it would be at 6:15 p.m., in the Council Chambers, prior to the monthly council meeting.

With no other business to come before the Council, the committee of the whole was adjourned at 6:50 p.m.