

**City of Fox Lake**  
**Committee of the Whole Synopsis**  
**May 15, 2019**

The May 15, 2019 committee of the whole meeting was called to order by Mayor Tom Bednarek, following a special council meeting. Those in attendance were alderpersons John Mund, Dan Ault, Dennis Linke, Peter Hartzheim, Robert Jenswold and Don Zilewicz. Also attending were city attorney Mike Devitt, city administrator Dean Perlick, city clerk Susan Hollnagel, police chief Jim Rohr and public works superintendent Gene Huettner.

In the audience were Laura Lorenty, Betsy Zuhlke, Megan Conner, Maria Gensmer, Noah Martinez, Richard Klomsten, Karen Gibbs and members of the 5<sup>th</sup> grade class from SAGES.

**Mill Creek notifications**

Perlick said a letter was sent out on Friday to Mill Creek property owners south of the bridge. He has received 10 responses so far.

**SAGES student presentation – garden shed**

Hartzheim welcomed the 5<sup>th</sup> grade students, Drew, Hayden, Vanessa, Conner and Gabby, from SAGES, regarding their garden project. They said Mrs. P had heard the class talk about the need of a shed at the property at Crocker/Spring Street. Mrs. P then talked with her husband, Pete Hartzheim, about the garden shed at the Depot. They said they were excited about the possibility of having a shed where they could store their stakes, implements, fences and other things. The Mayor thanked the students for their presentation and said the City is supportive of the school.

Hartzheim said he had met with Huettner and the city didn't have the equipment to move the shed but thought SAGES could contact a farmer, who had a skid loader, that could lift and move the shed. He said he prefers to donate the shed to SAGES, at no cost. Hartzheim said they would request a 6" to 8" gravel base, about 2' larger than the shed, be put down before the shed is placed on it. He said by doing this, it should keep the shed in good shape for years to come. Drew said they had talked with all the neighbors and they all said yes to allow them to locate the shed there. Hartzheim said the shed would be moved when the ground is dry.

**Parking stalls at W.State/College Avenue**

The Mayor said the removal of the parking stalls, at W. State and College Avenue, had been previously approved. Zilewicz said 4 signs have been order to state "no parking here to

corner.” Linke asked if there would be “no passing on right” signs? Rohr said the road is too wide. Hartzheim asked about the no trailer sign on N. College Avenue. Rohr said they need to do an ordinance regarding cars/trucks, with boat trailers, going south on the 100 block of N. College Avenue. Zilewicz said with 4 less parking spaces at the corner, it should help getting out on to W. State Street. Rohr said it will be easier for a car but not for a car/truck pulling a boat trailer. He said you can see better to the west at Makenick Street but at College Avenue, it’s almost impossible.

### **Alleyway-200 block of W. State Street**

The Mayor said the alleyway east of On Lake Time has the flea market every Saturday and State Street Salon was having trouble parking along the side of their building. He said the problem has been resolved with the flea market getting the okay to use the food pantry parking lot. Hartzheim said they won’t have much for parking. Zilewicz said they can park on Green and Center Streets. Rohr said they will be more visible but parking may be an issue.

### **Water/sewer shut off policy**

Jenswold said we should adhere to the policy that is on the books. The Mayor said notices should be sent on a fairly regular basis. The clerk said they would start it in June.

### **“Gators” on city streets”**

Chief Rohr stated the City of Juneau had recently passed an ordinance allowing ATV’s and UTV’s on city streets, which he passed out to the Council members. He said he has no opinion one way or the other whether to allow them. Rohr pointed out there are no trails to the west in Columbia County and some are starting in Green Lake County but none are close to the city. Linke asked if these are licensed. Rohr said yes, by the State of Wisconsin.

Richard Klomsten, resident of Forest Street, said he was stopped recently for driving his gator on the street. He said 15 years ago he was told, by a previous chief, he needs a slow moving vehicle sign and he could go on the street. Klomsten said they were trying to start the gator and once started they ran it down the street. He said today he would use it for mobility.

Rohr said the council members should talk with their constituents and see if it’s needed. Klomsten asked if he can run his gator on the street. Rohr said he can’t give him permission to drive his gator on the street as it opens up the city for liability. The Mayor asked the license and finance committee (Ault, Mund and Jenswold) to look at this and come back with a recommendation for the June committee meeting.

## **Historical Society building-furnace replacement**

Huettner said he had 24/7 look at the furnaces and they didn't feel the furnaces needed to be replaced. Zilewicz said they were over and looked at the building and it needs a lot of repairs. He said there are structural issues and weak floors. He said they checked the inside and outside and it is not in very good shape. Huettner said he was contacting someone to look at the wall. The Mayor asked them to have a recommendation for the June committee meeting. Zilewicz said they stood inside and could see daylight coming through in some places. Linke said 24/7 recommended one furnace instead of 2. Huettner said 24/7 would be e-mailing him a quote.

## **Raze orders**

Perlick said he had contacted Mike Parrot, of General Engineering, to start a raze order on 110 Makenick Street. He said he had received an update from the Martins and they have new beam posts, new windows and working on the plumbing. Linke said General Engineering was supposed to inspect the Martins every month. Perlick said the building inspector said they have a permit so he can go in. The Mayor said if we can't get Parrot, he would call Mark.

## **Amend ordinance 456-8**

Hartzheim said he has reviewed the amended ordinance and the current copy looks good.

## **Appointment to Police Commission committee**

The Mayor said with the passing of Ken Erdmann, his position is open on the Police Commission Committee and he will be appointing Dan Schoemann to complete Erdmann's term.

## **Chamber of Commerce "Red, Whites & Brews"**

Appearing before the committee was Betsy Zuhlke, representing the Chamber of Commerce, updating them on the events planned for Friday, June 21 and July 29. She said the event is "Reds, Whites, and Brews", where downtown businesses will have samplings of wine and beer, at those businesses who sign up for the event. She said she is aware they need a picnic license from the city to serve the samplings. She said it is from 5:00 pm to 8:00 pm, on Friday, June 21. She said they have 10 businesses interested and will know by Thursday who will be doing it. She said the tasting will be done inside the businesses. Zuhlke said they are trying to promote what we have in Fox Lake. The Mayor said good and that years ago the side street was closed and they had music downtown. Zilewicz asked if it's the same type of event

at two different times. Zuhlke said yes. Hartzheim said it was a good idea, as he attended the one in Randolph recently and thought it was good.

### **Operator, cigarette, Class A and B licenses**

The clerk said at the June council meeting they will be acting on operator, cigarette, Class A and Class B fermented malt beverage and intoxicating liquor applications.

### **Library minutes**

Ault said Anders is doing good with the summer reading program. He said the program has received 4 bikes to go with the program.

### **Council ID**

Mund said they got 3 quotes to do the embroidery on clothing and all were pretty close. He said since no funds were placed in this year's budget, they will requote closer to budget time. Mund said it is proposed the person would purchase the jacket, shirt, fleece, etc. and the city would pay for the embroidery. He said they are also looking at a plastic ID, that is a little larger than the one currently used by the city but are not ready to go on that.

With no other business to come before the committee of the whole, the meeting was adjourned at 7:30 p.m.