

**City of Fox Lake
Committee of the Whole Synopsis
May 17, 2017**

The May 17, 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 alderpersons John Mund, Dan Ault, Dennis Linke, Peter Hartzheim, Robert Jenswold and Tom Jahnke. Also attending were city clerk Susan Hollnagel, administrator Dean Perlick, public works superintendent Gene Huettner, police chief Jim Rohr, librarian Paula Torgeson and city attorney Steve Homan.

In the audience were Richard Quirk, Amanda Lutey of the Daily Citizen, Jason Johnson of Advanced Disposal, Kevin Haugen of WBEV, Harley Drays and Todd Ulrikson of Electronic Components and Services and Jason Laue of MSA.

Updates on Third Street and Mill Road projects

Huettner stated there wasn't anything happening with the Mill Road project. He said storm sewer installation is being held up by Centurylink. He said they have to move their fiber optics as they are located where the storm sewer is going. Laue said he was told the Centurylink line isn't active and they plan to pull it.

Trenton Street sidewalk information meeting

The Mayor said it was clear from the information meeting that the property owners on Trenton Street do not want sidewalk installed.

Water Dept. Sanitary inspections

Huettner said he had talked with Brad Ruenger, water/sewer superintendent, and that all of the recommendations made by the DNR have been taken care of.

Copper surcharges E.C.S.

The Mayor said the Fox Lake Wastewater Control Commission has been working hard with Electronic Components and Services to lower the amount of copper in their discharge water. He said ECS found a cracked pipe, under the building, and they believe that is the cause for the high copper readings.

Todd Ulrikson, of ECS, stated they have a contract with a company, who would be coming at the end of the month to slip line the broken pipe. Ulrikson said he received a call from the company and they would be able to come tomorrow, which was good news. He said they found the cracked pipe in April and since April 21, the pipe had a temporary fix and feels the copper count should be better. Ulrikson said the copper count was high in March and April but feels with the temporary, and soon to be permanent, repair, the readings should go down.

The Mayor suggested all the members of the Council go down to ECS and go through their building and see how their business runs. Ulrikson said he feels ECS has been a good citizen and neighbor and asked the Council to delay making a decision for a month to see what the copper count is after the repair. Jahnke said if it's fixed he could see putting this on hold for a month. The Mayor said they would wait a month and see what the readings are and discuss it at the June committee of the whole.

Water Lateral Replacement

Ault said all the council members got a letter from a resident on W. Cherry Street regarding the replacement of a lead water lateral and she was seeking help with the cost of the replacement. Mund asked if there are federal grants available for the city to apply for. The Mayor stated he had Jeff Thelen, of MSA, check for available federal grants and he found one that would cost about \$9,000 to complete the grant application. Ault asked if that's the only lead water lateral in the city. Huettner said he's sure there are more. Ault asked if they can tell it's a copper lateral from the hook up in the basement. The Mayor said no. He said he had heard if the house was built before 1955, it most likely has a lead lateral. He suggested when the water department goes into a home to replace a meter, they check to see if they can tell what is coming into the house. Huettner said he would let Ruenger know.

Sewer Lateral Replacement assessment

The Mayor said in previous street projects, residents who had to replace their sewer lateral were given an option of making three payments on it. He said they required to pay 1/3 of the bill down, 1/3 would be placed on the next two tax rolls. The clerk asked what the interest rate would be on the unpaid balance. The Mayor suggested it be 1% over the interest rate of the Local Government Pool Investment Fund. He said to put this on the June council meeting.

Sledding hill

Hartzheim said he had talked with Huettner and Huettner would take down a section of the third base line fence, since the fence is also damaged. He suggested trying the hill this winter and see how it goes. Linke said he had talked with the Fire Department and they would go along with it for a one year trial. Hartzheim said he had gotten the insurance policy and gave it to Perlick.

Dog Park

Jahnke said, a while back, the city had talked about putting a dog park along the creek, south of CTH P, with a cost of fencing around \$4,000 and nothing was done. He suggested using the little league diamond as it already has a fence around it. He said a gate would need to be installed so the guys could get the mower in to mow. He said there are a couple of openings around the fence and Huettner thought they could move the poles to make the fence flush. The Mayor said a downtown business owner would do fundraising and would help police the area herself. Jahnke said they had talked about planting grass where the sand infield is. Jenswold said we have the little league park and if we turn it into a dog park, what if a little league wants to start next spring. The Mayor suggested a trial basis for 2017. Hartzheim said when he was up marking the

sledding hill, there were 3 kids playing at the diamond and he would rather leave the little league diamond as is. The Mayor asked the clerk to place it on the June council meeting for a vote.

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Rohr stated contact had been made and appointments set, with the two property owners to inspect their property. He said he will be going forward with sending letters to property owners/residents who have junk, unlicensed vehicles on their property and buildings in disrepair. The Mayor said they have not received a response from the owners of 213 and 215 Weed Street, for inspections of the apartment buildings.

Municipal building sign

Linke said the municipal building sign had been knocked down and damaged by the spring wind storm and asked if that money could be used to purchase an electronic sign. Huettner said he gave the sign contractor the go ahead to create the signs. Huettner said 4 signs went down and the cost for the 4 to be replaced was around \$1,500. Hartzheim said the cost he had last fall, for an electronic sign, was \$12,000. Linke said it was just a thought.

Sale of property to Subway

Perlick said the title company wanted a resolution from the RDA authorizing them to sell the property to Subway and authorize the RDA chairman to sign the deed. He said he and city attorney Hannan worked to put it together. Hannan said the same person will sign both.

Operator, cigarette, Class A and Class B beer and liquor applications

The clerk said operator, cigarette, Class A and Class B beer and liquor license applications will be on the June 7 council agenda for approval.

Library

Torgeson said they have their book drop back and the Library Board is holding long range planning meetings.

Recycling/Garbage pickup bids

Perlick said the city's contract for garbage/recycling pickup expired May 31, 2017 so the city let bids. He said the city received two bids. He said one bid was from Waste Management, which gave a price of \$14.71 per month for weekly garbage and recycling pick up and \$12.46 per month for weekly garbage pickup and bi-weekly recycling pick up. He said Advanced Disposal's bid was \$12.54 for weekly garbage and recycling pick up and \$11.54 for weekly garbage pickup and bi-weekly recycling pick up. He said both would include a bulky pick up.

Jason Johnson, of Advanced Disposal, was there to explain their bid. He said they are the city's current provider and the city can expect the same service as now. He said he prepared pricing for a 5 year contract and a 10 year contract. He said if the city would go with the 10 year contract, Advanced would waive the second year price increase. Huettner asked about getting an extra cart for a property. Johnson said they can set it up and do all the billing for the extra recycling or garbage cart. Hartzheim asked why the drivers let stuff fly out of their truck and not stop or go back to pick it up. Johnson said they shouldn't, as they hold daily safety meetings and this is discussed almost every day. The Mayor said this would be placed on the June council agenda. Johnson asked if he should draft a one month contract extension.

Compost permit compliance application

Huettner stated the DNR was at the transfer site and burning pit to look at the area. He said they have started enforcing the composting requirements. He said the permit is \$500 but it may cost \$6,000 for MSA to do a layout to show where the compost pile will be and its' distance from the creek. The Mayor asked what the eta is? Huettner said they will keep in contact with the DNR and feels if they see we are moving forward, they will work with us. He said the burning pit area has to be moved and the compost pile has to be moved away from the creek. Ault said the city is paying for this but he sees lawn care contractors dump grass at the city's pile. He asked if there should be an annual fee for these contractors to dump their grass clippings, since he knows not all the clippings come from their work in the city. Huettner said he doesn't know how other cities handle this.

Repair cemetery headstones

Huettner said he had talked with the supervisor from the Burke Center about them helping repair the headstones in the cemetery and he was going to get a number back to him, which he has not received yet. Jenswold said he was told in some areas they take the busted flat headstones, dig out an area and lay the stone flat and then put cement around it, this way it can be mowed over. Linke said the lettering on the stone would disappear. Jenswold asked who pays for this.

Administrator's report

Perlick said the city received the \$300,000 grant for utilities and streets for the Leroy Meats site. He said they have signed the developer's agreement with Leroy. He said they have an accepted offer to purchase from Subway.

Perlick said the Karavan project has slowed down as they have to get an approved site plan to go around the archeological site.

Perlick said Global Tech will be closing on the purchase of the old Kolpin's building on June 15. He said Global Tech expects to add some employees once they get settled in.

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