

**City of Fox Lake**  
**Committee of the Whole Synopsis**  
**May 20, 2020**

The May 20, 2020 committee of the whole meeting was called to order by Mayor Tom Bednarek, following a special council meeting, in the community center. 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, police chief Jim Rohr and clerk Susan Hollnagel.

In the audience was Jenny Quirk and Marcy Benz.

**Purchase of fire truck**

Perlick stated the Fire Association would be purchasing a new fire truck (Pierce pumper) with delivery in 2021. He said the city's share of the cost is \$127,225.00. Perlick said the city would not be paying its' share in full, this year, as it is a non-budgeted item so there will a penalty for that. He said they would put money in the 2021 budget and have money when the truck is delivered. Linke said they shaved off quite a few things items and costs (\$57,000-) from the original cost. The Mayor said our percentage of the Fire Association costs have gone up because of our increased equalized valuation.

**Property maintenance**

Rohr said alderpersons Linke and Hartzheim had put together a list of properties that had abandoned vehicles and property or building maintenance issues. He said they have 50 residences that had either building code or city ordinance violations. Rohr stated letters will be going out to those properties with violations. He said the issue is there was not a bulky pickup or a city-wide garage sale, so people don't know where to go with their stuff. Rohr said they were talking about having a bulky drop off, down at the city garage, in middle June. Perlick said he is talking with Advance Disposal to have two dumpsters down at the city garage for June 13 and 20, with city staff working the hours. Rohr said he would be giving the building code violation list to Sue Leahy, city building inspector, to send those letters.

The Mayor said the drop off can be from 8:00 am to Noon on both days. Benz suggested the early hours on the first Saturday and have later hours on the second Saturday, like 1:00 pm to 4:00 p.m., so those that work in the morning can use it. Perlick said public works superintendent Huettner will work with Lonnn Walter, from Advanced Disposal, to get this set up.

Hartzheim asked Rohr if the letters to the properties in violation will have 30 days to clean up. Rohr said no, they will have 10 days to correct the violations and if they are not corrected, he will cite them. He said he will issue the citation and when they appear in court, and show they have cleaned up the property, the judge can dismiss the citation. Rohr said if it is not cleaned up, he will be issuing daily citations.

### **Aquatic center opening date/pool pass prices**

The Mayor said the resurfacing of the pool has not been done but Neuman Pools said they will have it done by June 23. He said that gives city employees time to shock the pool and get it ready for opening July 4. The Mayor said if they do not have the resurfacing done by June 23, Neuman Pools said they would do the shocking. He said the YMCA is committed to having lifeguards ready when we open. Hartzheim suggested the pool go with ½ of their capacity and do social distancing around the pool. Devitt said he had met with city attorneys, from our area, and no one knows how restrictive a city can be. He said the city should encourage but not necessarily require. Devitt said the Y is open for use but the locker rooms are not. He said WEDC has put out guidelines for this.

### **Season pool passes**

Perlick said season pool passes are \$75.00 for family and \$40.00 for individuals. He suggested adjusting the fees to \$50.00 for family and \$25.00 for individual, since the pool will not be open in June. Zilewicz asked how much the pool takes in annually. The Mayor said around \$40,000.00. Zilewicz suggested making it free. Ault suggested lowering the daily admission to \$3.00 per person. The Mayor said it's not a bad idea to have no season passes. He said this would be on the June agenda and by then we may have more information.

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

The above licenses will be on the June 3 agenda to be acted on by the Council.

### **Amend operator license ordinance**

Perlick asked the Council to consider amending the existing city ordinance dealing with issuing operator licenses. He said currently the Council approves them at the monthly council meetings, where a business may need a licensed operator right away. Perlick said the operator license applications would still be reviewed by the police chief, prior to issuance by the city clerk. Mund said it makes sense to amend the ordinance. The Mayor said the clerk would use the police chief's review, with felons being denied. The clerk said the first reading will be at the June 3 council meeting.

## **422 E. State St -Martin**

Hartzheim stated he had talked with Kathy Martin and she said they tried to get contractors in to work on the house but couldn't since COVID19 broke out. He said she asked for an extension on their agreement, with the city, to September 1 or October 1 to get the work done. Ault said he understands with the contractors. The Mayor said they have received one extension and want to now go to October 1. He said the city needs to get updates from the building inspector. Hartzheim said he will talk with them about the extension. Linke said he doesn't want this carrying on. Devitt said they would need to sign a new amendment to the original agreement. He said the current deadline was May 1. The Mayor said they need to set up an inspection now and then would consider extending the deadline to October 1. Devitt said there is a list of repairs and extending the deadline is fine. He said they will need to get lots done by October 1 and that's probably not going to happen. The Mayor said before extending the date, the Council needs to see an inspection report. Ault said on the last inspection report they needed to address the plumbing and electrical. Devitt said the city doesn't want to have to keep granting extensions. Perlick asked who pays for the inspections. Hartzheim said Martin's do. Devitt said the city pays for the recording the agreement and his time to draft it.

## **July 1 wage increase**

The Mayor said he would like to give a 50-cent pay increase to full time city employees (except police officers), starting July 1. He said he would also like the city administrator included in the 50-cent increase. The Mayor said he would like to give an additional 25 cents to the municipal court clerk/police secretary as the Village of Lomira will be joining the city's multi-jurisdictional court. Zilewicz asked if we have the money budgeted for it and are we where we should be. The Mayor said he had looked at Waupun's rates and we aren't even average. Zilewicz said there is no difference in plowing snow here or in Waupun. Perlick said they had discussed, at budget time, to do another 50 cents. He said they were considering a set amount for a wage increase instead of a percentage. The Mayor said this would be on the June council agenda.

With no other business to come before the committee of the whole, the meeting was closed at 7:20 p.m.