

City of Fox Lake
Committee of the Whole Synopsis
June 21, 2017

The June 21, 2017 committee of the whole meeting was called to order by Mayor Tom Bednarek, at 6:40 p.m., in the Council Chambers, following a special council meeting. Those in attendance were John Mund, Dan Ault, Dennis Linke, Peter Hartzheim, Robert Jenswold, and Tom Jahnke. Also attending were city attorney Steve Hannan, city administrator Dean Perlick, police chief Jim Rohr, public works superintendent Gene Huettner and city clerk Susan Hollnagel.

In the audience were Richard Quirk and Tanya Witthun.

Mill Road & Third Street projects

Huettner said they are installing storm sewer on Third Street and then should be paving. He said the project could do without the rain. He said nothing is happening with the Mill Road project. Huettner said they are working on the storm clean up and if the weather is good Thursday, they should finish up.

Sidewalk-Trenton Street

Huettner said he is not in favor of installing sidewalk on Trenton Street because he would have snow removal issues. Jenswold said he would like sidewalk. He said sooner or later someone is going to get hurt and with the DOT paying for a good portion of it, now is a good time to do it. Jahnke said no one at the public information meeting wanted sidewalk so how do you convince them. Hartzheim said the sidewalk is not totally free, the city will have to pay 20% of the costs and also move hydrants and anything else in the way. He said we should listen to the people on the street and not install sidewalk. The Mayor said this would be on the July council agenda.

J. Pollesch widen driveway

Huettner said Joshua Pollesch, 316 Third Street, would like to widen his driveway to 31 feet. He said city ordinance allows up to 24 feet wide, without Council approval. Hartzheim said he spoke with Pollesch and he would like a wider driveway to get his camper in and out. He said he would like to come straight out of his driveway with the camper. The Mayor said this would be on the July agenda.

Lift station #3 impellers

Perlick said the pumps at lift station #3 have been getting plugged and are running too much. He said utilities superintendent, Brad Ruenger, got an estimate of \$2985- to replace the impellers and he gave Ruenger the go ahead.

Copper surcharges – April & May 2017 (\$9,484.99)

The Mayor said they have talked about helping out ECS but can't forgive all of the copper surcharges from April and May. Mund suggested splitting the cost with them. He said ECS has been a good citizen and it would be nice to assist them. Jahnke asked how much help are we talking about. Jenswold suggested having the RDA pick up the difference. Mund asked Perlick to put this on the July RDA agenda.

Downtown pedestrian safety

Chief Rohr said he would like to purchase signs that are similar to Beaver Dam's that are located by Wayland Academy and Walgreen's. He said they have a strobe light that is activated when the crossing button is pushed. He said the cost would be around \$8,000 and said he may have extra dollars in his budget that can be used for the purchase of the lights. Jahnke asked where they would be placed. Rohr said where the current ones are. Hartzheim asked if the \$8,000 cost is for one or two lights. Rohr said he would have to check. Ault asked if they are wireless. Rohr said they have two types of units: one that is solar powered and one that is hard wired, with the hard wired the light is brighter. The Mayor asked about the accessibility of electricity. Rohr said one of the businesses had offered to send up a rep and get a quote. Ault asked if they could move the old system to the crosswalk by the bank. Huettner said he would check with Alliant Energy regarding electricity. The Mayor asked Rohr to get the rep here and for Huettner to talk with Alliant Energy. The Mayor said he has seen cars passing on the right, going around cars that are turning. Rohr said those are the close calls. Perlick said since this is on a state highway, he asked Jeff Thelen, of MSA, to see if there are any grant available.

Village of Brownsville join municipal court

Tanya Witthun, municipal court clerk, said she has been approached about the Village of Brownsville joining/using our municipal court to process their tickets. She said currently their tickets go to circuit court. She said there would be no cost to the city but their police department hasn't approached their Board about this yet. Witthun said if this goes through, Brownsville would sign a contract with the City and any upgrades or support required for TiPPS, would be paid by Brownsville. The Mayor asked Witthun to keep them informed and at this time, they don't have any objections.

W. Crocker Street Park

Linke said he has been approached by residents in his ward about replacing or adding to the playground equipment that is at the W. Crocker Street park. He told them it would get looked at at budget time. Linke said in order to get funds or grants, the project needs to be a walking trail or next to water. The Mayor said equipment for older kids is wanted and they would look at it during budget preparation.

Dog Park

Huettner said he got a price on the gates and fence for the dog park at \$1,750 and the business who gave the quote would donate closing up the openings. He said the dispenser unit is around \$250. The Mayor asked the buildings and parks committee, Jahnke, Line and Hartzheim, to meet to prepare

the rules for the dog park. He suggested contacting Marcy Benz to attend since she is interested in the park.

Operator licenses

The clerk said operator license applications have been received for the period ending June 30, 2018 and would be on the July council agenda.

FLWCC bill review-Baker Tilly cost

The Mayor said he had received an estimate of \$6,000 to \$8,000 , from Baker Tilly, the city's auditing firm, to review the FLWCC billing. He said when Baker Tilly did the city's audit, it appeared FLWCC had sent some double billings. Hollnagel stated the billing error was not done by the city, but by the FLWCC and feels FLWCC should pay for the bill review. The Mayor said they would be discussing this at the monthly meeting of the FLWCC.

Composting permitting

Perlick said he had talked with Jason Laue, of MSA, to get an estimate on what they would charge to put the composting application together for the DNR. He said their estimate was \$6,000. Perlick said he feels Huettner and himself can do the application and don't need a consultant. Huettner said they would be contacting the DNR representative Perlick talked with to get the ball rolling. Perlick said there is a fee but that won't be needed until the application is complete and submitted.

Administrator's update

Perlick said the archeological survey, of the Hoekstra property, did not find any burials but did find artifacts. He said they would be doing a phase three level survey but did give the go ahead with the project. He said the city can sell the property to Leroy Meats and Subway. The Mayor said the closing would be on July 5 followed by the bid opening.

Perlick said he visited with the owners of Global Tech today and they would be moving in on Friday. Mund said he had stopped over there also.

Perlick said all approvals are in place for the Karavan project so our part is done.

Perlick said an agreement, with Paul and Debbie Studtmann, had been prepared to share the cost of extending the utilities, in exchange for X amount of valuation (construction), within two years. He said if Studtmann doesn't meet the valuation level, Studtmann would owe the balance of the cost of extending the utilities.

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

