

City of Fox Lake
Committee of the Whole Synopsis
June 21, 2023

The June 21, 2023 committee of the whole meeting was called to order by Mayor Tom Bednarek, at 6:30 p.m. In attendance were alderpersons Marcy Benz, Bruce Harned, Peter Hartzheim, Dennis Linke and John Mund. Dan Ault was absent. Also attending were City Attorney Mike Devitt, City Administrator Kelly Crombie, Librarian Erin Anders, DPW Superintendent Geno Huettner and City Clerk-Treasurer Jenny Quirk.

A proclamation was read and presented to Tom Jahnke honoring him for his 54 years of service as a local school bus driver, his years of service as Alderperson and his years of service on the Fire Department and EMS.

Public Works:

Water/sewer utilities:

Fire/Police:

City Administrator:

- Discussion of City DPW snow operations in downtown business district: Discussion on whether to continue with the historical process of snow removal in the downtown business district. Members of Annunciated Church and the American Legion spoke to the council asking for the process to remain the same. The majority of the council wanted to leave the process in place as it has been.
- Discussion of solicitation of proposals for garbage and recycling services: Discussion on the draft of requests for proposals to new potential waste haulers.
- Discussion of short-term tourist rooming houses ordinance: The planning commission has recommended adoption of the VRBO or short-term tourist rooming house ordinance. A draft of ordinance was provided for review.
- USDA Sewer debt: The City has received a letter from USDA stating that withing 90 days, they are asking that the City either refinance the debt issues or provide evidence that the City is unable to refinance this in the current market. Further research and efforts will be made to determine the best course of action.
- Discussion of July meeting dates. Council discussed holding the council and COW meeting on July 12, 2023 due to the week of the council meeting being a holiday week and scheduling conflicts the week of the COW.
- Administrator Crombie shared the City Administrator Report with the council.

Building & Parks:

License & Finance:

Personnel:

Library:

- Librarian Anders shared the Library Board minutes from the last meeting. Also note that the state park pass is available for check out. They are working on getting additional passes in the future.

Audit & Review:

Cemetery, recycling & transfer station:

With no other business to come before the committee of the whole, the meeting was adjourned at 7:18 p.m.