

REVISED MINUTES OF TOWER LAKES
BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING

Date: May 21, 2001

Location: Village Office

Time: 7:10 p.m.

PLEDGE: Trustee Kuskowski called the meeting to order and led the Pledge of Allegiance. Sign in sheet circulated.

1. ROLL CALL: Present: Trustees Aitken, Heagarty, Filippell, Parro, Kuskowski, Village Clerk Leitner. Absent: Trustee Cantieri. Also in attendance: Judge Sara Lessman, Village Treasurer Brian Gidley.

2. ADMINISTER OATH OF OFFICE: Judge Sara Lessman administered the Oath of Office to newly elected Trustee Kent Adams and newly elected President Len Kuskowski. President Kuskowski immediately sought the approval of the Board to appoint Mike Filippell to fulfill the remainder of Pres. Kuskowski's Trustee position; the Board gave its consent. Judge Sara Lessman then swore-in Trustee Filippell

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Motion by Trustee Parro to approve the April Village Board Meeting as amended, seconded by Trustee Heagarty and followed by a Roll Call vote: AYES: Trustees Heagarty, Parro, Filippell, Aitken, Adams. NAYES: None. ABSENT: Trustee Cantieri.

4. PUBLIC COMMENTS: (i) TLIA President Dave Burnidge and TLIA Legal Committee Chairman Russ Matthias informed the Village Board that, in response to the Bays Place Hold Harmless Agreement entered into between the Village and TLIA, TLIA named the Village as additional insured on its insurance policy. Doing so did not cost the Association any additional premium. The Association asks the Village to name TLIA to the Village's insurance. The rationale is that if one party is sued, it is likely that the other party will be also, and since it does not require additional premiums, it should be done. Barb Kolasinski, North Lake resident and insurance professional, also spoke in support of TLIA's position. President Kuskowski will discuss with the Village Attorney and the Village's insurance carrier.

(ii) Paul Kliment, 112 South Hills Drive, thanked the Village for its excellent drain work in South Hills. He asked when the landscaping

would be done. President Kuskowski explained that it would be done next. No concrete will be used, just grading. Andy Stepanek will be doing the work. Mr. Kliment did not like his work last time; President Kuskowski will be sure to direct that enough topsoil be used this time.

(iii) Jerry Metzl, Gateway Drive, has trouble with the sand/gravel edging put down last year washing into his yard and hardening like cement, so that he can't mow his lawn. He can't rake it out, and it is ruining his lawn. What will the Village do about it? Also, what will the Village do about the perpetually wet area by Gateway and Edwards Drive? President Kuskowski will look into it.

(iv) Larry Gold, Pebble Creek noted that the ATT cable broke during the winter, and since ATT could not dig a new trench then, the new cable was laid on the ground. Mr. Gold has called ATT to dig the trench this spring, but was told ATT does not have money to do so. The ATT service rep came and **affixed the cable to the street sign** instead. Mr. Gold has offered to privately pay for the trenching, which lays in his yard, but wanted to make an official complaint. Trustee Parro urges all residents to notify the Village of problems with utilities so that the Village is aware of them when it's time for contract negotiations.

(v) All the gaslights are out in CCE. Dick Lathan, the Village's subcontractor on gaslights, is aware of the problem, and will tend to it as soon as he is finished supervising the installation of the new TLIA path.

5. WATER SYSTEM REPORT: Monthly Production Report available in the office. Our use of 90,000-100,000 gallons per day is on track. There is a signed 5-year operation and management agreement on file in the Village between the Village and Consumers Illinois Water.

DCCA Grant: President Kuskowski requested and received a one-year extension on the deadline for using the full \$250,000. The Tomahawk/Esther Drive work under this grant is now complete—only landscaping is left. It cost @ \$45,000. Trustee Heagarty said this street should be the first to be repaved. The refurbishment of Well house 1 will cost about \$100,000 and will commence June 4, 2001. It is our primary backup well, so it is important to make these repairs. Well 2 will be capped and be out of service. President Kuskowski will revise the chart of expenditures for the \$250,000 DCCA Grant in light of the extension.

6. PLAN COMMISSION: There was no quorum for the Plan Commission meeting and public hearing on the definition of "Church" held on April 30, 2001 at the Village Hall, so it has been rescheduled

for June 4, 2001.

Work continues on the Comprehensive Plan. The Commission hopes to have a draft ready for circulation soon.

Lake County Regional Framework Plan ("RFP"): no update since last meeting.

7. ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS: Chairman Larry Gold reported on the meeting held May 16, 2001 to review variance request of Ray and Barb Kolasinski, Circle Drive. The ZBA recommends the Village grant the Kolasinski's request for a 6.6-foot front yard setback so that they may build a portico over their front step, and extend a screen porch from it to the existing side yard screen porch. Trustee Aitken made a motion to accept the ZBA's recommendation and to approve an ordinance reflecting same, seconded by Trustee Heagarty and followed by a Roll Call vote: AYES: Trustees Heagarty, Parro, Filippell, Aitken, Adams. NAYES: None. ABSENT: Trustee Cantieri.

8. BUILDING AND ZONING: Monthly Report: no report. President Kuskowski will follow up on the complaint about the Groh trailers.

Flagpole lights donated by resident John Featherstone. They will be installed in two weeks.

9. TREASURER'S REPORT: Brian Gidley, Village Treasurer presented a new report by vendor, as well as a custom summary report, explaining the assignment of account numbers and splits. He suggests using this format going forward. Treasurer Gidley asked that the Trustees examine the new format for necessary changes. Trustee Parro asked Treasurer Gidley for an explanation of each category. Treas. Gidley explained that he has been able to input one of the past twelve month's disbursements, anticipating that it will take over 350 hours to complete all twelve months. Treasurer Gidley noted that both the ILL Depts of Revenue and Transportation would be in next week to audit the Village. Trustee Filippell thanked Treasurer Gidley and Office Manager Debbie Baggett for their huge efforts toward installing the new accounting software and creating the new reports. It was suggested that Treasurer Gidley get these reports to the Trustees for review prior to each month's meeting. DCCA Grant: see Water System Report.

Review of the monthly bills. Motion to approve the Treasurer's Report and monthly bills made by Trustee Heagarty, seconded by Trustee

Filippell, and followed by a roll call vote. **VOTE:** AYES: Trustees Heagarty, Parro, Filippell, Aitken, Adams. NAYES: None. ABSENT: Trustee Cantieri.

10. FINANCE REPORT: The Finance Committee met Friday, May 18, 2001. Trustee Filippell explained the projections in the Budget. He pointed out that figures from one column to the next might not match as some columns reflect annual projections and some columns include figures to date. Motion to approve the 2001-2002 Budget made by Trustee Aitken, seconded by Trustee Heagarty, and followed by a roll call vote.

VOTE: AYES: Trustees Heagarty, Parro, Filippell, Aitken, Adams. NAYES: None. ABSENT: Trustee Cantieri.

11. POLICE REPORT: Monthly Police Report: Trustee Aitken reviewed the monthly Police Activity Report, which is on file at the Village Office.

Discussion of Ordinance authorizing the Sale of Personal Property owned by the Village of Tower Lakes: municipal vehicles must be sold at open bid. Motion to pass the Ordinance authorizing the Sale of Personal Property owned by the Village of Tower Lakes made by Trustee Aitken, seconded by Trustee Filippell, and followed by a roll call vote. **VOTE:** AYES: Trustees Heagarty, Parro, Filippell, Aitken, Adams. NAYES: None. ABSENT: Trustee Cantieri.

12. STORM WATER MANAGEMENT: No report.

13. ROADS: President Kuskowski reported that the Village received a FEMA rebate from Cuba Township of @ \$2,500. Trustee Aitken reported that road sweeping occurred as scheduled. B&B was the successful bidder—third year in a row.

Trustee Heagarty mentioned that TLIA had received a bill for landscaping on Bays Place. He recalled that the Village agreed to split the cost of landscaping there. Examination of the Bays Place Resolution revealed no such agreement. Still, as a good faith gesture, President Kuskowski agreed to entertain a motion to contribute to the cost of landscaping there. Motion by Trustee Heagarty to contribute \$500 to TLIA towards the cost of landscaping at Bays Place, seconded by Trustee Aitken, and followed by a roll call vote. **VOTE:** AYES: Trustees Heagarty, Parro, Filippell, Aitken, Adams. NAYES: None. ABSENT: Trustee Cantieri.

14. HEALTH AND SANITATION: no report.

15. UTILITIES: Ameritech complaint- Circle Drive resident said that co. took over 6 months to install a second phone line. Ameritech blamed the Village for not signing and returning a required permit. Trustee Parro said the permit was signed; will follow up to make sure it was mailed. **ATT** complaint-resident on Abbott complained about a 5-day response time. **ComEd**—the Village experienced a 4-hour power outage on May 1, 2001. **Consumers**—ELSD resident reported a water main leak, and requested improvements to address frequent breaks there.

16. URBAN FORESTRY: Brush pick-up has been completed. The Village will not pick up the residual piles left after TLIA Lake Clean-Up. TLIA Pres. Burnidge will coordinate TLIA volunteers to pick up and discard.

President Kuskowski reported that former resident Bill Fitzpatrick acted in his stead for the Arbor Day Proclamation on April 27 with Rich Bergland, the Village Arborist. Also in attendance were Karen Yancey with her Daisy troop, and Mary Merkle with her Cub Scout troop. Two trees, mulch and planting at Indian Trail & Rte 59 were donated by Hendricksen Trees.

Trustee Parro asked about the dead Elm Tree along Roberts Rd, in the state right-of-way. Trustee Parro is concerned that the Beetle which spreads Dutch Elm disease breeds in dead Elms, and since the Village has lost so many Elms in the last couple of years—and that tree has been dead for at least two years—something should be done soon about that tree so the Village doesn't lose more trees. President Kuskowski said the State would take down trees in conjunction with its repaving program, now working its way north on Rte 59 from Miller Rd.

17. OLD BUSINESS:

Vondrak Easement: no action. Still looking for surveyor to complete survey. Does Baxter and Woodman have one?

Codification: Village Clerk Leitner to contact Sterling Codifiers to proceed with work for this fiscal year. Pres Kuskowski said that Village Attorney Bateman has many ordinances on disc, but someone has to review them to be certain they are the actually passed ordinances.

Barclay Woods: Baxter and Woodman plans discussed. Access discussed.

Two state bills-one opposing bicycle paths, one opposing closed municipal meetings –did not pass.

Kendricks wall-on ELSD- Fields of Green is to provide a quote for fixing. Gerry Meese had provided a quote for fixing Pillar at WLS. Crasher's insurance will cover it. Since brick can't be matched, both pillars will be replaced. Signs to be saved by Trustee Adams.

19. NEW BUSINESS: Appointments.

Plan Commission--Dorothy Hawkes, Chair; Barb Kolasinski; Terri Niehoff; Randy Spiess; Karen Yancey; and Greg Valicka (who will succeed Dorothy when she moves).

Member Mike Rigali resigned to assume his elected position on the Village Board of Trustees. The Plan Commission still needs one member. Pres Kuskowski seeking suggestions.

Zoning Board of Appeals—will remain the same. Grant Stewart has been appointed to the Board; Kent Adams needs to resign. Still needs one more member. Pres Kuskowski seeking suggestions.

Standing Committees:

Budget and Finance: Trs. Filippell, Parro and Aitken

Planning, Building & Zoning: Trs. Cantieri, Rigali and Filippell

Police, Public Safety and Emergency: Trs. Aitken, Filippell and Adams

Roads: Trs. Parro, Aitken and Adams

Utilities and Urban Forestry: Trs. Adams, Cantieri and Rigali

Storm Water and Health & Sanitation: Trs. Rigali, Cantieri and Parro

Garage: Chief Sinacore seeks improvements to the Village garage costing @ \$1,000.00 to screen garbage cans. Motion by Trustee Heagarty to pay for landscaping up to \$1,000.00 for use in screening the garbage cans on the side of the Village Hall, seconded by Trustee Aitken, and followed by a roll call vote. **VOTE:** AYES: Trustees Heagarty, Parro, Filippell, Aitken, Adams. NAYES: None. ABSENT: Trustee Cantieri. Improvements up to \$1,000 approved.

Barrington Oaks Three: CE Design plans to build 4 houses around the cul-de-sac- next to the creek. Plan Commission has shared the plans with the Village Attorney since Village sign-off is required. Plans available in the office. Village Attorney sent responsive letter. If

Village denies the plan, CE Design can seek override approval from the County. Examination of the Plan seems to indicate that there is inadequate buffer between the developable property and the wetlands. Lake County working to protect scattered wetlands.

Trustee Aitken suggests Village move ahead with Vehicle Sticker applications ASAP. Village Clerk to handle.

Trustee Parro will order business cards for new positions. New name plaques required also. Village Clerk Leitner will obtain.

Trustee Parro seeks reimbursement /longterm solution for payment of internet provider.

Trustee Parro still seeks info on Census. He will find out how military and students were counted ten years ago. Village Clerk Leitner to find out how to challenge Census count.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

At 9:35 pm., Trustee Parro made a motion to move into Executive Session to discuss personnel matters, seconded by Trustee Heagarty and followed by unanimous voice vote. At 9:45 pm Trustee Parro made a motion to adjourn the Executive Session and move back into the Board meeting; seconded by Trustee Aitken and followed by unanimous voice vote.

MEETING ADJOURNED: At 9:50 pm, motion by Trustee Heagarty to adjourn the Board meeting seconded by Trustee Adams and followed by unanimous voice vote.

Respectfully Submitted,

Kathleen Leitner
Village Clerk
05-22-01

