

MINUTES OF TOWER LAKES  
BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING

Date: January 20, 2003

Location: Village Office

Time: 7:38 pm

**ROLL CALL:** Present: Trustees Adams, Aitken, Gidley, Cantieri, Rigali, Parro, and Village Clerk Leitner. Also in attendance: Dorothy Pratt, Deputy Village Clerk and newsletter correspondent. Absent: President Kuskowski.

**1. PLEDGE:** Acting President Pro-Tem Aitken called the meeting to order and led the Pledge of Allegiance. Sign in sheet circulated.

**2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:** Motion was made by Trustee Parro and seconded by Trustee Gidley to approve the minutes of the December 16, 2002 with corrections, and followed by a voice vote. Abstain: Rigali. Tr Parro motion to approve seconded by Tr Adams with date amended, All ayes with abstention by Rigali.

**3. PLAN COMMISSION:** Chairman Valicka reported on the Plan Commission December meeting. Quorum present. Work divided into three teams: (1) Outbuildings: proposed language presented to the Village Board; (2) home business permits; and (3) zoning restrictions, specifically re teardowns, are being worked on. Estimate for Comprehensive Plan publication 30 pages with two color inserts 100 copies two prices presented to Village Board. Pres Kuskowski presented a fourth item for Plan Commission consideration—Vignocchi landscaping's request to annex to Wauconda. Seek caveats to protect Tower Lakes interests. Tr Aitken asked what the objective of the Comprehensive Plan publication—100 isn't enough for the community, but having some available. Tr Gidley noted that we are supposed to have on hand enough for residents, and noted that other interested parties can pay for a copy. He also seeks a further price break so the Village Board has that information and can decide how many copies to have printed, if any. Post it on the website, and note that in the newsletter, and see how many requests come in.

**4. ZBA:** No report.

**5. BUILDING AND ZONING: *Independent Inspections Meeting Update***- Trustees Cantieri and Gidley and President Kuskowski met last month with Jeff Stallker, Independent Inspections with a list of points to cover. Tr Cantieri received a written response in time for Village's Jan mtg. Tr Cantieri noted positive responses by Stallker, who acknowledges that changes need to be made. Another meeting with Stallker and B&Z committee will be set up. Trs Cantieri and Gidley will be overseeing all permit sign-offs. Hopefully, this will clear up our procedural issues. Villlage Attorney Bateman was consulted re Stallker's concern with following Village ordinances over national

ordinances. Bateman's opinion is that Village ordinance language might be redrafted to correct this. Requires that Village apply to Illinois Building Commission thirty days prior to enacting the changing ordinance. Discussion ensued. B&Z committee meeting may be held to discuss further. Looking at the first Monday in February at 6:00pm. Vote delayed to February meeting. Fee structure agreed upon, and a request will be made to Village Bateman to request fee structure change from IBC.

**Ordinance Violations**-none reported.

**Permits**-none issued this month.

*(Tr Adams departed the meeting at 8:35pm)*

**Liberio's letter:** RE: flooding from a heavy rain in September-first time ever they have had a flooding problem. They attribute it to the dirt pile installed on the Gray development next door. Grading suggests a berm between Liberio's and Gray's. Tr Parro recalled that an engineering plan was approved, so is it being followed? Gray told Liberios that drain tiles and additional work—but not swales—has been done in accordance with the filed plan. Gray's second permit expires in April, 2003. Tr Cantieri will followup on this matter with Baxter and Woodman and Pres Kuskowski and Mr. Gray and the Liberio's.

**6. TREASURER'S REPORT AND FINANCE REPORT:** Acting Treas Gidley distributed the monthly expenditures summary, including Barclay's Woods piece, profit and loss statement, YTD budget expenditures. Time to work on next year's budget. Notables: Prop taxes: higher, though the State tax is lower. Other income and reimbursables are one time events. Water system fiscal year runs from Jan-Dec. Tres Gidley noted that the management contract fees are down from last year—it seems the Village does not have all bills in yet. Don't expect more income this fiscal year; so long as no expenses come in, the Village budget will not be thrown off.

**Monthly Bills:** *Motion* to approve the bills was made by Trustee Gidley and seconded by Trustee Cantieri, and followed by a Roll Call vote: **VOTE:** AYES: Trustees Parro, Gidley, Rigali, Aitken, Cantieri. Absent: Kuskowski, Adams.

**8. POLICE REPORT:** *Monthly Activities Report*-Tr Aitken presented the 661 monthly activities report, on file at the Village office.

**9. STORM WATER MANAGEMENT:** No report.

**10. ROADS:** Tr Parro reported- vehicle stickers: the one outstanding nonpayer has paid. One stolen traffic control sign on ELSD. Tr Parro has received resident complaints on too much salt; he has discussed with Cuba Township.

**11. HEALTH AND SANITATION:** Tr Rigali reported opportunity to attend SWALCO focus groups in February to assist in planning and promoting their programs.

**12. UTILITIES:**

- **Water System** Tr Adams noted that no report is in.

- ***JULIE Resolution***-Tr Adams reports continued work on this resolution's requirements.

**13. URBAN FORESTRY:** No report.

**14. BACOG REPORT:** Tr Parro—has attended two BAGIS meetings. BACOG is pursuing cost cutting measures for the next GIS update.

**15. OLD BUSINESS:** No Report.

**16. NEW BUSINESS:**

- Correspondent Pratt requests dissemination and publication of available trustee positions up for election.
- Acting Treas Gidley reminds all trustees to review the Annual Report and other reports with next year's budget planning in mind; specifically the water system. Question to consider: does the Village begin building a reserve for the water system's benefit? County real estate tax increase-most of that is under appeal.

**MEETING ADJOURNED:** Motion to adjourn the Village Board meeting at 9:46 pm made by Trustee Cantieri, seconded by Trustee Rigali and followed by unanimous voice vote.

Respectfully Submitted,

Kathleen Leitner  
Village Clerk  
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