

MINUTES OF TOWER LAKES  
BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING

Date: February 17, 2003

Location: Village Office

Time: 7:38 pm

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

**1. PLEDGE:** President Kuskowski 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 January 20, 2003 and followed by a voice vote.

**3. TLIA Presentation: ‘Clearwater Revival’** a grass roots effort by a group of concerned citizens distributed an introduction of its plans to the Village Board members, for their information. Plans to make a presentation to the Board are postponed.

**4. PLAN COMMISSION:** Plan Commission member Barbara Kolasinski reported on the Plan Commission’s public hearing concerning Vignocchi Landscape’s request for annexation to Wauconda. Presently, Vignocchi falls within Tower Lakes’ purview under the intergovernmental agreement, and requires TL approval to transfer to Wauconda zoning. Mr. Vignocchi wants to rezone his property from residential to agricultural, allowing him to expand his facilities. Currently, this property falls under Lake County zoning requirements, which are stricter than Wauconda’s. The Plan Commission recommended keeping the boundary as it is. The Village Board deferred voting on the Plan Commission’s recommendation to a future meeting. Ms. Kolasinski also distributed language proposed by the Plan Commission to replace the Zoning Ordinance language concerning the definition of ‘Outbuildings’ and Home Occupations.

**5. ZBA:** No report.

**6. BUILDING AND ZONING:** Building permits on file at the Village office.

Village Code Amendments—In accordance with State requirements, Village Attorney Bateman has submitted proposed building fees and penalty schedule to the Illinois Building Commission for review and approval.

Motion to clarify language of proposed ordinance change made by Tr Parro and seconded by Tr Aitken and followed by a roll call vote.

Gray Home—Grays are now in the house under a temporary occupancy permit issued by

Independent Inspections. Tr Cantieri objects to this, and seeks a moratorium on issuance of temporary occupancy permits. The current permit expires April 1<sup>st</sup>. The Liberios next door have concerns with the drainage—it runs onto their property in a heavy rain. This situation did not occur prior to construction of the Gray home and the attendant rise in that property's grade. Motion to cease issuing temporary occupancy permits made by Tr Cantieri seconded by Tr Aitken and followed by a unanimous voice vote. The County requires plumbing, electrical, final grading and seeding. The Board will research specific requirements for issuance of final occupancy permits.

**7. and 8. TREASURER'S REPORT AND FINANCE REPORT:** Acting Treas Gidley distributed the monthly expenditures summary, profit and loss statement, YTD budget expenditures. The Finance Committee will meet to work on next year's budget. The State projects less income to the Village, but property taxes from the County will be up about 4%. Village must prepare the list of assets for this coming fiscal year, along with a depreciation schedule for the Water Company, the Village office and roads. Also need to build cash reserves and document transactions between the Village and the homeowner associations better.

**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, Aitken, Cantieri. Absent: Rigali, Adams.

**9. POLICE REPORT:** *Monthly Activities Report*-Tr Aitken presented the 570 monthly activities report, on file at the Village office.

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

**11. ROADS:** Tr Parro reported-Cuba Township will replace some signs along Indian Trail Road. Baxter and Woodman map revisions are posted on the interior door at the Village office. Tr Parro will discuss status of entrance lights at West Lake Shore Drive with Dick Lathan

**12. HEALTH AND SANITATION:**

Waste Management Fee Change: Increase in cost of 24 cents per month per home for Waste Management contract requested, due to an omission from the original contract. The increase will not be back dated. Motion made by Tr Gidley, seconded by Tr Aitken and followed by a roll call vote: **VOTE:** AYES: Trustees Parro, Gidley, Aitken, Cantieri. Absent: Rigali, Adams.

**13. UTILITIES:**

- **Water System** Pres Kuskowski reported that the water usage is normal at 122,000 gallons per day. Tr Gidley has yet to receive any documentation from the water company regarding the sale of water to an outside builder from the hydrant off Roberts Road. The Village will investigate the recent line break along Murray Lane, near Yancey's house.

**14. URBAN FORESTRY:** No report.

**15. BACOG REPORT:** BACOG has prepared its position paper regarding its stance on support for the Route 53 extension; ground water protection; and legislation regulating disannexation, and the Board supported their legislative platform.

**16. PUBLIC COMMENTS:** No comments.

**17. OLD BUSINESS:** No Report.

**18. NEW BUSINESS:**

Add Gray property to the SSA roster and be sure they are on the list for garbage pick-up.

**MEETING ADJOURNED:** Motion to adjourn the Village Board meeting made by Trustee Cantieri, seconded by Trustee Parro and followed by unanimous voice vote.

Respectfully Submitted,

Kathleen Leitner  
Village Clerk  
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