

MINUTES OF TOWER LAKES
BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING

Date: August 18, 2003

Location: Village Office

Time: 7:40 pm

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

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

2. APPOINTMENT OF NEW TRUSTEE-TOM FITZGIBBONS

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES: **Motion** was made by Trustee Parro and seconded by Trustee Gidley to approve the minutes of the July 21, 2003 as amended and followed by a voice vote. AYES: Trustees Adams, Gidley, Parro. ABSTAIN: Tr Fitzgibbons.

TIM LEICHT PRESENTATION: Tim Leicht, Leicht Auto, located at Rte 59 and Ivanhoe Rd would like to install a gas station, convenience store and car wash at this unincorporated Lake County location, and seeks Tower Lakes support. His plan includes a German-made 100% recycled car wash, which performs the complete service within closed doors; a convenience store designed to blend into the environment and features low noise, good landscaping with lighting designed to be unobtrusive to the adjacent neighbors.

Mr Leicht hired Marcus Engineering to perform a traffic study; IDOT also performed one. Both studies observed the same level of service. Mr Leicht showed his drawings and maps of expected traffic flow into the site, which indicates sufficient room for tanker truck turnaround. Lake County comments are or have been addressed and IDOT will add a turn lane. Lake County does not require Mr Leicht to obtain a variance for either the tanker trucks or location of buildings.

Lake County is allowing him only one 6ft by 6ft sign by the road with a 3ft sign on the building plus two 24 inch signs on canopies.

This business has been a gas station sight since 1950, and Mr Leicht originally ran it as a gas station until his service business took over. He has been at this location for 19 years, servicing many in Tower Lakes. He will drill a new well with a new septic field; therefore the site doesn't require sewer and water from Wauconda, and he is not pushing for annexation there. In fact, the Village of Wauconda has passed a resolution against his development.

Pres Kuskowski sought comments from Board—Tr Parro would like to have a full Board review prior to responding. Mr Leicht will prepare copies for all Board members for response at next month's meeting. Tr Gidley seeks a comparison with the Long Range Plan of Tower Lakes and seeks input from the Plan Commission. Tr Parro thinks, in any case, any Tower Lakes resolution should be non-committal.

4. PLAN COMMISSION: No Report. Trs Parro and Gidley to review NIPC profile of Tower Lakes.

5. PUBLIC COMMENTS: Barb Loeffler— came to notify the Village of her Japanese beetle problem. Tr Adams will consult with the Village Arborist on appropriate procedure.

6. ZBA: No Report.

7. BUILDING AND ZONING: Tr Fitzgibbons reported--

Building permits- 2 permits on file at the Village office.

Ordinance Violations-na.

Outbuilding Discussion- former Tr Cantieri's request to the Village Attorney to prepare an outbuilding ordinance was deferred until full board review is possible.

8. and 9. TREASURER'S REPORT AND FINANCE REPORT: Acting Treas Gidley distributed the transaction list by vendor and the monthly expenditures summary, profit and loss statement, YTD budget expenditures. Large Garbage Bills this month due to a two month accumulation. The Board has yet to start setting aside amounts for funding accounts, but otherwise the P/L is in good shape, year-to-date. So far, no state response to Tower Lakes' request to transfer funds from the state MFT account. Tower Lakes is still receiving bills from Independent Inspections. Tr Gidley plans to hold a Finance Committee meeting with recommendations to Board following set for Sept 2, 2003 at 7:30pm.

Monthly Bills: Motion to approve and pay the bills was made by Trustee Gidley and seconded by Trustee Fitzgibbons, and followed by a Roll Call vote: **VOTE:** AYES: Trustees Adams, Fitzgibbons, Parro, Gidley. **Motion** to approve and pay the Sabatello Tree Care bill for stump removal, storm damage clean-up and grinding at 8 locations, totaling \$3900.00 was made by Trustee Gidley and seconded by Trustee Parro and followed by a Roll Call vote: **VOTE:** AYES: Trustees, Adams, Fitzgibbons, Parro, Gidley.

Vehicle Stickers: as of 8/12, 40-50 residents have not paid their vehicle stickers.

[Tr Rigali entered at 8:40pm]

10. POLICE REPORT: report on file at the office.

11. STORM WATER MANAGEMENT: Tr Rigali reported on the storm water repair project at Beneovich's property. Tr Rigali spoke with John Johnson on the updated Tower Lakes map. Tr Gidley reported standing water on WLSD near his house.

12. ROADS: Tr Parro reported the Village spent \$4000.00 on diseased tree removal. New resident on White Tail Trail wants speed limit on Indian Trail reduced to 25mph and circulated petition all around. Cuba Township's Tom Gooch sought a traffic study, but Lake County will not perform one. Lake County does not consider this a candidate for speed reduction. It is a collector street, so county wants traffic to move on it. Tower Lakes own radar trailer does not indicate excessive speeds; neither does Cuba Township's. Tr Parro will consider a "SLOW" sign.

Overweight Vehicle Permit Ordinance—Debra Baggett, the Village office manager, suggests altering the Village policy on multi-vehicle contracts re batch permitting. This should include a blanket project permit- to be reviewed next month.

13. HEALTH AND SANITATION: Tr Rigali reported-
Clarke—recently sprayed. They keep in touch with Tr Rigali regarding program.
SWALCO- No report.

14. UTILITIES: Tr Adams reported-

Gas Lights-Tr Adams is working with the utility for a different way to bill for gas light usage. The fee was estimated, now significantly increased. With no meter on the lights, there is a question as to how the rate calculated. Tr Adams will pursue a way to track estimate usage.

JULIE- The Village is also seeking a different way to be charged by JULIE. Bills under review by ComEd.

Water System Report-water consumption up as is usual in the summer.

Comcast—started work and have sent in a bunch of permits. Where there are telephone lines, they will hang line. Otherwise it will be trenched. Look at franchise agreement. This line should be buried where existing line is buried.

15. URBAN FORESTRY-No Report.

16. BACOG REPORT: No Report.

17. OLD BUSINESS: Pres Kuskowski reports-

Vignocchi Project- Tower Lakes' Board want to protect project's adjacent neighbors by adding a covenant preventing residential zoning for 20 or 30 years; Vignocchi will agree to only 7 years.

18. NEW BUSINESS: Pres Kuskowski reports-

Wauconda EPA Permit requesting increased treated sewage outflow into Fiddle Creek hearing Sept 9, 2003.

David Duke Memorial sent to the American Cancer Society.

Barrington Memorial Park Dedication-Tower Lakes paid for a memorial brick to be installed there.

Water Dept Repair/ Landscape at Kubala's driveway and in front of Tr Parro's house.

MEETING ADJOURNED: Motion to adjourn the Village Board meeting made at 9:15pm by Tr Rigali, seconded by Tr Parro and followed by a unanimous voice vote.

Respectfully Submitted,

Kathleen Leitner
Village Clerk
08-11-03

