

REVISED MINUTES OF TOWER LAKES  
VILLAGE BOARD MINUTES

Date: October 20, 2003

Location: Village Office

Time: 7:30 pm

**1. PLEDGE AND SIGN IN:** President Kuskowski called the meeting to order and led the Pledge of Allegiance. Sign In Sheet Circulated.

**ROLL CALL: Present:** Village President Kuskowski, Trustees Parro. Fitzgibbons, Gidley. **Absent:** Adams, Rigali, Aitken (late).

**2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:** Minutes of the September 15, 2003 meeting were approved with corrections. Motion made by Tr Parro, seconded by Tr Fitzgibbons and followed by a unanimous voice vote.

**3. APPOINTMENT OF NEW TRUSTEE:** Pres Kuskowski announced the appointment of Rich Baggett as Trustee to replace Mike Rigali, who resigned as of today. All trustees concur with the appointment.

**4. PUBLIC COMMENTS:** Margaret Patronik distributed an update on leaf burning, particularly the health risks of residential burning, and referred to an air quality study in Lake County. She seeks to have the Village Board reconsider banning burning every year, and promote education of burning's ill-effects. Ms Patronik offers her assistance to promote non-burning. Other residents spoke against the Village's restricted leaf burning hours, one being an intensive care nurse who sees lots of people with respiratory problems—none of which are based on leaf burning issues. Dick Lathan requested expanding the spring hours into March.

**5. PLAN COMMISSION:** Pres Kuskowski is appointing two new members to the Plan Commission: Jeff Dehnert and Tom Kubala to replace two existing vacancies. All trustees concur with the appointment. Trustees Concurred.

**6. ZBA:** No report.

**7. BUILDING AND ZONING:** Tr Fitzgibbons introduced Building Inspector Cantieri, who reported on permits issued for September: on file in the office. Independent Inspections did not complete inspections assigned to them, and Tr Fitzgibbons would like Village Attorney Bateman to review the matter He asks Tr Gidley and B.I. Cantieri to pull together the necessary information and financials. B.I. Cantieri is at the Village office Thursday 830am –930am, and Saturday mornings for drop-ins.

**8. TREASURER'S REPORT:** Acting Treas Gidley distributed monthly bills statement, p/l and budget v actual. The Village is ahead of budget in terms of expenditures, due largely to state fund transfers that normally occur at the end of the year, but cash flows from state have moved sooner than normal. He asks trustees to review the Dam Snell and Traverne audit, particularly management letter. In short, the Village is in good shape, doing everything we can with the funds available. Acting Treas Gidley points out the NICOR gas bill of over \$300.00. We need to decide what we're going to do with the non-functioning gaslights in Country Club Estates, which seem to have no meter. The NICOR Franchise agreement needs to be examined. Acting Treas Gidley made a motion to approve the monthly bills as submitted, seconded by Tr Baggett, and follow by a roll call vote. **Vote:** Trs. Parro, Gidley, Fitzgibbons, Baggett.

**9. POLICE REPORT:** Distributed by Tr Aitken and on file at the Village office.  
**North Barrington/Lake Barrington Proposal:** Pres Kuskowski summarized a BACOG report including information from each member village regarding the services they provide, with an eye toward sharing services. Tower Lakes provides police protection which could be shared with North Barrington and Lake Barrington for less money than they are paying now. Those communities would receive better service and Tower Lakes would earn additional income. Tower Lakes is initiating this effort, and we don't know yet if those two villages are interested. Tr Gidley is in favor of approaching this idea; Police Chief Sinacore offers a great service that we should maximize. Tr Parro feels it is a good idea, and may actually offer Tower Lakes' citizens better coverage. Tr Aitken feels that much work needs to be done prior to making such a commitment and the matter needs to be investigated. He feels that such an effort would be a tremendous increase for our part-time police department in roads covered and population serviced. Tr Fitzgibbons not certain one way or the other, but feels that the matter definitely warrants further investigation. Tr Baggett agrees with gathering more information to determine whether this is something Tower Lakes should pursue.

**10. STORMWATER MANAGEMENT:** Retention Drainage Area being placed on Village property in connection with the new bike path. Requires stormwater/drainage restrictive covenant, in which Village agrees to maintain it as a drainage area; not plant trees, etc. Village Attorney Bateman has prepared the restrictive covenant. Motion made by Tr Gidley, seconded by Tr Parro, and followed by a voice vote. **Vote:** Fitzgibbons, Baggett, Gidley, Parro, Aitken.

**11. ROADS:** Tr Parro reported:

**Overweight Vehicle Permit Ordinance**—deferred to next month.

**Vehicle Stickers**—only 4 residents remain unpaid. All four of them have received their third and final notices. The Board has discussed shortening the fee-doubling window from 90 to 60 days. This requires a change in the ordinance as well as the corresponding forms. Tr Parro will ask VILLAGE ATTORNEY Bateman to amend.

**Brush Pickup**—Cuba Township helped us out with an early pickup, and scheduled pickup begins this week. Usually spend btwn 3500-5000 per pickup.

**IDOT MFT Funds-** IDOT is freeing up our \$25,000.00 out of MFT funds, pursuant to our motion of a couple of months ago.

**12. HEALTH AND SANITATION:**  
**SWALCO** – no report.

**13. UTILITIES:** Tr Adams not present, no report. Pres Kuskowski will follow up on Gas lights.

**14. URBAN FORESTRY:** The Village has received a list of concerns from the Village Arborist.

**15. BACOG:** Pres Kuskowski reported a BACOG resolution regarding the Wauconda Wastewater increase into Fox River—needs to meet state standards and does not affect surrounding water supplies.

**16. OLD BUSINESS:** Tr Fitzgibbons followed up on Indian Trail Road-- the road is dark and whether it's reducing the speed, installing an advisory speed sign, installing reflectors; he feels the Village should take action. He will work with Tr Parro to come up with a signage plan.

**17. NEW BUSINESS:** Tr Parro reported that the Lake County Comprehensive Plan update meeting will be held here at the TOWER LAKES office, two weeks from Wednesday.

**MEETING ADJOURNED:** 9:00 pm--Motion to adjourn the Village Board meeting made by Tr Aitken, seconded by Tr Fitzgibbons and followed by a unanimous voice vote.

Respectfully submitted,

Kathleen O'Neill Leitner  
Village Clerk

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