

VILLAGE OF TOWER LAKES BOARD MEETING

Date: January 15, 2007

Time: 7:35pm

Location: Village Hall

1) Roll Call, Pledge and Sign In: Attendance: Pres Gidley, Trustees Bolger, Parro, Fitzgibbons, Baggett, deVries (late), Building Inspector Cantieri, Village Clerk Leitner. Absent: Village Treasurer Rolfs.

2) Minutes Approval: Motion to approve the December minutes made by Tr Bolger, seconded by Tr Fitzgibbons and followed by a Voice vote: Ayes: Gidley, Bolger, Parro, Fitzgibbons, Baggett.

3) Police Report: Monthly activities report on file at the village office. Police public safety and emergency committee met: how to manage budget and police force, operational guidelines and 07 priorities. Enhance community awareness.

4) BACOG Report: Janet Agnoletti presented a review of BACOG's year end and the legislative platform we need to accept/approve so BACOG can vote on/approve it. Pres Gidley makes a motion to approve BACOG's legislative agenda, seconded by Tr Baggett and followed by a Voice vote: Gidley, Bolger, Parro, Fitzgibbons, Baggett.

Pres Gidley and a second motion to request BACOG, through its legislative platform to assist the Village of Tower Lakes with potential land use, storm water and related conflicts in abutting unincorporated areas, and to permit the sharing of relevant information with legislators. Specifically, there is a question of zoning law vs subdivision law—which one rules determines which municipality controls the land use. Land use, storm water management and development are all affected. Important for Tower Lakes to the north (unincorporated). Motion seconded by Tr Parro and followed by a voice vote: Ayes: Gidley, Bolger, Parro, Fitzgibbons, Baggett.

5) ZBA: Greg Hussey for Greg Miller, ZBA Report: Discussion of use of lot. 77 feet used on lot, including addition. If over 80 feet were used, Tr Parro would not be in favor of the variance. Motion to approve the ordinance as amended, made by Tr Fitzgibbons, seconded by Tr Baggett and followed by a Roll Call: Ayes: Gidley, Bolger, Parro, Fitzgibbons, Baggett.

6) Plan Commission- amendments to building and zoning ordinances pertaining to definitions requires a Public Hearing which is scheduled for Feb 8, 2007. Also, requirement of bfe's and topos were added to the ordinances. Also, Plan Commission seeks budget approval for the Comprehensive Plan project.

7) Storm water Management: Watershed Development Ordinance: Tower Lakes is not a certified storm water management community, so we need to adopt Lake County's storm water management ordinance and prove it. Changes include fine increases that

will not have much direct impact on our community. Motion made to approve the Lake County watershed development ordinance made by Tr Parro, seconded by Tr Fitzgibbons and followed by a Roll Call: Parro, Bolger, Baggett, Fitzgibbons.

8) Treas Report: Idlewood Electric bill should be in road repair (light fixtures); Residents Mack's and Schmidt's road bonds being returned. Motion made to pay the bills made by Tr Parro seconded by Tr Baggett and followed by a Roll Call vote: Fitzgibbons, Baggett, Bolger, Parro.

9) Building and Zoning: report of permits on file at the village office.

10) Finance Report: Budget review and planning—plan to get administrative costs down while getting workload reorganized. Finance committee meeting to review 06 budget performance. 07 revenue will be limited to our corporate tax rate increase, and that's it. No funds from the state this year. Tower Lakes Reserve funds need to be built up—perhaps thru utility tax. Seeking to build reserves for roads, police storm water and other areas.

11) New Business: Treas Rolfs closed down the old grant and applied for the new grant for the village hall building improvement. Board considering a Municipal stamp at property sale. Considering combining zba and plan commission functions-- pick seven to head the positions and invite the others to participate as deemed necessary. Board plans to create a Committee of the Whole, which will require a second monthly meeting so that various committees can meet and discuss issues prior to the board meeting. Shortens the length of the Village Board meeting for everyone, and is ultimately more efficient and functional.

12) Old Business: Pres Gidley: Easements-- survey work for easements in next year's budget. Leicht property—Island Lake won't sign the deal without an unrelated concession from Wauconda. Utilities—pursuant to the published notice, several engineering firms have expressed interest in RFQ. Village Hall --Met with Mike DeLapp to discuss state of the village hall and got estimates for necessary work.

Motion to adjourn at 10:20 made by Tr Baggett seconded by Tr Parro and followed by a voice vote.

Respectfully submitted,

Kathleen Leitner
Village Clerk