

MINUTES OF TOWER LAKES

PRESIDENT AND BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING

Date: January 17, 2000

Location: Village Office

Time: 7:05 P.M.

PLEDGE:

President Fitzpatrick called the meeting to order and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

ROLL CALL:

Present: Trustees Cantieri, Heagarty, Jansing, Kuskowski, and Parro;
President

Fitzpatrick. Absent: Aitken

SIGN-IN:

See Attached Sign-In list.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Trustee Kuskowski made a motion to approve the December 20th meeting minutes

which was seconded by Trustee Cantieri and followed by a unanimous voice vote.

WATER SYSTEM REPORT:

Trustee Kuskowski reported that the system is working smoothly. He and President Fitzpatrick reported that some residents and the Village Office received inaccurate billings – water usage was significantly high. Trustee Kuskowski will contact Consumer's regarding this issue.

President Fitzpatrick requested that Trustee Jansing calculate future income vs. expense projections for the water system. Currently, the water system owes the General Fund \$100,000. President Fitzpatrick stated that the Village will probably raise the per gallon charge, but that the rates are the second lowest in Lake County.

In response to questions by residents, Colin Blanchard and Alan Gumtow, Trustee reported that he expects the main on Tomahawk Lane will be replaced – eliminate the 2 inch main and hook it up to the 6 inch – some time this year. In addition roads will be resurfaced according to a timetable. A number of roads will be completed this year. Reasons for the delays were that the Village was coordinating with Cuba Township to get the best lineal foot price and for financial reasons – money was taken out of the General Fund to complete the water main and plant and the Village did not want to further borrow funds for the roads.

Monthly Production Report

The Monthly Production Report and Year-to-Date Summary are available at the Village Office.

PLAN COMMISSION:

The Village Board agreed to delay the vote on the Plan Commission's recommendation to adopt the proposed amendment to Section 15.03 of the Zoning Ordinance relative to the Parking of Trucks, Trailers, Commercial Vehicles, Recreations Vehicles, Boats and Similar Vehicles and to Section 15.05 relative to Enforcement and Fines, to a date whereby all trustees will be present. The Board agreed to vote on this issue at the March 20th meeting. President Fitzpatrick stated that if not all trustees are present at that time, that a Special Meeting will be scheduled on a date when all trustees can attend

Colin Blanchard, resident, requested that a grandfathering clause be included in the proposed ordinance regarding the construction of berms, etc to hide recreational vehicles. Many residents complied with the current ordinance by constructing storage pads which concealed the recreational vehicles. Mr. Blanchard stated that he spent about \$800 complying with the ordinance. President Fitzpatrick stated that his letter would be part of the record.

ZBA:

No meeting was held nor are any scheduled.

BUILDING AND ZONING REPORT:

Building Permits

Trustee Cantieri reported that one permit was issued for the following residence: 219 East LakeShore Dr, - kitchen remodeling.

Trustee Cantieri reported that letters will be sent to 10 residents with aerobic septic systems regarding the Village and Lake County regulations requiring biannual inspections. The trustees agreed that it may be cost effective for the village to approve a Septic Inspector (e.g. Village approved septic company) whereby a contractor would provide the inspections services at a lower rate to the residents, since the contractor is ensured of at least 20 inspections per year. Trustee Cantieri agreed to look into to this issue and to not only include aerobic septic inspection, but basic cleaning of septic tanks for all residents.

TREASURER'S REPORT:

President Fitzpatrick reviewed the Treasurer's report and list of January bills to be paid. Trustee Heagarty made a motion to approve the Treasurer's Report and pay the January bills which was seconded by Trustee Parro and followed by a roll call vote: Ayes: Trustees Cantieri, Heagarty, Jansing, Kuskowski and Parro. Nays: None.

FINANCE REPORT:

Trustee Jansing requested that the chairs of the Stormwater, Health & Sanitation, Roads, and Police committees submit proposed budgets for fiscal year 2000-01 to him by March 1.

Trustee Jansing also reported that all Village assets have been moved from Grand National Bank to Barrington Bank & Trust with the exception of the safety deposit boxes, which will also be transferred.

POLICE REPORT:

President Fitzpatrick reviewed the monthly Police Activity Report which is on file at the Village Office.

STORMWATER MANAGEMENT REPORT:

Trustee Kuskowski reported that Lake County Storm Water Management Commission (LCSWMC) approved the Village's grant request to alleviate drainage problems in CCE. The total grant request was \$19,000, of which the Village pays \$9500 since it was a 50-50 matching grant. The Village needs to prepare an intergovernmental agreement to get the money. As reported before, Cuba Township will conduct the work and has already started on a small scale.

Trustee Kuskowski stated he received a dam repair quote; however the quote is too high -- \$10,000. Trustee Kuskowski stated that after some modifications, he expects the quote to be about \$8000. Once the quote is revised, the next step is meet with WVP, since they are responsible for the cost of the repairs.

ROADS REPORT:

Trustee Heagarty reported that a Road Repavment priority list will be completed within the next 30 days.

President Fitzpatrick stated that a special meeting to discuss Mike Rigali's request to modify the cul-de-sac at 220 Bays Place, will be scheduled before the Board makes a decision. No date was discussed, but President Fitzpatrick encouraged the trustees and residents to view Mr. Rigali's revised plans. Mr. Rigali is proposing removing the asphalt at the cul-de-sac and splitting the \$4000 cost with the Village. The Village action is to approve the removal and replace with greenspace. Trustee Cantieri reiterated that all North Lake residents should be notified of the special meeting. He also stated that in earlier proposals/meetings, Mr. Rigali reported he would pay all the costs for the asphalt removal – now only one-half the cost. Also, Trustee Cantieri stated that the original plans changed from removing the asphalt from the driveway thru the cul-de-sac to just the cul-de-sac and restoring to green space.

HEALTH & SANITATION:

Trustee Cantieri reported that he will be meeting with the contracted building inspector to review the proposed Metricom Plan, specifically the placement of equipment, to determine if building permits are needed.

Trustee Cantieri also stated that residents should be aware that the road and completion bonds does not give vehicles the right to drive in

excess of the weight limit. A second bond is required for overweight vehicles.

UTILITIES:

Nothing to report.

URBAN FORESTRY:

President Fitzpatrick reported that 3 red oaks were taken down, but were not affected by Oak wilt disease. The wood at Aram Park is available to residents. In response to Mr. Gumtow, President Fitzpatrick stated that he will contact the County again to remove the Dutch Elm diseased tree along Roberts Road.

OLD BUSINESS:

Trustee Cantieri is receiving bids to redecorate the Village Office. He expects to have the bid proposals by the next Board meeting.

Trustee Parro stated that the Village Web Site is being used with over 400 hits since we went on-line (e.g. average of 10 hits per day).

NEW BUSINESS:

President Fitzpatrick reported that TLIA is considering reinstating fireworks for this year's fourth of July festivities.

MEETING ADJOURNED:

At 8:08 P.M., Trustee Kuskowski made a motion to adjourn which was seconded by Trustee Cantieri and followed by unanimous voice vote.

Respectfully Submitted,

Madeline M. Chulumovich

Village Clerk