

VILLAGE OF HUNTLEY
VILLAGE BOARD MEETING
April 22, 2010
MINUTES

CALL TO ORDER:

A meeting of the Village Board of the Village of Huntley was called to order on Thursday, April 22, 2010 at 6:37 p.m. in the Municipal Complex, Village Board Room, 10987 Main St., Huntley, Illinois 60142.

ATTENDANCE:

PRESENT: Mayor Charles Sass; Trustees: Pam Fender, Jay Kadakia, Niko Kanakaris, Harry Leopold, Paul Mercer and John Piwko.

ABSENT: None.

IN ATTENDANCE: Village Manager David Johnson, Senior Assistant to the Village Manager Lisa Armour, Management Assistant Barbara Read and Village Attorney Mike Coppedge.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: Mayor Sass led the Pledge of Allegiance.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA: There were no changes to the Agenda.

SPECIAL PRESENTATION:

- a) Cassandra McKinney, Water Resource Manager, McHenry County

Ms. Cassandra McKinney, Water Resource Manager for McHenry County, reviewed a Power Point Presentation and answered questions from the Village Board regarding ground water protection and the McHenry County Water Resource Action Plan.

Trustee Leopold asked if McHenry County was working with the surrounding counties. Ms. McKinney stated that McHenry County is working with Lake, Kane and Boone Counties. Trustee Leopold asked if the other counties had excess capacity; Ms. McKinney stated that the other counties were in the same situation as McHenry.

Trustee Fender asked if Boone County made a bigger difference on water availability due to their size; Ms. McKinney stated that Boone County has a large influence over McHenry County because of the deep aquifer. Trustee Fender asked what else the Village should do regarding water conservation. Ms. McKinney stated that keeping storm water local with curb cuts would be a suggestion. Village Manager Johnson stated that the Village already does that with the use of ribbons instead of curb and gutter.

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

Mayor Sass asked that public comments regarding the Lion's Chase Subdivision Agenda item be held until that point in the meeting.

CONSENT AGENDA:

(All items listed under Consent Agenda have been discussed at the Committee of the Whole and may be approved/accepted by one motion.)

- a) March 18, 2010 Committee of the Whole Meeting Minutes
- b) April 22, 2010 Bill List in the amount of \$730,831.20
- c) Authorization to enter into a Letter of Understanding with Centegra Health Bridge Fitness Center for the use of Village Streets to Conduct a 5k Run
- d) Authorization to enter into a Letter of Understanding with the Huntley Park District for the use of Village Streets to Conduct a 5K Run during the 2010 Fall Fest
- e) Authorization to Enter into a Letter of Understanding with the Huntley Park District for the use of Village Owned Property/Donald Drive Field
- f) Ordinance (O) 2010-04.15 - Granting Relief from Sign Ordinance Regulations – Huntley Park District/Tomaso Sports Park, 11950 Ackman Road
- g) Resolution (R)2010-04.18 – Granting the issuance of a Temporary Use Permit to the Sun City Community Association Huntley for the installation of a temporary banner advertising the Green Home Smart Home Show
- h) Resolution (R)2010-04.19 – Authorizing a Fireworks Display Agreement with Mad Bomber Fireworks Productions in an amount not-to-exceed \$10,000
- i) Authorization to enter into a Letter of Understanding with the Huntley Youth Sports Organization for the use of Village Streets to Conduct the Run Thru the Sun 10K, 5K and Kids 1 Mile Fun Run

Mayor Sass asked if the Village Board had any questions or comments on any item on the Consent Agenda; there were none.

A MOTION was made to approve the Consent Agenda, as presented.

MOTION: Trustee Kadakia
SECOND: Trustee Fender
AYES: Trustees: Fender, Kadakia, Kanakaris, Leopold, Mercer and Piwko
NAYS: None
ABSENT: None
The motion carried 6-0-0

DISCUSSION AND CONSIDERATION OF ITEMS REMOVED FROM THE CONSENT AGENDA:

- a) March 25, 2010 Village Board Meeting Minutes

Mayor Sass asked if the Village Board had any comments or questions; there were none.

A MOTION was made to approve the March 25, 2010 Village Board Meeting Minutes.

MOTION: Trustee Leopold
SECOND: Trustee Piwko
AYES: Trustees: Kadakia, Kanakaris, Leopold, Mercer and Piwko
NAYS: None

ABSTAIN: Trustee Fender
The motion carried 5-0-1

- b) Ordinance (O) 2010-04.16 - Approving a Modification to the Final Planned Unit Development for the Estates of Lions Chase Subdivision to allow a new single family product line and a new model/sales center

Village Manager David Johnson reviewed a Power Point Presentation and reported on items previously discussed at the April 15, 2010 Committee of the Whole Meeting and items discussed since that meeting with Richmond American Homes. Village Manager Johnson outlined that no two-story homes less than 2,600 square feet will be permitted in the northern portion of the subdivision and all of those lots will include lot premiums; all eight (8) proposed models are permitted in the southern section of the subdivision; the minimum number of homes with side load garages has changed from 51 to 25; all dead parkway trees will be replaced no later than June 1, 2010; and, all other trees will be planted by the end of the 2010 planting season.

Village Manager Johnson reported that Mr. Matt Brost was in attendance to address the Village Board and answer questions.

Mr. Brost thanked the Village Board for allowing Richmond American Homes to start building again in the Lions Chase Subdivision. He reported to the Board that he met with over 30 homeowners on Tuesday, April 20th for approximately 3.5 hours and listened to their concerns and requests. Since that meeting, the location of the new model has been moved to a new location and acknowledged the other changes as noted by Village Manager Johnson.

Mayor Sass thanked Mr. Brost for meeting with and addressing the concerns of the residents. Mayor Sass then opened the meeting to the Public Comments.

Ms. Ellen Bakke, 11440 Fitzgerald Lane, Huntley, read the following statement into the record:

“Good evening and thank you for the opportunity to speak regarding this matter. My name is Ellen Bakke and I have been a resident of Lion’s Chase for four years. I have been involved in numerous activities in the neighborhood including the planning and organizing of homeowner meetings and feel my commitment to my neighborhood and neighbors speak for itself.

As you know, Richmond’s reintroduction to the neighborhood has been a hot topic. While I cannot speak for everyone, I feel connected to many of the residents and have spoken to several who are please that the neighborhood will have the chance to grow.

After meeting with and fully understanding Richmond’s plans and goals for Lion’s Chase I can honestly say my husband and I support them.

First, having the same builder means we will have consistency in the quality of homes built. The homes are well constructed and, no matter the size, we know the same workmanship will be carried through into the additional homes in the neighborhood.

Secondly, I believe Richmond has considered the current housing market in deciding to offer smaller scale homes for the balance of the neighborhood. I understand the current economy means people are making smarter choices with their money and banks are lending more thoughtfully. In the long run, the selling price of these homes will not matter but the quality and cohesiveness of our community will. I only ask that Richmond continues to look at current trends in home sizes and as the economy rebounds, they increase the number of available homes they offer in the larger square footage bracket.

Finally, after reviewing the floor plans and elevations, I believe they will blend nicely with our current home styles. Any other builder would not take into consideration the existing homes. Richmond is trying to make an honest attempt at completing the Lion's Chase development.

Again, I appreciate the opportunity to share my views as a Lions Chase homeowner. Thank you." (End of statement.)

Kim (no last name given), a Lions Chase resident, stated that she was in favor of having Richmond American Homes begin building in the subdivision. She stated that she believed these houses would be of the same caliber as the existing and she was positive about filling the vacant lots in the development. She stated that she bought a house in the subdivision last year for \$400,000 and is in favor of the proposed new models.

Angie Ames stated that she lived in the south portion of the development and she was in favor of the proposed models; she supports Richmond American Homes returning and providing consistency in the subdivision.

Jen Besch stated that she was in favor of the proposed models and stated that Village Manager Johnson and Richmond American Homes have done a great job in responding to the residents.

Matt (no last name given), a Lion's Chase resident, stated that he was not against the smaller homes but requested that if the market changes that Richmond American Homes will offer larger models. Mr. Brost stated that Richmond American Homes would certainly build to market demands.

Mayor Sass asked if the Village Board had any questions or comments.

Trustee Fender stated that she commends Staff and Richmond American Homes for the work they have done.

A MOTION was made to approve Ordinance (O) 2010-04.16 - Approving a Modification to the Final Planned Unit Development for the Estates of Lion's Chase Subdivision to allow a new single family product line and a new model/sales center, as amended.

MOTION: Trustee Kanakaris

SECOND: Trustee Fender

AYES: Trustees: Fender, Kadakia, Kanakaris, Leopold, Mercer and Piwko

NAYS: None

ABSENT: None

The motion carried 6-0-0

ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION:

a) Strategic Planning Workshop

Village Manager David Johnson reported that worksheets were provided to the Village Board in early March regarding the Statement of Mission, Vision and Values with the following questions: Who are we? Why do we exist and what is our basic purpose? What do we do? Who are our stakeholders/principal customers? What will the Village look like in 2020? What do we want to be in 2020? What values are most important for the Village?

Village Board responses to these questions were reviewed and discussed at the March 25th Strategic Plan Workshop. Based on the responses provided by the Board and the discussion on March 25th, staff has prepared a draft statement of mission, vision, and values. Village Manager Johnson asked if there were any comments or changes to the statement, as prepared. There were none.

Village Manager Johnson reported that a draft Resident Survey was provided to the Village Board on April 8th. Village Manager Johnson then reviewed each section of the survey and discussed the comments received from the Mayor and Village Board and asked for a consensus to proceed.

After each section and comment was discussed, it was the consensus of the Village Board for Staff to proceed with the Resident Survey.

VILLAGE ATTORNEY'S REPORT: None

VILLAGE MANAGER'S REPORT:

Trustee Piwko asked about the status with IDOT regarding the right-in/right-out access at the Walmart and the striped area that drivers were using as a through lane causing a safety issue. Village Manager Johnson reported that the request was given to IDOT but there has not been a reply yet. Trustee Piwko stated that he again witnessed drivers in a near-miss situation. Trustee Piwko suggested that the LED bulbs in the decorative street lights in the square be moved to the intersections to see the affects in those areas.

Trustee Fender asked about the status of the Police Department being a disposal site for medications. Management Assistant Barb Read stated that both Kane and McHenry County have told staff that due to budget constraints that the Village would not be added as an additional disposal site through their programs. Trustee Kadakia stated that he thought Walmart said that they would be a disposal site when they came before the Village Board; Staff will follow up with the store manager. Trustee Leopold suggested contacting the local hospitals.

VILLAGE PRESIDENT'S REPORT:

Mayor Sass noted that the Board received the press release by Congressman Manzullo regarding the Amtrak line and stated that the resolution of support would be on the May 6, 2010 Agenda.

Mayor Sass reported that he attended the 2010 MFT Street Program resident meeting on April 21st and out of 181 invitations to the meeting being mailed out, only four (4) residents attended.

Mayor Sass asked if any Board Member wished to attend the next McCOG meeting to contact Rita or Barb.

Mayor Sass reported that there is no meeting on April 29th as it is the 5th Thursday of the month; the next meeting will be on May 6, 2010.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: None

NEW BUSINESS: None

EXECUTIVE SESSION: None

ACTION ON CLOSED SESSION ITEM: None

ADJOURNMENT:

There being no further items for discussion, a MOTION was made to adjourn the meeting at 7:26 p.m.

MOTION: Trustee Piwko

SECOND: Trustee Kadakia

The Voice Vote noted all ayes and the motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Barbara Read
Recording Secretary