



Village of Trout Valley Board Meeting Minutes

February 11, 2019

A regular meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Village of Trout Valley, Illinois, was held on February 11, 2019. Notice of the meeting and the agenda were posted at two prominent places in the Village of Trout Valley.

President Baker called the meeting to order at 7:01 p.m. Trustees present: Robert Antrim, David Hall, Mike Murphy (7:10 p.m. arrival), David Peterson and Todd Somers. Also present were Clerk Tonia Gonzalez and Counsel James Kelly from Matuszewich & Kelly, LLP. Trustee Kristin Purtill and Comptroller Rick Haning were absent.

President Baker requested the following motion, which was proposed by Trustee Hall and seconded by Trustee Somers:

"The December 11, 2018 meeting minutes be approved"

Voting Aye: Trustees Antrim, Hall, Peterson and Somers

Voting Nay: None. Motion carried.

3.0 Public Participation

Suzanne Strangmeier, External Affairs Manager for ComEd introduced herself to the Village board and wanted to discuss any important issues concerning ComEd and the Village. ComEd was asked to notify homeowners of planned tree trimming and to use clean blades to deter oak wilt. Trustee Hall asked that ComEd work with the Village Arborist prior to trimming any trees in the Village. Discussions also held on problems with residential sump pumps during power outages.

Resident Linda Stelle informed the board that the Village of Cary planned a hearing to discuss zoning changes to the Cary Village Hall building. Zoning changes would allow for single family residential designation and potential destruction of the building. A public hearing will be held Thursday, February 14th at Cary Village Hall. The McHenry County Historical Society will be there to encourage Cary to keep the historical building intact. President Baker will look for the contract that turned over the property to the Village of Cary. It was a gift and there may be some restrictions in the contract on the use of the property.

4.0 Old Business

4.1 Riverfront Lights Update

Trustee Peterson is waiting for input from the TVA on this issue. Further discussions will be held at the April Village board meeting. Trustee Murphy noted the light by the flag was out and needs to be replaced.

4.2 Lodge Signage Update

Trustee Peterson reviewed the estimate for the sign at the lodge, which was at \$1.2k. Comptroller Haning requested a second bid for this project, prior to approval.

4.3 Boat Ramp Update

Trustee Peterson reviewed the plans for the boat ramp project. Three quotes were received and a total of \$30k is budgeted by the TVA for this project and the Village has agreed to contribute 33.3% of the total

cost of the project, up to a maximum of \$15k. The project scope includes: Remove concrete and steel wear and install new aluminum pier; Install new boat ramp, apron and pier; Reconstruct south side marina wall; South half of marina reconfiguration. TV Boat club would like to reconfigure the slips, since they are too narrow. No additional boat slips will be added. All the permits have been submitted and are awaiting feedback. Project start date is projected for late June/July and will take approximately two weeks.

4.4 2019 Consolidated Elections Update

Clerk Gonzalez informed the board that Robert Baker is running for re-election as Mayor and there are four candidates running for three Village Trustee positions and they are: Walter (Butch) Graf, Rodrigo De La Torre, Kristin Purtill, and Ann Somers. The Consolidated Elections are Tuesday, April 2, 2019.

5.0 New Business

5.1 Cary Rezoning – Village Hall and Two Penny Farm

Issue discussed in Public Participation. Residents concerned over rezoning of the current Cary Village Hall and Two Penny Farm. Concerns expressed of the buildings being torn down, due to the historical significance of these buildings.

5.2 TVA Capital Improvement Program

Trustee Hall presented a list of capital budget items the TVA is considering with a possible dues increase. Trustee Hall asked President Baker to review the list for his input. The TVA is asking the Village for financial support for installing security cameras at the lodge (4-6), pool (1) and barn (1). President Baker will respond once the TVA returns with quotes for this project.

5.3 Comcast Annual Report for Trout Valley

Trustee Hall reviewed the report from Comcast with the board. There was a slight drop in franchise fee to the Village. Comcast reported only three complaints from residents, for billing and service/repair issues.

5.4 Illinois Film Office

President Baker informed the board that the Illinois Film Office is looking for sites for movie filming locations. He felt Trout Valley lends itself to movie filming due to its natural setting. He will submit Trout Valley info to the Illinois Film Office. President Baker voiced a resident concerns with photographers/groups blocking roads when in Trout Valley for wedding or other photo shoots.

5.5 Fourth of July Event

President Baker informed the board of a revamped Village Fourth of July party. There will no longer be fireworks at the event, due to high cost and poor attendance. The Village may consider funding towards this event.

5.6 Stormwater Management Ordinance Community Recertification

Clerk Gonzalez confirmed with the board their intent to remain a non-certified community with permits issued for Stormwater Management. Clerk Gonzalez will submit a letter to the McHenry County Department of Planning with this confirmation.

6.0 Reports, as appropriate

6.11 Financial Report

Comptroller Hanings comments on financial results were presented to the board in his absence. The Village is favorable to budget, January year to date by \$26,207. Revenues are \$13,779 favorable due to increased receipts from the State Income tax and reimbursement for prior legal costs. The Expenditures are \$12,428 favorable and tracking close to budget. The favorable variance is related to the road resurfacing project. Cash balances dropped by \$44,256 from November ending balances as road payments were made and are now comparable with last year.

President Baker requested the following motion, which was proposed by Trustee Somers and seconded by Trustee Murphy:

“To approve the December 2018 through January 2019 Disbursements for the Village of Trout Valley”

Voting Aye: Trustees Antrim, Hall, Murphy, Peterson and Somers

Voting Nay: None. Motion carried.

6.21 Security Report

Trustee Somers reviewed the security reports from Northwest Suburban Patrol and the McHenry County Sheriff Log. No serious security issues were noted. Trustee Somers would like the Village to work with the TVA for a Diamond Day.

6.31 Intergovernmental Report

Trustee Murphy had no report.

6.41 Forestry Board Report

Trustee Hall reported the Care of Trees will provide the winter pruning at the pool and along River drive. Cost to chip branches is \$1,280. Discussions held for funding since the TVA is unable to provide the chipping as originally planned. The Village does not want to leave the branches on resident's property. Trustee Hall approved funding for the chipping from the Forestry board budget. It was reported that there was damage to a house at 125 Turkey Run due to a fallen tree from the Fen. The Village is leasing the fen from the TVA and the TVA is still responsible for any insurance claims. Trustee Hall will ask Adam of the Care of Trees to inspect the trees in the Fen for possible deterioration.

6.51 Fen Restoration Report

Trustee Hall reported little activity was being performed in the Fen at this time. Boy Scout Kolin Fadden has offered to help construct the new wood walk as part of his Eagle Scout project. There are currently 11 residents who have expressed an interest in helping with the Fen project. A pollinator habitat will be installed adjacent to Pond #3.

6.6 Other

None

7.0 Presidents Report

President Baker asked board members for any photographs that best represent the Village.

8.0 Adjournment

There being no additional regular business to come before the Board, President Baker requested a motion to adjourn, which was proposed at 8:54 p.m. by Trustee Peterson and seconded by Trustee Hall.

Voting Aye: Trustees Antrim, Hall, Murphy, Peterson and Somers

Voting Nay: None. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Tonia Gonzalez

Village Clerk