

Village Gilberts  
87 Galligan Road  
Gilberts, Illinois 60136  
Committee of the Whole  
Meeting Minutes  
June 9, 2015

APPROVED MINUTES

**Call to Order/Pledge of Allegiance**

President Zirk called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. He proceeded to lead those present in the Pledge of Allegiance.

**Roll call/Establish Quorum**

Village Clerk Meadows called the roll. Roll call: Members present: Trustees Kojzarek, Farrell, Hacker and President Zirk. Trustee Zambetti arrived at 7:01 p.m. Others present: Administrator Keller, Assistant Administrator Beith, Finance Director Blocker and Village Clerk Meadows. For members of the audience please see the attached copy of the sign-in sheet.

**Items for Discussion**

**Minutes from the June 2, 2015 Village Board Meeting**

President Zirk asked if there were any questions or comments on the June 2<sup>nd</sup> Village Board Meeting Minutes. The Board Members offered no comments. President Zirk directed Staff to place the meeting minutes on the next consent agenda.

**Ordinance 15-2015, an Ordinance adopting Prevailing Wage Rates to be paid to laborers, Mechanics, and other Workers Performing Construction of Public Works in the Village of Gilberts, Kane County, Illinois**

President Zirk reported that approval of this Ordinance is an annual housekeeping item. Administrator Keller concurred with President Zirk's statement, he noted that the State statute required the annual adoption of an updated prevailing wage schedule. The prevailing wage schedule is determined by the Department of Labor.

President Zirk asked if there were any questions or comments on Ordinance 15-2015, if not this matter will be placed on the next consent agenda. The Board Members offered no comments. This Ordinance will be placed on the next consent agenda.

**Water/Sewer Rates**

Administrator Keller provided the Broad Members with an overview of the current status of the water and sewer fund balances. Administrator Keller noted that the FY-2016 water/wastewater funds are operating with a negative balance.

Although the Village has kept its water and wastewater operating cost in line with incoming revenues. The current rates do not provide adequate funding for capital replacement, major maintenance such as water tower painting or inflationary adjustments to operating cost. In addition, the debt service and operating costs of the barium removal system that was mandated by the IEPA regulations are now prompting the reexamination of the Village's water rate.

Administrator Keller reported that with the recent adoption of the new sanitary system tap-on fee schedule isolates the share of the capital costs attributable to new development.

Administrator Keller provided the Board Members with an incremental water/sewer rate increase scenario. This approach could bring a cash positive fund balance by FY-2020, or the Board Members could choose to accelerate the rate increases and produce a positive fund balance prior to FY-2020.

There was some discussion on the methodology used to estimate the rate increases. Administrator Keller reported that the proposed rate increases was based off of Engineer Fisher's growth assumptions.

The Board Members concurred that the incremental rate increase approach would impose the least impact to the residents. Staff will draft a rate increase policy for Board approval.

### **Staff Reports**

Administrator Keller reported that Mr. Hill and his partners (owners of the Mobile Mart) had offered to donate park benches to the splash pad. They would like the benches to include a memorial plaque. There was some discussion with respect to advertising in the parks. Administrator Keller noted that Orion Landscaping volunteer their services to maintain Waitcus Park, and they are allowed to place advertising signs acknowledging that their landscaping company donates their service assisting in maintaining Waitcus Park. Trustee Kojzarek commented that she has seen park bench memorial plaques and as a rule they aren't very large.

Administrator Keller asked the Board Members to consider entering in to a brief executive session with no business to follow to discuss current litigation.

Village Clerk Meadows reported that the Community Days Festival Foundation Fund will be carrying over only \$1,000.00 and change less than the previous year despite the inclement weather.

President Zirk once again acknowledged all of the volunteers hard work through-out the four day event. He noted that Mr. Mark Henning and Chris Ross work relentlessly from the start to the finish of the fest.

President Zirk also commented on the professionalism of the Modern Day Romeos. With the rainout on Saturday they could have taken their performance payment and not performed at all. However, they were kind enough to play on Sunday instead of Saturday.

#### **Board of Trustee Reports**

Trustee Farrell inquired how many residents participated in the focus group for the Town Center Park design. Administrator Keller reported that the focus group consisted of five moms and dads and five children.

#### **President's Report**

President Zirk offered no reports.

#### **Public Comment**

President Zirk asked if anyone in the audience had any questions or comments for the Board Members. Resident Lillian Prince approached the dais, she commented on a recent private Facebook post with respect to benches, shade trees and other amenities that some residents believe are needed at Town Center Park. She noted that in her opinion one of the Trustees responded to the Facebook post in a negative manner and belittled some of the residents.

A lengthy discussion ensued on ways in which the Board Members may want to fund the additional park features. She suggested soliciting donations. President Zirk commented on the fact that there are several organizations including the Community Days Committee that already solicit local businesses for sponsorship donations.

President Zirk continued to discuss Ms. Prince's suggestions for additional Town Center Park features. He noted that the Village's goal was to complete the big ticket items and fill in the rest of the smaller items like picnic tables, park benches, soccer goals as funds became available. The absence of benches and other park amenities was not the result of poor planning or a mistake in anticipating residents' desires, but rather the result of the lack of funding. President Zirk further stated that the splash park is one of several items that will receive added amenities as money becomes available and funding priorities are set. He noted that there are several stakeholders in the park such as baseball, soccer, football and the YMCA organizations all of which have items they would like completed. The Village will fund the most pressing needs as funds become available. It has been the Village's goal to provide as many recreational opportunities to as many different people and organizations as possible and not to simply focus on the group or the person who complains the loudest.

Ms. Prince suggested the Village consider planting trees by the splash pad. President Zirk commented on the fact that trees planted in the close proximity of the splash pad would pose a concern with clogging the splash pad's drains. In addition, typically nursery stock trees are 2"-3" in diameter, and even if planted now, would take decades to grow into trees capable of providing reasonable shade. Ms. Prince thanked the Board Members for their time.

#### **Executive Session**

**A Motion was made by Trustee Zambetti and seconded by Trustee Farrell to enter into executive session as permitted by 5 ILCS 102/2 (C) (11) to discuss litigation against, affecting, or on behalf of the Village which has been filed and is pending in a court or administrative tribunal of which is imminent with no business to follow.** Roll call: Vote; 4-eyes: Trustees Kojzarek, Zambetti, Farrell and Hacker. 0-nays, 0-abstain. Motion carried.

The Board Members along with Administrator Keller, Assistant Administrator Beith, Finance Director Blocker and Village Clerk Meadows went into executive session at 7:49 p.m. and returned to the public meeting at 7:53 p.m.

#### **Reconvene/Roll Call**

Village Clerk Meadows called the roll. Roll call: Members present: Trustees Kojzarek, Zambetti, Farrell, Hacker and President Zirk. Others present: Administrator Keller, Assistant Administrator Beith, Finance Director Blocker and Village Clerk Meadows.

#### **Adjournment**

There being no further public business to discuss, **A Motion was made by Trustee Zambetti and seconded by Trustee Farrell to adjourn from the public meeting at 7:54 p.m.** Roll call: Vote: 4-eyes by unanimous voice vote. 0-nays, 0-abstained. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Debra Meadows