

Committee of the Whole Meeting
February 16, 2015

Call to Order: The meeting was called to order at 5:31 p.m. by President Howells.

Roll Call of Officers: Officers present were President Rich Howells, Trustees Pete Anzia, Jason Acevedo, Vickie Boehnlein, John Hise, Wayne Lambrecht, and Clem Gottsacker. A quorum was established. Also in attendance were Clerk Kaity Olsen and DPW/Water Superintendent Dan Birenbaum.

Open Meeting Law Compliance Check: This meeting is in compliance with the Open Meetings Law of the State of Wisconsin.

Pledge of Allegiance to the American Flag, Moment of Silence: All in attendance stood for the Pledge of Allegiance and moment of silence.

Unfinished Business:

- a. **Update on Silver Beach Road and Industrial Park Retention Pond** – Howells and Birenbaum went to McMahon Engineers last week to see if they were able to bring the costs down on these two projects. Howells mentioned that they were able to bring the cost down from \$3.7 million to \$3.5 million. They also spoke to the individual that processes the Tea Grants. Any full time job existing in the Industrial Park plus a 3 year projection of employees to be hired can be included in the calculation for the Tea Grant. There are 136 current and projected jobs which makes us eligible for \$680,000.00 for the Tea Grant. That would bring the cost for the Village down to \$2.82 million. Birenbaum also mentioned that the soil removed can be kept on site which would also save us money, but it is not known how much at this time. We will also be saving money in property acquisition because we will not need to acquire as much as was initially projected. Boehnlein is concerned about the conflicting financial reports from the Financial Advisor. Initially, 100% of the retention pond and a portion of the road were eligible TIF expenses. At the last Village Board meeting we were told that we only had \$130,000.00 available which we have already spent on engineering. Olsen will schedule a meeting with our Financial Advisor so he can give us some more details on these projects costs. Boehnlein commented that we need to know for sure what is available before we spend any more money on these projects. There was further discussion regarding distressing the TIF District. We would also like to find out how much money is available in the TIF District. Olsen has all the documents on the TIF District as well as the Financial Summaries on financing from Ehlers and Associates. She will send this information to the trustees.

New Business:

- a. **Possibilities for 195 Commerce Street (Old Village Hall)** – Suggestions for the old Village Hall include donating it to the Fire Department, leasing it to the Fire Department, renting the space to another business, selling the space, keeping the space open for community events, or keeping the space available for a future police department. Anzia inquired if the costs have gone down since we moved. Birenbaum noted that we have not seen any significant decrease in utility costs. Regardless of ownership, it was agreed upon that civic organizations such as the boy scouts and girl scouts would still be able to use the space for meetings. The Town of Belgium would prefer for us to donate the building to the Fire Department. Birenbaum commented that the fire department does need the space. It was suggested that we hold a public hearing to get input from the residents. In the meantime, Olsen will organize a meeting for March between the Village, Town, and Fire Department to discuss what the other two entities would like to do. Acevedo suggested we wait to have a meeting until we have a rough cost estimate on what the building is costing us without the Village being there.

Motion to Adjourn: A motion to adjourn at 6:48 pm was made by Howells and seconded by Hise. Ayes – Anzia, Acevedo, Boehnlein, Howells, Hise, Lambrecht, Gottsacker; Noes – none; Abstain – none. Motion carried.
Respectfully submitted,

Kaity Olsen
Village Clerk
Approved by Village Board 03/09/15