

MINUTES
VILLAGE OF ELBURN COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE (COW)
JUNE 4, 2018

Board Members Present: President Jeff Walter, Trustees: Ken Anderson, Sue Filek, Bill Grabarek, Patricia Schuberg, Matt Wilson

Board Members Absent: Dave Gualdoni

Staff Members Present: Village Administrator John Nevenhoven; Finance Director Doug Elder, Village Attorneys Britz & Bill Thomas, Police Chief Nick Sikora; Building Commissioner Tom Brennan; Village Engineer David Burroughs, Public Works Supt Phil VanBogaert (arrived at 7:40 p.m.)

Others Present: Residents Wayne Byerhof, LeRoy Herra, Chuck Urbasek; Obscurity Mead Company reps Lucas Goucher and one other unknown person

1. Call to Order – Mayor Walter called the meeting to order at 7:02 PM.
2. Roll Call – A roll call vote ensued.
3. Public Comment – Lucas Goucher from Obscurity introduced himself and his partner and stated they would like to make some comments related to the liquor license for their business when the time is appropriate.
4. Discussion
 - a. Amending Chapter 804.04 to Add a Class "G" Liquor License – A motion to approve and place on the next Village Board consent agenda was made by Schuberg and seconded by Grabarek. A roll call vote ensued. Ayes: Anderson, Filek, Grabarek, Schuberg, Wilson. Nays: None. Motion carried. When asked when the site will be open, Goucher stated construction should begin August/September and hope to be open the end of Q1 in 2019. In addition to mead, beer will be brewed and the hope is to eventually have a widespread distribution. As much local honey will be sourced as possible. The existing building will be expanded and will include a tasting room in the front with a full service cafeteria style BBQ restaurant.
 - b. Amending Capital Asset Policy – Finance Director Elder stated this is an update to our current capitalization policy to raise capitalization threshold and better describe categories. This will be on the next Village Board agenda for action. A motion to approve and place on the next consent agenda was made by Schuberg and seconded by Wilson. A roll call vote ensued. Ayes: Anderson, Filek, Grabarek, Schuberg, Wilson. Nays: None. Motion carried.
 - c. Amending Subdivision Control Ordinance to Allow Recycled Asphalt Pavement – Nevenhoven reported the current Subdivision Control Ordinance does not include this and it has become traditional to allow millings as a sub- base. We want to clearly define. Village Engineer Burroughs said there is a certification process the material has to go through (grinding and screening) to get it to specs. IDOT is very strict with the standards and it is used in lieu of stone base. Loads are inspected by engineers onsite to ensure it meets specs. It is being used more often now and is a good environmental practice as long as we have a process in place. A motion to approve and place on a future Village Board consent agenda was made by Anderson and seconded by Wilson. A roll call vote ensued. Ayes: Anderson, Filek, Grabarek, Schuberg, Wilson. Nays: None. Motion carried.
 - d. Amending Ordinance 1044.05(C) Watering Hours – Nevenhoven explained current watering hours are 6-9am and 6-9pm with odd/even address requirements. There is currently a sod/seeded lawn permit in place which allows new sod/lawns to be watered for 8 consecutive hours on day one followed by 9 consecutive days of watering between the hours of 6-9am and 6-9pm. Sod farmers feel split hours is not sufficient for new sod/seeded lawns, dependent on weather conditions—consecutive hours is imperative. Elburn is a member of the Northwest

Water Planning Alliance (NWP) who asked all member communities approve an ordinance adopting water restrictions in order to conserve water in aquifers. Developers and homeowners have requested watering hours for new sod/seeded lawns be increased and the sod/seeded lawn section of the Village Water Use Restrictions and the Village Sod Permit be revised. After discussion, staff was directed to look at options including watering hours, sod permits and restricting installation of new lawns during hotter months.

- e. Tick Eradication – Mayor Walter stated a number of Facebook posts have asked the Village to do something about the tick population in Elburn. Walter said the Kane County Health Department will provide us with educational tick information and will conduct a tick drag in Elburn in the near future. It has been reported there are more ticks than normal this year. Walter asked the Board what they would like to do if anything to help. Nevenhoven will research options. Spraying would be at perimeters as ticks do not live in mowed grass. However, ticks are “hitchhikers” and it is possible for them to be brought into yards and homes via animals and humans. It was suggested the Village website be updated with tick and mosquito educational information and it is important we take precautions to protect ourselves (DEET products).

An unidentified resident from Blackberry Creek Subdivision stated she never had problems with ticks in the past and her son had one on him today—she suspects from the yard. She read aloud a letter from a neighbor who was unable to attend tonight’s meeting and gave a synopsis of neighbors with tick experiences (over 35 in total). She urged the Village of Elburn to help find solutions for residents. Agree education is important but due to the significant reports in Blackberry Creek, the Village’s and HOA’s responses are concerning.

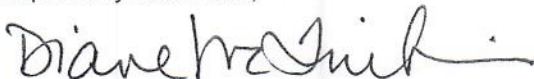
Another unidentified resident from Blackberry Creek Subdivision stated her residence backs up to the preserve area and has had 15 ticks with some getting into the house. She has sprayed organic material but the ticks are still there. She inquired why the natural area was not burned this spring. Nevenhoven stated the area is burned every 3-4 years and most likely will be burned this fall. However, the purpose for burning natural areas is not to eradicate ticks. It is to allow native plant species to grow back stronger and thicker which will make an even better environment for ticks. Discussion ensued that ticks “hitchhike” on rabbits, raccoons, etc. and could be a cause for residents getting ticks from yards. The resident said the neighborhood feels unheard. Mayor Walter said he tries to answer Facebook posts but residents must communicate with Village staff and come to Village Board meetings to try and resolve. Not sure if throwing money at the problem is worth it but everyone agreed education will help. A mild winter and all the rain we have had helped the spread of ticks. Mayor Walter will follow-up with the health department and educational items will be added to the Village website. Nevenhoven will report back on research results.

- f. Historical District – Trustee Grabarek did some research about historical districts. The Village has a substantial amount of unique or older structures. How are geographical areas defined, how do you determine what structures to include and the era? Should it include private residences and commercial building? These are questions for the Board to think about. A referendum could be posed to impose restrictions. It was recommended the Village first consult with Mark VanKerkhoff from the Kane County Development and Community Services Department. They help communities understand what is involved including staff requirements, etc. to set up a district. Nevenhoven will contact VanKerkhoff and report back to the Board.

5. Other Business – None

- 6. Adjourn – Trustee Wilson moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:17 p.m. The motion was seconded by Trustee Grabarek and passed by a unanimous voice vote.

Respectfully Submitted,



Diane McQuilkin
Village Clerk

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