

MINUTES
VILLAGE OF ELBURN COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE (COW)
JUNE 18, 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

Others Present: Residents Wayne Byerhof, Ryan Anderson, Elburn Herald Reporter Susan O'Neill

1. Call to Order – Mayor Walter called the meeting to order at 8:25 PM.
2. Roll Call – A roll call vote ensued.
3. Public Comment – None
4. Discussion
 - a. Discuss Strategic Plan Update – Village Admin Nevenhoven said department heads are working on the CIP with a deadline of this week. Finance Director Elder stated the CIP is still in the data gathering stage and is item STR-1. Nevenhoven reported the Village website will be coming online soon. It will be more mobile friendly. More details to come.
 - b. Façade Grant Funding – Nevenhoven stated no funding was included in this year's budget for façade grants. However, there is interest from two parties and an application has been received from one of them. For now, Nevenhoven has denied the request because funds are not budgeted. If the Board would like to fund again this year, a budget amendment, transfer funds from another account or reserves will have to occur. Perhaps some of the excess gaming revenue can be utilized. There was consensus to re-consider this request later this fiscal year (in November). At the Board's request, Nevenhoven will suggest a more "historical" renovation to the requestors.
 - c. Amending Ordinance 1044.05(C) Watering Hours – Public Works Supt VanBogaert stated a request was received from a developer for longer watering hours for sod. Feedback was obtained from a sod farmer and from a landscape contractor. A survey of surrounding communities was also completed which showed a number of them have identical watering restrictions as Elburn. As a result, there was consensus from the Board to leave watering restrictions as is.
5. Other Business – VanBogaert advised we have been notified by IDOT that the Anderson Road Bridge is due for an in-depth inspection. Inspections are due every two years with an in-depth inspection every six years. A proposal has been received from HLR (who does all KDOT bridge inspections) for a total amount of \$11,240. Much of this cost is expense related to Metra and UP requirements. This was not included in the budget this year. VanBogaert was instructed to go back to IDOT to see if the inspection can be pushed back a year so it can be included in next year's budget. VanBogaert will contact IDOT and will report back to the Board.

Schmidt's Towne Tap has offered to purchase trees for inclusion with the downtown sidewalk project. Village Engineer Burroughs distributed a layout showing where the trees would be planted. Burroughs highlighted other costs and challenges associated with planting trees within a sidewalk. Additional cost is estimated at \$2100 for each tree (\$12,600 total) which does not include the cost of

the trees. Trees which can withstand salt should be used. Discussion ensued this is not a conducive environment for trees. Typically, trees in this scenario have to be replaced every 5-10 years. Burroughs added this will be a labor intensive addition to the project. There was consensus from the Board not to plant trees. Perhaps other options (hanging baskets, etc.) can be explored to make the street scape look more natural.

Sidewalks at Village Hall are in need of repair and it is estimated it will cost \$20K to complete. This was not included in this year's budget. Although it would be nice to replace them this year, they are in good enough shape to hold off until next year. There was consensus to complete the sidewalk replacement next fiscal year.

6. Adjourn – Trustee Wilson moved to adjourn the meeting at 9:06 p.m. The motion was seconded by Trustee Filek and passed by a unanimous voice vote.

Respectfully Submitted,



Diane McQuilkin
Village Clerk