

MINUTES
VILLAGE OF ELBURN COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE (COW)
NOVEMBER 16, 2020
VIA ZOOM VIRTUAL MEETING

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

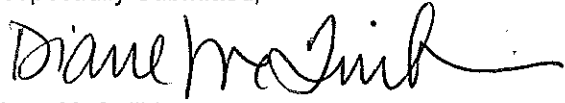
Board Members Absent:

Staff Members Present: Village Administrator John Nevenhoven; Finance Director Doug Elder, Village Attorney Bill Thomas, Police Chief Nick Sikora; Building Commissioner Tom Brennan; Public Works Supt Phil VanBogaert; Village Engineer Julie Morrison

Others Present: KCChronicle reporter Jacob Bartelson

1. Call to Order – Mayor Walter called the meeting to order at 7:44 PM.
2. Roll Call – A roll call ensued.
3. Public Comment – None
4. Discussion:
 - a. Amending Ordinance 2016-06 Signs – Village Admin Nevenhoven presented. The purpose is to consider reconfiguring the “downtown district” that better meets the needs of today. This was recently reviewed by the Planning Commission and the result of their review is in tonight’s packet. Nevenhoven highlighted the Planning Commission’s review and recommendations. Discussion ensued regarding older homes on First Street that could eventually be turned into boutiques—are we cutting off possibilities? There was consensus to keep the west side of First Street in the downtown district as it currently is. There was discussion if some or all of the east side of First Street should remain in the downtown district and there was agreement the two houses that front onto First Street just north of J&R Herra, Scout Park and Elburn Radiator will remain. It was agreed to keep the north line of the downtown district boundary at Shannon Street as is. There was agreement to keep the downtown boundary south of the railroad tracks as is. A big concern with the downtown district is not to allow backlit scrolling signs in order to keep the heart of the downtown character preserved. However, municipal buildings, groups and organizations need backlit scrolling signs in order to get their message out. Changing the downtown district configuration has come to light because of the desire to put a new sign in front of Village Hall. The Town & County Library may have the same need. Staff recommends keeping the block west of Route 47 in the downtown district to keep better control and require variances if businesses want something different. Nevenhoven will revise the map and ordinance per discussion this evening and will put it on the next Village Board agenda for review/approval.
 - b. New Village Hall Monument Sign – The majority of Trustees like sign option #3 but object to the enormity of the sign. Nevenhoven will go back to the sign company and have them scale down the size.
5. Other Business – None
6. Adjourn – Trustee Mondt moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:19 p.m. The motion was seconded by Trustee Filek and passed by a unanimous voice vote.

Respectfully Submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Diane McQuilkin". The signature is written in a cursive style with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Diane McQuilkin
Village Clerk