

MINUTES
VILLAGE OF ELBURN COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE (COW)
JUNE 21, 2021
AT ELBURN VILLAGE HALL

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

Board Members Absent:

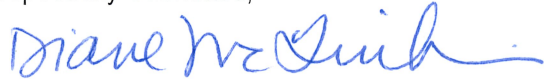
Staff Members Present: Village Administrator John Nevenhoven; Finance Director Doug Elder, Village Attorney Bill Thomas, Police Chief Nick Sikora; Public Works Supt Phil VanBogaert; Village Engineer Julie Morrison

Others Present: Resident LeRoy Herra

1. Call to Order – Mayor Walter called the meeting to order at 8:46 PM.
2. Roll Call – A roll call ensued.
3. Public Comment – None
4. Discussion:
 - a. Reconstitution of the Zoning Board of Appeals – Trustee Grabarek would like to separate the ZBA from the Planning Commission which will allow more citizen participation. He believes the combination weakens both boards. If Trustees are not interested in splitting the Boards, Grabarek suggested increasing the number of members for more public participation. Mayor Walter said he is leery of constituting another board of 6-7 people when, historically, they only meet every 6 years or so. Grabarek strongly suggests offering training to the Planning Commission/ZBA members. Grabarek recently attended one of their meetings and it did not appear they understood how a public hearing should be conducted (i.e., blanket votes on standards). He believes tighter adherence would create a more thorough record if there were ever questions. Nevenhoven stated everyone on the Planning Commission/ZBA has been through training including joint training with Sugar Grove and Campton Hills. Mayor Walter will meet with Chairwoman Jansons. Mayor Walter said a separate ZBA will not be constituted.
5. Other Business – Chief Sikora discussed community notification options and asked for direction from the Board. Sikora listed the pricing options. Code Red is same system Kane County uses and our price was reduced because of Kane County being a member. Sikora recommends contracting with Code Red and gave a brief explanation as to why. Sikora reminded the Board this was not a budgeted item. The cost for Code Red will go up at the end of the month. If approved, notification of this system could be put out in a press release, included in water bill notices and put on the Village's website and Facebook. Residents who wish to opt in may select what notifications they want to receive, including emergency weather notifications. Mayor Walter asked Trustees for input. Overall, the consensus was to move forward with Code Red with quarterly reports to the Board as far as resident participation in order to track ROI. While Civic Plus pricing is lower, Chief Sikora is leery of contracting with them at this time because their system is new and has not been proven. It was suggested perhaps we can switch to Civic Plus in the future to save in the long run. Pricing is based on population. The municipality pays the fee and the service is free to residents who opt in. It was suggested we could use COVID funding for the first year since this is not a budgeted item. Mayor Walter stated overall consensus is to move forward with Code Red with tracking reported on the Police Department's quarterly report. Ideas of what messages can be communicated were listed. When instituted, Chief Sikora said it is not recommended to send a lot of notices because residents will ignore or opt out and we will lose the benefit.

6. Adjourn – Trustee Mondri moved to adjourn the meeting at 9:21 p.m. The motion was seconded by Trustee Filek and passed by a unanimous voice vote.

Respectfully Submitted,



Diane McQuilkin
Village Clerk