

MINUTES FOR COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE  
VILLAGE BOARD  
OF THE VILLAGE OF CAMPTON HILLS  
FEBRUARY 19, 2008 6:30 P.M.  
CAMPTON COMMUNITY CENTER  
5N082 OLD LA FOX ROAD  
CAMPTON HILLS, ILLINOIS

The Committee of the Whole meeting of the President and Board of Trustees of the Village of Campton Hills was called to order by the Village President on Tuesday, February 19, 2008 at 6:35 pm at the Campton Township Community Center, 5N082 Old LaFox Road, Village of Campton Hills, Kane County, Illinois.

Clerk Lambe called the roll.

Present in person at roll call:

Trustee Bernard Bertsche

Trustee Charles Cappell

Trustee Albert Lenkaitis, Jr.

Trustee Roy Pollack

Absent at Roll Call:

Trustee Jim Kopec

Trustee Mike Millette

Also Present: Village Attorney, Bill Braithwaite, one staff member, one member of the press and approximately four residents.

Trustee Kopec and Trustee Millette entered the meeting at 6:36pm.

Presentation by Jodie Wollnik, Kane County Water Resources, related to the Evening Prairie and Briargate

Subdivisions: Ms. Wollnik provided the Board with the background regarding stormwater assistance. The program was established in 1993 to assist residents in a cost sharing program with the intent to resolve stormwater drainage issues. Many older subdivisions utilize old farm field tiles from the early 1900's which are overburdened. If an issue arises, under state law it is the property owner's responsibility to repair the drainage tile. The stormwater assistance program allows the County to split the cost 50/50 with the homeowners. They begin by identifying the problem and approaching those homeowners directly affected. The County will research the area to define those properties that are contributing to the problem even if they are not aware of their contribution to the problem. They will send a letter to the entire area that is affected by, and contributing to the problem asking for their financial support toward resolution. A contributing property is defined as a property that has a drop of water landing on it which is determined to drain to the problem property.

The County has always asked the homeowners to contribute on a voluntary basis and until Evening Prairie they had always been successful. There are approximately eight subdivisions either under investigation or in process. President Smith asked Ms. Wollnik what happens if there is a public health issue due to stormwater flooding resulting in a failing septic system, that the homeowners are unwilling to pay to resolve. Ms. Wollnik stated that the County Health Department could issue a violation but they have never had to resort to this type of action.

The County has also never done a special service area because they have always been able to work out a resolution. In the case of Evening Prairie, the pond floods and septic systems failed so it became an emergency and the County had to rod the drain tiles. Currently, this is only affecting about four homes, but if it is not taken care of, it will create septic problems for an additional twenty homes in the future.

It was suggested that the Village ask the homeowners to meet with the County and the Village Board to present the options to the homeowners. The County has been working on this subdivision for 10 years and would appreciate support from the new Village. To properly fix the stormwater drainage problem it will cost several hundred thousand dollars. The County is looking to offer support for a portion of the repair costs and are asking the Village and the homeowners to pay a share as well.

The County is proposing the following cost sharing proposal: they would pay \$70,000 from one account and another \$34,500 from another account titled *fee in lieu*, the Village is requested to pay \$34,500, the residents in the subdivision is requested to pay \$34,500 and the Snodell Farm is requested to pay \$34,500. The County would like to install the new tiles in similar locations as the current tiles, however in some areas there are shrubs that would have to be moved and easements that would need to be expanded.

President Smith stated that it has historically been the position of the Board that it does not make decisions that only benefit a few, but rather benefit all. When only a few people, have benefited typically user fees are adopted. In this case, only a few would be benefited. Before the Board meets with the homeowners, we need to develop an equitable method of assessment. Village Attorney, Bill Braithwaite, stated that there are several ways to develop a fair and impartial view of responsibility. The first would be based on a flat fee per lot. The second would be as a percentage of EAV. The third would be to assess the fee based on the number of feet of drain tile that is on the resident's property.

President Smith asked Trustee Millette if there were any grants for this type of issue. He indicated that there may be but they are very rare and typically have stipulations that this situation would not meet. President Smith inquired if the Village could use MFT revenues for drain tiles under the road. Trustee Millette stated that it is a possibility if the solution involved a storm sewer that would help preserve the roadway.

The Trustees agreed that they need to have a special meeting with the homeowners in the area to present them with their options. It was suggested to have a meeting in the first week of April with all the parties.

Ride in Kane Presentation by Lynn O'Shea, President of the Association for Individual Development: Ms. O'Shea presented to the Board the *Ride in Kane* program from its evolution through implementation. Their goal is to provide affordable transportation for those who need it in Kane County. It is a program modeled after the success of *Ride in DuPage* program. She is looking for sponsors from municipalities. The municipalities commit to sponsor specific people in the community by pledging a fixed amount and providing a list of those residents that have met the qualifications established by the municipality in order to receive sponsorship.

The program is subsidized by a federal matching grant and the participants pay a small fee for each ride or they can ride for free per the sponsors requirements. They expect to provide 150,000 rides in the first year. President Smith suggested they contact Campton Township, since public aid is one of their three main functions.

Treasurer's Report: Kathy Catalano, Village Treasurer presented a summary of revenues and the Village's appropriation as compared to cash basis actual expenses through January 31<sup>st</sup>. The Village is running in line with a majority of the appropriations. The sole exception is building and zoning. This is due to the employment of a zoning officer. She indicated she will need to do a line item transfer from the administrator position category that was never filled to the building and zoning category to cover the expenses.

The last meeting in April the Village will need to finalize line transfers for the appropriation ordinance. The finance committee will work on a budget for internal use as the Village is operating under an appropriation ordinance in its first two years. After the Village has some history, the Board will have to decide if they want to change to the Budget Act.

President Smith closed the Committee of the Whole meeting at 7:56pm.

  
Rebecca R. Lambe, Village Clerk

Approved by the Corporate Authorities on March 4, 2008.