

VILLAGE OF POPLAR GROVE

SPECIAL ADMINISTRATION COMMITTEE MEETING

MINUTES – DRAFT

Pending Committee Approval

May 10, 2010 – 6:30 PM

(Unless noted otherwise – all motions approved are Unanimous. All funding requests go to the Finance Committee for approval at the next Village Board meeting).

Present:

Chairman Kris Campbell, Trustee Judi Zangs, Trustee Ronald Quimby, Trustee Cliff Stetter, Secretary Maureen Brzinski and Public Audience.

Call to Order:

Chairman Kris Campbell called the meeting to order at 7:05 pm.

Mor-Agra Grain Handling, Inc.: Glen Guthrie

Mr. Guthrie stated the reason for the special administration meeting is for approval of a special use permit for an 80' x 100' pole barn shed that will house dried distorage grains, which is a by product of methanol plants. It's a basic shed with cement floor and steel structure which will increase their storage capacity.

Quimby asked Guthrie if this product produces dust and Guthrie stated no. Guthrie also stated there is relatively no smell to it and at the public hearing the neighbors also stated they couldn't smell it.

Zangs asked Guthrie if the trucks actually dump the product in the shed and Guthrie stated yes and the trucks will back right up to the shed where the containers will than be loaded.

Guthrie stated there will be additional truck traffic. The company will be loading trucks between 7:30 am to 5:00 pm and there are 25 to 30 containers per day. The containers are dropped off any time of the day within a 24 hour period.

Zangs asked if there is a bond and Guthrie stated there was a bond set in place approximately 35 years ago with the old Elevator Company. Mr. Morris stated it was bonded from Rt. 173 to just past the old railroad tracks because Eden Fruits was also able to bring in 80,000 lb. trucks.

Bawden stated there were approximately 10 to 12 residents who came to the public hearing and had a chance to see the plans and ask Glen questions. There were two people who had concerns about the truck traffic, drainage and vision. Bawden stated Glen agreed to put some evergreens on the north side and also assist neighbors by putting in a drainage ditch on Mor-Agra's property. Another neighbor did have a concern about the noisy drop off of containers at 3:00 am in the morning. Glen stated he has talked to the drivers about this issue. Bawden stated it seems that Glen has a great relationship with the neighbors.

Stetter asked about the weight of the trucks and how the additional traffic would affect the roads. Guthrie stated they have State of IL permits approving the weight of 80,000 lbs. per truck load and they are legal to run all State of IL roads. The road is rated at 73,280 lbs. from the bike path all the way into Belvidere. Quimby stated if somehow there could be access to the new shed off of Rt. 173 behind the back of the property to alleviate damage to Poplar Grove Rd./State Street.

Campbell stated this meeting is to approve the building and the discussion regarding the weight of the trucks, etc. will come later.

Motion was made by Zangs, 2nd by Quimby to approve the special use permit for Mor-Agra.

Police Referendum:

Quimby stated he feels a police referendum needs to be done.

Zangs stated she had a meeting last week with Mr. Akley, retired Deputy Chief of Elk Grove Village, and Mike Newcomb, former Police Chief of Holiday Hills, and they stated with the value of what the Village receives vs. the cost isn't worth it. They were both in agreement that the additional coverage is more of a feel good situation for the public rather than value to the Village. They also stated they would be interested to hear from Sheriff Wirth why such a cost and reason behind the additional coverage.

Zangs stated per the agreement, most everything is in favor of the County and nothing extra for the Village. If the Sheriff's office received a call for assistance from another police department or any other call which would take precedence over the additional deputies duties, the deputies would be reassigned or called out immediately and the Village would be left without the additional coverage. The two deputies weren't dedicated solely to the Village. Zangs stated she feels what the community wants most is a police presence to cut down on gangs and graffiti. Campbell stated the Village can change the type of coverage we currently receive, request a plain closed officer in an unmarked vehicle who would be devoted to gang crime so the coverage we have would not be just a feel good type of situation.

Zangs stated even though the Village is down an officer, the County still has a responsibility to patrol the Village as part of their normal daily activities.

Zangs stated the Village needs to present to the community the following:

- From Sheriff Wirth a description of what their function is for the Village.
- From Michele Courier a description of what their function is for the Village.

Zangs stated with the input of the community, Boone County's Sheriff's Office and Boone County States Attorneys Office, the Village will be able to write a referendum which meets the needs of the Village. Brzinski stated the referendum would need to be written by August in order to be placed on the ballot in November.

Adjournment:

Motion made by Quimby, 2nd by Zangs to adjourn at 7:30 pm.