

**Village of Poplar Grove
Board of Trustees Meeting
Minutes of Dec. 13, 2010**

The regular meeting of the Board of trustees was called to order by President Rightnowar at 7:30 pm in the Village Hall.

Present: President Brad Rightnowar, Trustees Kris Campbell, Robert Fry, John Neitzel, Ron Quimby, Cliff Stetter and Judi Zangs, Clerk Martha Suhr, Attorney Charlotte LeClercq, Secretary Maureen Brzinski and DWP Jeff Strate.

Agenda: Two items are added to the agenda. Under finance a. Recommend to approve audit report and under administration e. Recommend to approve resolution to participate in Nat'l Flood Plain Ins. Program. A motion was made by Fry, 2nd by Quimby to approve as amended. Motion was carried by voice vote 6-0.

Minutes of Nov. 8, 2010: A motion was made by Zangs, 2nd by Cliff Stetter to approve the minutes as presented. Motion was carried by voice vote 6-0.

Public Comment: Dan Lane addressed the Board concerning his Country Market. He stated that Mr. and Mrs. Simerl wished to withdraw from the sale of the Market stand. He thought that as he had sold it and the sale was withdrawn that the stand would revert to Ag. Zoning. President Rightnowar told him that as he was still the owner of the stand Mr. Lane was under a Judges order to take the stand down.

Special, North Boone Fire District Training Tower: Attorney O'Connor spoke in support of the building, reminding the Board that the building had passed the Planning and Zoning Commission and Administration Committee.

Mr. Russ Kuhlen spoke in support of the training tower.

Mr. Holmes, District 1, Capron Fire Chief stated that District 3 has repeatedly stepped up for the community and he supports the tower and was jealous that District 1 didn't have one.

Mr. Elmyr Morelock, former District 3 Fire Chief, was not in favor of the tower, but District 3 purchased the land and should have a say in what is built.

Mr. Don Ellingson stated that District 3 does a very good job, but wasn't sure that the tower would benefit the community and with the economy as it is, spending the money to build it.

Attorney O'Connor asked the Board to keep in mind that there are national standards for training that the Fire Districts are required to complete.

Trustee Fry stated that the Board did not question the need for training but that the Board also needs to watch out for the Village needs. He cited section 8-3-9 of the Village codes concerning criteria for obtaining a special use permit and that the Board was bound to operate by the ordinances.

Trustee Neitzel read a prepared statement dealing with the special use criteria and how the training tower would not affect the community in a negative way but in positive ways.

Trustee Fry was concerned that any commercial development to the west would be impacted and questioned the architectural compatibility of the structure.

Trustee Stetter's main concern was the smoke and particles that would be emitted. The Village must protect homes and businesses.

Trustee Quimby questioned the burning of cars and buses and if EPA permits were obtained and the amount of water to be used and if water run-off would be an issue. Chief Worley answered these questions. Permit acquired for bus, car was burned when they got it and only approx. 30 gal. of water would be used as it would be a single room burn only. Landscaping would be done and the building thoroughly secured. Chief Worley described in detail how the building would be secured.

Amy McIntrye stated the main mission of the Fire District was public safety. The building would help to protect families.

Bob Leonard, retired firefighter from Hanover Park stated that the training tower was needed.

Pam West stated there is more smoke from many residents burning leaves.

Chief Worley stated that they turned in over 800 signatures in support of the tower and where were the people opposed to the training building/tower.

President Rightnowar said he would want a planting plan for the landscaping presented to the Board for approval and hoped the Fire District would try to schedule training to minimize impact on the activities of the Village.

Mr. Martin said there is other training done, not just burning, such as running up flights of stairs with a full load of equipment. There is a lot of training to do without burning that can be done while other activities are going on in the park.

Mr. Howard Yakey, Fire District 3 Trustee, stated that he and two other trustees are Chief Worley's boss and they would see that all agreements would be adhered to and they would make sure the District co-operates with the Village in all their concerns. Mr. Jake Schoepski was introduced as the other Trustee present and he agreed with Mr. Yakey.

Andrea McIntrye stated that any new commercial buildings could be tall and then the training on the tower would be well-founded.

Trustee Quimby agreed with the need for a training facility, the only concern has been the location. He didn't want the building to stick out like a sore thumb years down the road. Other locations were discussed and an alternative site was available as a donation.

A resident voiced concerns about the alternative site as she understood it would cost more to be built on.

Jim Maars spoke in support and two more firefighters spoke in support.

Doug Edwards, retired Cherry Valley Chief, stated that all towers are built next to the fire station.

Amy McIntrye asked the Board to think about response time. If the firefighters had to return from the tower at an alternative site to the station to get their gear, they would lose valuable time getting to a fire or accident and it could cost someone their life.

Special Fire District Ordinances: A motion was made by Campbell, 2nd by Neitzel granting a special use permit to Fire District 3 for 305 W. Grove for a training building/tower.

A motion was made by Quimby, 2nd by Zangs to amend the ordinance to include a Village approved landscaping plan. Motion was carried 4-2 by roll call with Trustees Quimby, Zangs, Neitzel and Fry voting yes and Trustees Campbell and Stetter voting no.

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The motion to grant the special use permit ordinance 2010-801 for Fire District 3 with the landscaping amendment was carried by roll call 4-2 with Trustees Zangs, Campbell, Neitzel and Quimby voting yes and Trustees Fry and Stetter voting no.

A motion was made by Campbell, 2nd by Zangs to approve ordinance 2010-802 authorizing a height variance for the training tower. Motion was carried by roll call 5-1 with Trustees Neitzel, Stetter, Quimby, Campbell and Zangs voting yes and Trustee Fry voting no.

Time was 8:50 pm, chair stood in recess until 9:00 pm.

Treasurer's Report:

Ms. Forrest projected a surplus of \$86,000 at the end of the fiscal year. Projection was \$37,000 in water and sewer, \$35,000 in MFT and \$13,000 in the general fund.

A motion was made by Fry, 2nd by Stetter to approve the audit report for the fiscal year of 2009-2010. Motion was carried by roll call 6-0.

Finance Committee:

A motion was made by Fry, 2nd by Stetter to approve check runs of \$32,296.66 and \$172,600.63 for a total of \$204,897.29. Motion was carried by roll call 6-0.

A motion was made by Fry, 2nd by Neitzel to approve expenditures of \$7,736.50 from the Public Works Dept. Motion was carried by roll call 6-0.

A motion was made by Fry, 2nd by Zangs to approve ordinance no. 2010-803 amending Water and Sewer ordinance to reflect adding a \$25 administration fee for NSF checks. Motion was carried by roll call 6-0.

A motion was made by Fry, 2nd by Quimby to approve the Tax Levy Ordinance 2010-804 for the fiscal year of 2011-2012. Motion was carried by roll call 6-0.

A motion was made by Fry, 2nd by Campbell to approve ordinance no. 2010-805 abating taxes on water and sewer alternate bonds. Motion was carried by roll call 6-0.

A motion was made by Fry, 2nd by Stetter to approve ordinance no 2010-806 amending the water and sewer ordinance concerning meter testing procedures. Motion was carried by roll call 6-0.

A motion was made by Fry, 2nd by Quimby to approve the Supplemental Appropriation ordinance no. 2010-807. Motion was carried by roll call 6-0.

A motion was made by Fry, 2nd by Zangs to approve the letter to be sent to residents concerning access to water meters. Motion was carried by roll call 6-0.

Administration Committee:

A motion was made by Campbell, 2nd by Quimby to approve ordinance no. 2010-808 concerning the regulation of vendors. Motion was carried by roll call 6-0.

A motion was made by Campbell, 2nd by Stetter to approve ordinance no. 2010-809 fixing a curfew for those 17 and under. Motion was carried by roll call 6-0.

A motion was made by Campbell, 2nd by Stetter to approve the ordinance concerning the building of fences. Discussion on fences already built, would they be grandfathered in?

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A motion was made by Campbell, 2nd by Quimby to amend the fence ordination to grandfather in fences already built, if rebuilt they will have to comply with the ordinance.

Trustee Campbell withdrew the motions to have the attorney rewrite the ordinance to show grandfathered fences and conditions of being rebuilt.

Attorney LeClercq stated that a public hearing was necessary for the Flood Damage Prevention Ordinance and the resolution to participate in the Nat'l Flood Plan Ins. Program. The public hearing will be at 7:15 pm on Jan 10, 2011 before the Board of Trustees monthly meeting.

A motion was made by Campbell, 2nd by Neitzel to approve Ordinance no. 2010-810 amending the Zoning Ordinance/Non-Conforming Use. Motion was carried by roll call 6-0.

A motion was made by Campbell, 2nd by Quimby to approve ordinance no. 2010-811 amending the general Penalty provision for violations of the Village Code in section 1-4-1 increasing the penalty to \$750.00. Motion was carried by roll call 6-0.

Good of the Village:

Administration Committee- December 20, 2010 at 6:30 pm

Finance Committee- January 10, 2011 at 5:00 pm

Public Hearing for Flood Prevention Ordinance- January 10, 2011 at 7:15 pm

Village Board of Trustees- January 10, 2011 at 7:30 pm

A motion was made by Quimby, 2nd by Zangs to go into executive session under 5ILCS 120/2 (2)(1) employee compensation and 5ILCS 120/2 (2)(11) possible litigation Motion was carried by roll call 6-0. Time was 9:43 pm.

Meeting reconvened at 10:25 pm.

A motion was made by Quimby, 2nd by Stetter to reconvene the meeting. Motion was carried by roll call 6-0.

Present: President Brad Rightnowar, Trustees Kris Campbell, Robert Fry, John Neitzel, Ron Quimby, Cliff Stetter and Judi Zangs, Clerk Martha Suhr and Attorney Charlotte LeClercq.

A motion was made by Zangs, 2nd by Stetter to reduce the Treasurer's salary by \$6,000 and add \$6,500 to the Secretary's salary due to the shifting of duties retroactive to Sept. 1, 2010. Motion was carried by roll call 6-0.

A motion was made by Quimby, 2nd by Fry to adjourn the meeting. Motion was carried by voice vote 6-0. Meeting was adjourned at 10:27 pm.