

**City of Fox Lake**  
**Committee of the Whole Synopsis**  
**Wednesday, September 18, 2019**

The September 18, 2019 committee of the whole meeting was called to order by Mayor Tom Bednarek, following a special council meeting, in the Council Chambers. Those in attendance were alderpersons John Mund, Dan Ault, Dennis Linke, Peter Hartzheim, Robert Jenswold and Don Zilewicz. Also attending were city administrator Dean Perlick, city attorney Mike Devitt, police chief Jim Rohr, municipal clerk Susan Hollnagel, public works superintendent Gene Huettner and librarian Erin Anders.

In the audience were Joan Hoppenjan, Dan Casey and Meagan Buchda.

**Trenton Street update**

Huettner said Trenton Street was opened today. He said the contractor will have to come back and fix a couple of spots. The Mayor asked if they will be back this fall to do it. Huettner said yes. Hartzheim said he received a couple of calls about speeders on the street. Rohr said he was on Trenton Street today and everyone was doing the speed limit. He said he will keep an eye on it.

**Second driveway application**

Appearing before the committee was Joan Hoppenjan, requesting a second driveway for her property at 204 Forest Street. She said she is adding on to back shed to store her boat and would like a driveway access on Seminary Street. Huettner said he had looked at the property and didn't see a problem with it. He asked if they would be doing a curb cut or removing and replacing the curb. Hoppenjan said Gully said it would be a curb cut. Huettner said he would check with Gully. The Mayor said this would be on the October council agenda.

**FLWCC sludge removal/liner replacement**

The Mayor said he wanted to update them on the sludge removal and liner replacement at the wastewater treatment plant. He said this had been put off until 2020. He said liners usually last 25 years and these are around 40 years old. The Mayor said they have \$200,000- in the sludge removal account, with an estimate of the cost of sludge removal around \$300,000-. He said the city is responsible for 65% of the bill. He said if they do the liners too, the total estimated cost, for both the sludge removal and liner remove and install new, is around \$3,227,000-.

**ATV/UTV ordinance**

Jenswold said he looked at the ordinance and noticed it was shorter than the others they had been looking at. He said he also read state statutes 23.33 and the ordinance makes

sense. Perlick said the ordinance is based on the DNR model. He said Devitt reviewed the ordinance and a few corrections were made. Perlick said if they plan to use STH 33 and STH 68 as routes, the city needs to get approval from the DOT. Hartzheim asked if they needed permission to cross STH 33 and STH 68. Rohr said no. Rohr said the ordinance didn't include a trial period of a year. Devitt said if the ordinance was not working out, the Council can rescind it. He said the one year trial period can be reflected in the motion, when adopting the ordinance.

Hartzheim said #4c requires them to do 10 MPH if they are within 150 feet of a dwelling, which would be most areas in the city. Devitt said they need to change or reword that part. Perlick asked if they wanted approval from the DOT to use STH 33 and STH 68. The consensus was yes.

### **Aquatic center update**

Meagan Buchda, city treasurer, gave a wrap up of the aquatic center's summer. She said revenue has been up this year and she feels it is because they are using Facebook and updating the community. She said they had around \$2,000- in concession sales and \$18,000- in admission sales. The Mayor said a lot of the community is behind the pool, as the city has received around \$20,000- for improvements/repairs at the pool. Ault asked why the aquatic center can't be open longer in to August. Hartzheim said many of the lifeguards are college students so when they go back to school, the number of guards available goes down.

### **Congregational Museum repairs**

Huettner said he had received three bids for tuck pointing and foundation repairs at the Congregational Museum. He said Roy Derksen bid \$6,300-, Eric Manske \$4,100- and Ed Building Restoration \$2,500-. The Mayor asked if the \$4,100- bid included tuck pointing, rebuilding the wall and landscaping. Huettner said it did not include tuck pointing. The Mayor asked Huettner to review the bids and touch base with the bidders and have a recommendation for the October council meeting.

### **Building inspection fees**

Perlick said he ha received a new contract from General Engineering to increase the building inspection fees the first of the year. The Mayor said the early start fee went up \$84.00. Huettner said he is not really impressed with these guys. Perlick said there are other companies out there that do this and he could look into other businesses. The Mayor said they are not following up on houses they wanted letters sent to. He said we should go right to the owner. Perlick said he would first see what is out there. The Mayor would like Mark Janikowski, owner of General Engineering, to appear at the October committee meeting to answer any questions they may have.

## **Library**

No one had any questions on the library board minutes. Anders said they will be having a program tomorrow night covering the 100 years of Packer football. She is also updating the library ad in the visitor's guide.

## **Exemption from DC library tax**

The Mayor said we do this every year and it will be placed on the October council agenda.

## **Police Assoc agreement**

Rohr said he had received a grievance from one of the officer's in the union regarding vacation. Perlick said Rohr had answered the grievance and the city will follow what is stated as far as how vacation is accumulated. Zilewicz said he wants to make sure this is changed in future agreements. Hartzheim said that according to the agreement, if it went to arbitration, the arbitrator can't change the agreement anyways.

With no other business to come before the committee of the whole, the meeting was adjourned at 7:25 p.m.