

**City of Fox Lake
Committee of the Whole Synopsis
April 21, 2021**

The April 21, 2021 committee of the whole meeting was called to order by Mayor Tom Bednarek, at 6:38 p.m., following the organizational council meeting. Those in attendance were Alderpersons Dan Ault, Marcy Benz, Peter Hartzheim, Dennis Linke, John Mund, and Don Zilewicz. Also attending were City Administrator Dean Perlick, City Attorney Mike Devitt, Police Chief James Rohr, Librarian Erin Anders, City Treasurer Krystal McCauley and City Clerk Jenny Quirk.

Merle & Cheryl Kok, Joe & Lynn Sullivan, Heather Hadel, Dale Marth, Jason Grams, Andrew Butterbrodt, Mark Lehman, Daryl Senda, Kayla Sharpee and Wayne Kok were in the audience.

Discuss inspecting the Storm Sewer on We Go Trail:

Zilewicz stated sump pumps on We Go trail have been running more than normal. He would like DPW to use the camera to look into the storm sewer.

Discuss reducing the speed limit from 45 mph to 35 mph along Spring St. (S. STH 33) for the purpose of allowing ATV/UTV access to the City:

Chief provided the information he received from the DOT. He shared the state has denied the City's request to reduce the speed by 10 mph and was told the City does not have the authority to make that decision on a state highway.

Library:

Librarian Anders shared that the Library will be opening again on Saturdays starting April 24th. Also starting a streaming option called Hoopla as well as launching a mobile app. The library now has a cricket machine, and their new computers are set up. They want to hold the children's reading program at the City Hall this summer. Anders also stated they want to have a joint meeting with the library board and the historical room to further discuss the reopening.

Review City of Fox Lake Financial Reports:

Treasurer McCauley provided the reports from Baker Tilly, that had been discussed at the April 7, 21 council meeting, as well as the current quarterly reports in comparison to the budget. She stated the money from the project loans are in the savings and we are tracking the invoices that are starting to come in. Also, shared that 75% of the tax revenue is received.

Discuss request of Merle and Cheryl Kok to purchase the vacant lot at the end of Makenick Street from the City:

Multiple citizens spoke that they would not like to see the City give up the vacant land alongside of the park. They also presented a petition opposing the sale. The alderpersons asked questions and provided further discussion. The Mayor stated it will be placed on the May council agenda for voting.

Discuss planting a tree vs sending flowers for current and past officials/employees that pass away:

Hartzheim proposed the City could plant a tree in honor of current and past officials/employees when they pass away instead of spending the money on flowers to be sent to the funeral. The Mayor stated it will be placed on the May council agenda for voting.

Discuss Waste Management/Advance Disposal Contract and the issues the City has been experiencing with garbage/recycling collection:

There were 2 representatives present from Waste Management. The alderpersons and Mayor shared the frustrations voiced to them by citizens regarding missed pickups and broken cans that have not been resolved. The representatives provided updated call center phone numbers to be used when there are issues. They stated they are working through fleet and staffing issues since the buyout and request citizens call with issues.

Discuss proposed Development along Oaks Road:

Perlick explained that upon further review the cost of taking on Oaks Road may be more than the city should take on. We recommend to go through the de-annexation process and move the TIF boundary line for the City of Fox Lake portion along Oaks Road to go to the Town of Fox Lake. We will let the Town of Fox Lake take the lead on this process.

Discuss Development Planned for Lots along Eggleston Street:

Perlick provided an aerial photo of the lots, that would be purchased by the RDA from SAB Homes, LLC, to have 8 unit condos built for sale. Similar to the new rental units being built on Wells St. The city is working with MSA to see if the border of TIF 2 can be moved in order to include these 5 lots. Looking to begin the project Fall of 2021 and occupancy in 2022.

Discuss allowing renting of community center:

The reopening of the community center for events was discussed. The Mayor stated it will be placed on the May council agenda for voting.

With no other business to come before the committee of the whole, the meeting was adjourned at 7:42 p.m.