

City of Fox Lake
Committee of the Whole Synopsis
July 15, 2020

The July 15, 2020 committee of the whole meeting was called to order at 6:42 pm by Mayor Tom Bednarek, following a special council meeting, in the community center. Those in attendance were alderpersons John Mund, Dan Ault, Dennis Linke, Peter Hartzheim, Robert Jenswold and Don Zilewicz. Also attending were city attorney Mike Devitt, city administrator Dean Perlick, public works superintendent Gene Huettner and city clerk Jenny Quirk. Marcy Benz, Paul & Kathy Martin were in the audience.

Public Works

Discussion regarding the moving of the planter on the SW corner of College and State St. to allow more access for persons with wheelchairs to better reach the crosswalk button.

Water/Sewer

Sludge pump at the waste water treatment plant has not been working. They would like to use the City's pump next week. Terms to be negotiated.

Property maintenance notices

Jim Rohr spoke regarding updates on property maintenance notices. Of the 40 letters sent 22 are already in compliance, 7 sited, 10 given extensions and some are heading into foreclosure. Minimal action will be taken on foreclosures.

Building & Parks

Discussion regarding adding an interior window at the front counter of City Hall for potential security and infection control and possibility of a security button. Discussion regarding options for opening the front office to better fit 2 work spaces. Further discussion will be held at a later meeting.

License & Finance

Discussion regarding the update on the proposed creation of a rehabilitation and conservation TIF district for the downtown area. Perlick updated on RDA's findings from the meeting with downtown business owner's. 3 owners in attendance were favorable. Looking at potential low interest loans or 50/50 grants. This would be a way to help improve the downtown business area. Looking into the process and expense to create a new TIF district.

Update on the agreement with Paul & Kathy Martin regarding inspector's email of progress on their house at E. State St. Martins stated it has been difficult retaining contractors due to COVID. The City will give an extension until Jan 1, 2021 and then have the building inspector reevaluate to give more direction on what is left to complete in order to obtain an occupancy permit.

Library

Library board minutes were reviewed, with no further discussion or questions.

With no other business to come before the committee of the whole, the meeting was adjourned at 7:18 p.m.