

**Village of Indian Head Park
201 Acacia Drive
Indian Head Park, IL 60525**

**MEETING MINUTES
BOARD OF TRUSTEES**

“Pursuant to 5 ILCS 120/2.06 (3) minutes of public meetings shall include, but need not be limited to: a general description of all matters proposed, discussed, or decided, and a record of votes taken.”

Thursday, June 14, 2007

7:30 P.M.

★ CALL TO ORDER - MAYOR RICHARD S. ANDREWS

The regular scheduled meeting of the Village of Indian Head Park Board of Trustees was held on Thursday, June 14, 2007, at the Municipal Facility, 201 Acacia Drive, and was called to order at 7:30 p.m. by Mayor Richard S. Andrews. Village Clerk Joseph Consolo called the roll as follows:

★ ROLL CALL: JOSEPH CONSOLO, VILLAGE CLERK

PRESENT (AND CONSTITUTING A QUORUM):

Mayor Richard S. Andrews
Trustee Debbie Anselmo
Trustee Brian T. Bailey
Trustee Anne Bermier
Trustee Carol Coleman
Trustee Norman L. Schnauffer
Trustee Matthew P. Walsh II

ALSO PRESENT:

Frank Alonzo, Administrator
Steven Busa, Treasurer
Joseph Consolo, Village Clerk
Patrick Crowley, Chief of Police
Jim Niewiara, Village Counsel, Quinlan & Carroll, Ltd.
Edward Santen, Water/Public Works Superintendent

★ PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG

Mayor Andrews and the Board of Trustees led the audience in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag: *“I Pledge Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America and to the republic for which it stands, one nation under God indivisible with liberty and justice for all”*.

Mayor Andrews stated that Flag Day is June 14th and Old Glory is a symbol that has meaning worldwide. It is a symbol of freedom, hope and opportunity. Mayor Andrews asked everyone to honor the Flag on this date and also this week by extending someone a courtesy or offering a compliment in commemoration of our national symbol. Mayor Andrews and the Board of Trustees paused for a moment of silence to remember all who have served and defended our country.

★ **CONSENT AGENDA**

Mayor Andrews entertained a motion to approve the Consent Agenda items as presented:

- ★ *Reappointment of Carol Coleman to the E-911 Board for the term ending June 13, 2008*
- ★ *Reappointment of Joseph V. Consolo to the E-911 Board for the term ending June 13, 2008*
- ★ *Reappointment of Fire Chief Dan Hermes to the E-911 Board for the term ending June 13, 2008*
- ★ *Reappointment of Matthew P. Walsh II to the E-911 Board for the term ending June 13, 2008*
- ★ *Reappointment of Patrick Rogers as the Village's Prosecuting Attorney for the term ending June 1, 2008*
- ★ *Reappointment of Joan Pieri as the Village's representative to S.E.A.S.P.A.R. for the term ending June 1, 2008*
- ★ *Approval of Western Springs National Bank & Trust Resolutions (Resolution #R6-07-1 and #R6-07-2)*
- ★ *Appointment of Storino, Ramello & Durkin as Village Counsel effective July 1, 2007*
- ★ *Approval of Prevailing Wage Rate Ordinance for the Village of Indian Head Park (Ordinance #07-6)*

Trustee Coleman moved, seconded by Trustee Bermier to approve the Consent Agenda items, as presented to the Board for approval. Carried by unanimous roll call vote (6/0/0).

Aye: Anselmo, Bailey, Bermier, Coleman, Schnaufer, Walsh

Nay: None

Absent: None

★ **PRESENTATION AND COMMENDATION TO POLICE OFFICERS – PRESENTED BY POLICE CHIEF PAT CROWLEY**

Police Chief Pat Crowley stated that it is an honor and privilege to present five commendations to Indian Head Park Police Officers for their diligent efforts and outstanding job performance that resulted in the apprehension and arrest of an armed robbery suspect that was charged with various crimes that were committed in the business district of Indian Head Park as well as neighboring communities.

Chief Crowley congratulated Sergeant Raymond Leuser who immediately responded to the White Hen Pantry in Indian Head Park to investigate an armed robbery that occurred at that location. As a result of Sergeant Leuser's thorough investigation, the suspect was arrested on the White Hen premises and charged with armed robbery. Chief Crowley added that Sergeant Scott Clendening also immediately responded to the White Hen Pantry and assisted in the arrest of the suspect. Chief Pat Crowley stated that Officer John Elza also received a commendation for assisting in the apprehension of the suspect. Chief Crowley noted that Officer John Elza has been a part-time police officer for Indian Head Park for several years, he served previously with the Cook County Sheriff's Police Department for thirty-three years and had an outstanding record with that department.

Chief Crowley stated that Sergeant Curt Novak and Officer Kris Gardner could not attend the meeting this evening but also received commendations for their follow-up in the interrogation of the suspect. The offender admitted to Sergeant Novak and Officer Gardner during the interview process that he committed five additional armed robberies in neighboring communities. Chief Crowley pointed out that officers are also checking with the communities of Berwyn, Westmont and Forest Park police departments concerning similar robberies outside the immediate areas to determine whether the suspect may have also committed those crimes.

Mayor Andrews and the Board of Trustees thanked Chief Crowley and all Indian Head Park Police Officers for their fine work in keeping the community safe.

★ **APPROVAL OF BOARD MEETING MINUTES**
Minutes of the Regular Board Meeting - May 10, 2007

After review of Board meeting minutes, Trustee Schnauffer moved, seconded by Trustee Walsh, to approve the May 10, 2007 regular Board meeting minutes, as presented. Carried by unanimous voice vote (6/0/0).

★ **FINANCIAL REPORTS – TREASURER STEVE BUSA**
Approval of Financial Report for the month ending April 30, 2007
Approval of Financial Report for the month ending May 31, 2007

Treasurer Busa presented the financial reports for the month ending April 30, 2007 and for the month ending May 31, 2007. For the month of April, he noted: (1) total revenues were \$323,321.57; (2) expenditures were \$227,136.11 and; (3) total fund balances in all accounts at the end of April were \$558,800.76. For the month of May, he noted: (1) total revenues were \$313,891.98; (2) expenditures were \$269,226.82 and; (3) total fund balances in all accounts at the end of May were \$694,832.85. Trustee Schnauffer moved, seconded by Trustee Anselmo, to approve the financial reports for the months ending April 30, 2007 and May 31, 2007, as presented by Treasurer Busa. Carried by unanimous roll call vote (6/0/0).

Aye: Anselmo, Bailey, Bermier, Coleman, Schnaufner, Walsh

Nay: None

Absent: None

REPORTS FROM THE BOARD

Mayor Andrews stated that he is pleased to report that the Indian Head Park Woman's Club made a donation to the Indian Head Park Heritage Center and he also thanked the Taylor family for sending the second installment of the impact fee to Indian Head Park as it relates to the Dartmoor development on Timber Trails. Mayor Andrews stated that he was informed that the Village has been designated to receive a donation of a sprinkler system for the Heritage Center. Superintendent Ed Santen reported that the Village was fortunate to receive grant funds from the Sprinklerfitters Association of Chicago to cover the entire cost for a sprinkler system at the Heritage Center. He added that the work will be taking place within the next few weeks. Mayor Andrews asked Superintendent Santen if the process for a sprinkler system was started under Mayor Pellegrino's term in office. Superintendent Santen stated that Mayor Pellegrino, Fire Chief Dan Hermes and Battalion Chief Dan Tholotowky were very helpful during the process to obtain funding for the sprinkler system for the Heritage Center.

Trustee Walsh reported that it is anticipated that the Plainfield Road pathway will begin next week, areas will be flagged to mark various locations of the sidewalk as well as utilities. Trustee Walsh thanked Dartmoor Homes for contributing a majority of the funds to complete the sidewalk project as well as a donation for a portion of the project from the Township of Lyons. Mayor Andrews inquired if property owners on Plainfield Road were notified that the sidewalk project would begin. Frank Alonzo stated that the Public Works Department distributed fliers to the households in the area of the sidewalk project and there will be access to the driveways during the project unless there are unforeseen circumstances.

ZONING AGENDA ITEMS – CHAIRMAN DENNIS SCHERMERHORN (QUESTIONS AND/OR COMMENTS FROM THE AUDIENCE ALLOWED AFTER ZONING REPORT(S) AND PRIOR TO VOTES ON ZONING REQUESTS

ZONING REPORT, BOARD CONSIDERATION AND VOTE REGARDING THE FOLLOWING MATTERS:

*Report from the Planning and Zoning Commission Regarding Petition #159 –
Continuation of a Public Hearing for a Rear Yard Variation for an Addition to the
Residence at 6532 Blackhawk Trail.*

Chairman Schermerhorn reported that a continuation of a public hearing was held before the Planning and Zoning Commission on Tuesday, June 5, 2007 regarding Petition #159 submitted by Mr. & Mrs. Nick Guardino who are requesting a rear yard variance to allow for the construction of an addition to their residence at 6532 Blackhawk Trail. Chairman Schermerhorn noted: (1) the Commission was presented with a petition by Mr. & Mrs. Guardino, the property owners as well as their builder to allow for the construction of an addition on the rear of the home; (2) the proposed addition would encroach into the rear yard setback of the property by approximately 9.5'; (3) the home is located in an R-1 zoning district; (4) a zoning petition was filed earlier by the property owner at the March meeting. At that meeting, the petition was converted to a workshop session whereas lengthy discussion ensued regarding the degree of the initial rear yard encroachment and suggestions were provided by the Commission as to a plan redesign that would be consistent with similar variances granted previously. At that meeting there were numerous supporting letters from neighbors and one single neighbor who wanted any variance granted the petitioners to automatically apply to his proposed building plan and; (5) the most recent petition and design presented to the Commission is consistent with all recommendations made by the Commission. There were no opposing positions presented. Chairman Schermerhorn stated that after a review of the findings of fact, and discussion among the Commissioners, the Commission voted its recommendation to the Village Board to accept the petition as presented subject only to the condition that the drain tile system for roof run-off be tied into the existing drainage system. (The vote was four commissioner members in favor and two members were absent).

Chairman Schermerhorn noted that the redesigned plan for the rear yard addition submitted to the Commission reflects a reduction in the rear yard encroachment from 16.42 feet – a 23.65% variation to a 9.68 feet rear yard variation resulting in a 13.94% variance.

Mayor Andrews entertained a motion to receive the report presented by Chairman Schermerhorn from the Planning and Zoning Commission with respect to Petition #159. Trustee Coleman moved, seconded by Trustee Walsh, to receive the report from the Planning and Zoning Commission regarding Petition # 159 for a rear yard variation for the property located at 6532 Blackhawk Trail. Carried by unanimous voice vote (6/0/0).

Aye: Anselmo, Bailey, Bermier, Coleman, Schnaufer, Walsh

Nay: None

Absent: None

Mayor Andrews entertained a motion to approve the ordinance granting a rear yard variation for the property located at 6532 Blackhawk Trail. Trustee Coleman moved, seconded by Trustee Walsh, to approve the ordinance granting a rear yard variance for the property located at 6532 Blackhawk Trail as defined in the ordinance presented to the Board for approval and conditions set forth by the Planning and Zoning Commission. ***(Ordinance #07-8). Carried by unanimous roll call vote.***

Aye: Anselmo, Bailey, Bermier, Coleman, Schnaufer, Walsh
Nay: None
Absent: None

Report from the Planning and Zoning Commission Regarding Petition #162 for a Terms and Conditions Hearing for a Safety Fence at 6472 Apache Drive.

Mayor Andrews stated that with regard to the proposed safety fence for the property at 6472 Apache Drive, the Village was notified this morning by the petitioners, Mr. & Mrs. Michael Pall, who requested a continuance to an appropriate date before the Board considers this matter to hear their petition for a safety fence. Mayor Andrews stated that in light of that request, a recommendation is being made to the Trustees to continue the consideration of the application for a safety fence at 6472 Apache Drive until the Board meeting on August 9, 2007. Trustee Anselmo moved, seconded by Trustee Bailey, to continue the petition for a safety fence at 6472 Apache Drive to the August 9, 2007 meeting. Carried by unanimous roll call vote (6/0/0).

Aye: Anselmo, Bailey, Bermier, Coleman, Schnaufer, Walsh
Nay: None
Absent: None

Mayor Andrews noted that the Board will receive Chairman Schermerhorn's report from the public hearing that was held before the Planning and Zoning Commission regarding a proposed safety fence at 6472 Apache Drive at the August 9, 2007 meeting.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Trustee Bailey moved, seconded by Trustee Schnaufer, to adjourn to Executive Session pursuant to 5 ILCS 120/2 (c) (1) to discuss the appointment, employment, compensation, discipline or performance of specific employees and 5 ILCS 120/2 (c) (11) to discuss possible litigation. Carried by unanimous roll call vote (6/0/0).

Aye: Anselmo, Bailey, Bermier, Coleman, Schnaufer, Walsh
Nay: None
Absent: None

RETURN TO THE PUBLIC MEETING

Trustee Schnaufer moved, seconded by Trustee Anselmo, to return to the public meeting. Carried by unanimous voice vote. (6/0/0).

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to discuss, Trustee Walsh moved, seconded by Trustee Schnaufer, to adjourn the regular Board meeting at 9:35 p.m. Carried by unanimous voice vote (6/0/0).

Respectfully Submitted,

Joseph V. Consolo, Village Clerk

Kathy Leach, Deputy Clerk/Recording Secretary