

**PLANNING & DEVELOPMENT MEETING
AUGUST 25, 2009
6:45 PM**

Chairman Stephen Appell called the meeting to order at 6:49 P.M.

Trustee members present: President Jim Claeysen, Gary Maitland, David Schroeder

Trustees present: Sally Hollebeak, Scott Kramer, James Coppernoll

Also, present: Attorney Stevens, Administrator David Nord, Village Clerk, Nancy Belt, Chief Todd Houde; & PWD Joe Caveny

Stephen Appell moved to adopt the amended agenda.

Add: Telecommunication Ordinance

Bell Valley Commons Well Request

Purchase Dell Computer

Gary Maitland seconded. Motion carried by voice vote.

Stephen Appell moved to approve the minutes of May 26, 2009. David Schroeder seconded. Motion carried by voice vote.

COMCAST FRANCHISE AGREEMENT

Attorney Stevens reported that he reviewed the agreement and recommended forwarding the amendments to Comcast. It was the consensus of the committee to have Attorney Jim Stevens send a letter to Comcast with the fifteen amendments related to the franchise agreement.

RAIL INITIATIVE

David Nord said that he has not received anymore information as presented at the July 28, 2009 meeting. Scott Kramer questioned what would be the advantage for the Metra or Amtrak to go through Cherry Valley. President Claeysen said the railways would be to our advantage in accordance with the future development on Perryville and Mulford because the village has property on South Mulford. It was agreed to continue to address this matter again at the next planning & development meeting.

ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

Sonic: David Nord reported that Sonic has broken ground and should be open in November.

Carpenter's Training Facility: David Nord reported that this project is moving forward and permit has been issued.

David Nord requested to attend the 2009 ICSC tradeshow and consider another employee to attend.

Gary Maitland moved to send to the village board approval for David Nord and a employee to attend the ICSC Chicago Dealmaker Tradeshow October 28 – 30, 2009 at a cost not to exceed \$2,600.00.

David Schroeder seconded. Motion carried by voice vote.

TELECOMMUNICATION

Gary Maitland stated that the September 18, 2009 is the deadline for the Illinois Department of Revenue to receive the telecommunication ordinance. Gary provided the committee with a list of revenues derived by other municipalities. Gary recommended not waiting until the village has a financial problem due to the decrease in sales tax and the unpredictable economy. If the board passes the telecommunication ordinance those additional funds received will off-set the reduced sales tax revenues so that the board can maintain the same public services to our residents.

The committee also discussed passing the sales tax resolution in November 2009 to be placed on the February 2, 2010 ballot. After further discussion Gary Maitland moved to authorize Attorney Jim Stevens to draft the telecommunication ordinance setting the percentage at 6% for passage at the village board meeting. Stephen Appell seconded. Motion carried by voice vote. President Claeysen said that he would meet with David Nord to review the reasons for the sales tax referendum and telecommunication tax this will be discussed again at the September 1, 2009 ordinance committee meeting.

ATTORNEY'S REPORT

Attorney Stevens reported that the board needs to pass the enabling ordinance for the Regional Detention Pond bond. The Village can also abate the annual bond amount as we have done in the past. It was the consensus to have Attorney Jim Stevens proceed setting the bond at 1.5 million.

PUBLIC WORKS REPORT

Joe Caveny presented the committee with a letter dated August 17, 2009 from Bell Valley Commons regarding their request for a permit to construct a 6 inch well approximately 310 feet deep and no more than 150 gallons per minute. Attorney Jim Stevens stated that after reviewing the developer's agreement he found no provision for the construction for the well. Discussion followed regarding problems that could occur maintaining an acceptable water level at this stage of the development, and with future development providing more storm water runoff to fill the pond. The committee requested Joe Caveny to contact Representative Marifran Georgis stating that the board has denied the well permit for the purpose of maintaining landscaping appearances and depleting natural resources such as clean ground water.

DELL COMPUTER PURCHASE

Joe Caveny presented the committee with a request to purchase a Dell Computer in the amount of \$1,273.00 for the public works department. Stephen Appell moved to send to the village board to ratify the amount of \$1,273.00 for the purchase of a Dell Computer. Gary Maitland seconded. Motion carried by voice vote.

Joe Caveny stated that he had no updates on the Winnebago County Bell School Road construction.

Gary Maitland moved to adjourn at 7:46 pm. Jim Claeysen seconded. Motion carried by voice vote.

Recorded by: Village Clerk, Nancy L. Belt

P&D minutes approve by Chairman, Stephen Appell on August 28, 2009