

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, April 12, 2007

7:30 P.M.

I. CALL TO ORDER - MAYOR RICHARD F. PELLEGRINO

The regular scheduled meeting of the Village of Indian Head Park Board of Trustees was held on Thursday, April 12, 2007, at the Municipal Facility, 201 Acacia Drive, and was called to order at 7:30 p.m. by Mayor Richard F. Pellegrino. Village Clerk Joseph Consolo called the roll as follows:

II. ROLL CALL: JOSEPH CONSOLO, VILLAGE CLERK

PRESENT (AND CONSTITUTING A QUORUM):

Mayor Richard F. Pellegrino
Trustee Richard Andrews
Trustee Debbie Anselmo
Trustee Anne Bermier
Trustee Carol Coleman
Trustee Norman L. Schnauffer
Trustee Matthew P. Walsh II

ALSO PRESENT:

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

NOT PRESENT:

Frank Alonzo, Administrator (prior family commitment)

III. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG

Mayor Pellegrino 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”*.

◆ ***PRESENTATION BY PACE TRANSPORTATION REGARDING MOVING BEYOND CONGESTION CAMPAIGN – SUSAN RUSHING***

Susan Rushing, of the Governmental Affairs Division of PACE Transportation, stated that she is present this evening regarding public transportation issues that will be discussed during this legislative session in Springfield. Susan Rushing stated that PACE Transportation is asking its partners in transit in the suburbs as well as throughout the region to assist PACE by urging our State law makers to secure additional dollars to keep the buses on the road. She noted that funding for public transit has not kept up with expenses and the most recent audit general's report stated that the RTA, CTA, Pace and Metra are facing a serious shortfall of funds. Susan Rushing pointed out that Pace only receives the equivalent of 1/16 of a cent in sales tax regionwide, and as a result, RTA and its service boards are combining efforts in a campaign called "Moving Beyond Congestion" to invest funds received from Springfield to maintain, enhance and expand the transportation system in northeastern Illinois. Susan Rushing stated that Pace Transportation has transferred over \$100 million dollars in the past five years to operating expenses, buses have not been replaced, garages are in need of maintenance and infrastructure needs to be upgraded. Pace has a 2007 budget deficit of \$23 million dollars in its suburban service budget and \$81 million dollars in its regional ADA paratransit budget.

Susan Rushing reported that Pace Bus Route 669 operates in Indian Head Park, ridership is holding steady and there has been a 10% increase in riders from last year. She added that without an infusion of new funds from Springfield the Pace Board of Directors will be facing a serious dilemma by shrinking the system to match the revenue flow. Susan Rushing asked for the Village Board's consideration to approve the resolution on the agenda this evening to be sent to Springfield in support of providing Pace with funding to support moving beyond congestion.

Mayor Pellegrino stated that he was appointed to the Pace Board in June of 2005 and is currently serving as a Director on the Pace Board. Mayor Pellegrino stated that transportation is of critical importance not only to our economy but also to our quality of life. He noted that the greater utilization of public transportation facilitates our quality of life by cutting down on emissions and moving beyond congestion. Mayor Pellegrino complimented Susan Rushing for her efforts on behalf of Pace Transportation.

Trustee Coleman stated that she has been riding the Pace Route 669 bus that serves Indian Head Park for the past eighteen years. She noted that Pace transportation is not only an asset to Indian Head Park but also to the surrounding communities that Pace serves.

◆ ***PRESENTATION OF COMMENDATIONS TO POLICE OFFICERS – CHIEF PATRICK CROWLEY***

Chief Patrick Crowley stated that certificates of commendation were presented to five police officers for their exemplary police work.

Two police officers are present this evening at the Board meeting to accept their commendations. A commendation was presented to Officer Jerry Formanski for pursuing an arrest of two suspects that were charged with burglary, criminal trespass to property and criminal damage to property. The incident occurred in the business district area of the Village. A commendation was also presented to Officer Kris Gardner who apprehended a suspect who was charged with felony burglary. The incident occurred in a residential area of the Village.

Chief Crowley commended all officers on their diligent efforts and comprehensive investigations and for their dedication to public service to the entire community. Chief Crowley stated that Sergeant Raymond Leuser, Officer Jim Clendening and Officer Rich Goluszka were also presented with commendations.

Mayor Pellegrino thanked Chief Pat Crowley and the entire police department for the fine job the police department is doing to protect and serve the community.

IV. CONSENT AGENDA

The following consent agenda items were presented for Board approval. Mayor Pellegrino entertained a motion to approve the following:

- ★ *Approval of Resolution Authorizing execution of Water Supply Agreement Between the City of Countryside and the Village of Indian Head Park (Resolution #R4-07-1)*
- ★ *Approval of Resolution in Support of P.A.C.E. and Funding to Support Moving Beyond Congestion (Resolution # R4-07-2)*
- ★ *Approval of Ordinance Granting an Amendment to the Ashbrook Development Subdivision Planned Unit Development for an Addition to the Residence at 6195 Glenbrook Lane (Ordinance #07-4)*
- ★ *Approval of Ordinance Granting a Rear Yard Variation to Allow for the Construction of a Deck at 6419 Indian Head Trail (Ordinance #07-5)*
- ★ *Approval of Ordinance Amending the Municipal Code Regarding Certain Duties within the Village Police Department (Ordinance #07-6)*
- ★ *Reappointment of Anne Bermier as the E-911 Board Chairperson for the term ending May 1, 2010*

Prior to voting on the Consent Agenda items, Trustee Andrews suggested an amendment to Ordinance #07-5 regarding a rear yard variation for the property located at 6419 Indian Head Trail as follows: to remove the word “unscreened” and to insert the word “unenclosed” on page 3 of the referenced ordinance.

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

*Aye: Andrews, Anselmo, Bermier, Coleman, Schnaufer, Walsh
Nay: None
Absent: None*

★ **APPROVAL OF BOARD MEETING MINUTES**
Minutes of the Regular Board Meeting - March 8, 2007

After review of Board meeting minutes, Trustee Andrews moved, seconded by Trustee Schnaufer, to approve the March 8, 2007 regular Board meeting minutes, as presented. Carried by unanimous voice vote (6/0/0).

V. FINANCIALS REPORTS - TREASURER STEVE BUSA

Financial Report for the month ending February 28, 2007
Financial Report for the month ending March 31, 2007

Treasurer Busa presented the financial reports for the months ending February 28, 2007 and the report for the month ending March 31, 2007. For the month of February, he noted: (1) total revenues were \$272,515.86; (2) expenditures were \$267,623.44 and; (3) total fund balances in all accounts at the end of February were \$407,369.46. For the month of March, Treasurer Busa noted: (1) total revenues were \$417,275.01; (2) expenditures were \$268,901.36 and; (3) total fund balances in all accounts at the end of March were \$560,033.46.

Trustee Schnaufer moved, seconded by Trustee Anselmo, to approve the financial reports for the months ending February 28, 2007 and ending March 31, 2007, as presented by Treasurer Busa. Carried by unanimous roll call vote (6/0/0).

*Aye: Andrews, Anselmo, Bermier, Coleman, Schnaufer, Walsh
Nay: None
Absent: None*

VI. QUESTIONS AND/OR COMMENTS FROM INDIAN HEAD PARK RESIDENTS/PROPERTY OWNERS IN ATTENDANCE

Max Moskal, President of Chestnut on the Green Association, Phase 2, stated that he addressed the Village Board in February concerning the dedication of 72nd Street and Flag Creek Drive.

Mr. Moskal stated that he noticed in the last issue of Smoke Signals that Superintendent Santen and the Public Works Department staff were applauded for their snow removal efforts in the Village. Mr. Moskal further stated that he is hopeful that Chestnut on the Green Development could also applaud the Public Works Department for their snow removal efforts at Chestnut on the Green next year.

Mr. Moskal stated that he is respectfully requesting that the Trustees consider discussions regarding dedication of the streets in Chestnut on the Green Development in addition to snow removal. Mr. Moskal added that Flagg Creek Drive has existed for about eight years, 72nd Street for about six years and the streets are in good condition to be accepted by the Village.

Trustee Andrews inquired if the Chestnut on the Green associations have a reserve set aside for any street maintenance or funds for road replacement. Max Moskal stated that the Chestnut on the Green, Phase 1 and Phase 2, are managed separately. However, Phase 2, does have an emergency fund for repair or any work that might occur on the roads or bridge. Brett Kovel, representing Chestnut Phase 1 as the managing agent and also a resident of Chestnut on the Green, stated that the association also has a general reserve fund and both associations contribute funds to the master association, which covers a reserve for the bridge and an inspection every two years. Mayor Pellegrino stated that the bridge at Chestnut on the Green Development is not part of the analysis or discussions regarding the dedication of the streets within Chestnut on the Green Development.

Trustee Andrews asked Mr. Moskal if the Village decided to accept the dedication of the streets in Chestnut on the Green Development, is the association willing to provide a hold harmless agreement to the Village for any damages by equipment that might occur to the bridge as a result of the Village plowing the streets. Trustee Andrews also asked Mr. Moskal if the associations are willing to cover the Village's costs for attorney fees to prepare documents needed for the dedication of the streets or any engineering fees in connection with the acceptance of the streets. Mr. Moskal stated that the hold harmless agreement is no problem at all and he asked if there is an estimate of engineering costs. Mayor Pellegrino stated that the Village engineer conducted a preliminary engineering analysis and determined that the structural integrity of the roads in Chestnut on the Green is acceptable. Mr. Moskal stated that all nominal costs involved in connection with the dedication of the streets in Chestnut on the Green is acceptable to the association.

VII. AGENDA ITEMS

1. Dedication of 72nd Street and Flagg Creek Drive in Chestnut on the Green Development to the Village of Indian Head Park (Discussion and a possible vote may take place)

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Mayor Pellegrino entertained a motion to accept the dedication of the streets in Chestnut on the Green Subdivision. Trustee Coleman moved, seconded by Trustee Andrews, to accept the dedication of 72nd Street and Flagg Creek Drive in Chestnut on the Green Development to the Village of Indian Head Park, excluding the bridge and contingent upon the Village being provided with a hold harmless agreement by all associations involved, including but not limited to the master association, and to direct counsel to prepare an ordinance and all other necessary documents to effectuate the dedication of the streets. Carried by unanimous roll call vote (6/0/0).

Aye: Andrews, Anselmo, Bermier, Coleman, Schnauffer, Walsh

Nay: None

Absent: None

2. Discussion and Possible Creation of Special Service Area within the area commonly known as the Triangle District. (Discussion and a possible vote may take place).

Mayor Pellegrino stated that there is a need from a public safety perspective to explore the possibility of connecting Vine Street, which is a dead end street west of Joliet and Wolf Roads and the last street before entering the expressway. Mayor Pellegrino further stated that there is a need to connect Vine Street to Wolf Road and to create an ingress and egress throughout that entire triangle area, which has been envisioned over the last seven years as the town center or central business district.

Mayor Pellegrino stated that administration and staff have had discussions with the property owners that would be affected by the connection of Vine Street to Wolf Road and at least verbally both of the property owners have indicated a willingness to sell their properties voluntarily and to not have the Village use the power of eminent domain. Mayor Pellegrino stated that in order to complete the street connection money would be needed for the purchase of these properties, engineering, street construction and lighting. In order to create this thoroughfare through the triangle, the Board would have to explore the possibility of creating a special service area.

Mayor Pellegrino stated that a special service area is a creative municipal financing technique by which bonds are floated – these are non-recourse bonds, and if for some reason payment of the bonds did not come to fruition, the bond holders would not have recourse against the taxpayers of Indian Head Park.

Mayor Pellegrino stated as a point of reference, last week the White Hen in the Indian Head Park Plaza was victim of an armed robbery. He noted that the suspect robbed the White Hen at 55th Street and Wolf Road in Western Springs then proceeded down Wolf Road to rob the White Hen in the Indian Head Park Plaza.

The Indian Head Park Police Department responded immediately to the call and the canine unit tracked the scent of the armed robber from White Hen in Indian Head Park to Vine Street. Mayor Pellegrino stated that there is a good assumption that this criminal parked his car on the dead end of Vine Street, walked to the White Hen to commit the crime, then fled on foot back to his vehicle before taking off westbound on the expressway. Mayor Pellegrino stated that there is a public safety need to connect Vine Street to Wolf Road to create a free flow of traffic throughout the town center and business district. **(Please note that a suspect was apprehended on Friday, May 4, 2007 by Sergeant Raymond Leuser of the Indian Head Park Police Department charging the suspect with a series of armed robberies in our area).**

Trustee Matt Walsh stated that it is essential to have proper ingress and egress for any viable business as well as safety issues. He added if the Village envisions the completion of the town center, there has to be more than a one-way street into the development. Trustee Walsh stated that hopefully the Village can move forward with the plan. Trustee Schnauffer inquired if the street would be continued from where Vine Street ends or if the street would be reconfigured. Mayor Pellegrino stated that he envisioned that Vine Street would become a continuous one-way street, traveling south on Vine then east to Wolf. Mayor Pellegrino stated that an engineering analysis would be needed.

Trustee Coleman asked how funds would be recovered to pay off the bonds. Mayor Pellegrino stated that in a special service area the owners of the properties would be assessed a certain amount of dollars in addition to their real estate property taxes. Those monies over a period of time or years would then help pay for the bonds and interest. Mayor Pellegrino further stated that the viability of that area will enhance the value of the properties. He noted that when Timber Trails was purchased, the developer paid \$44 million dollars for the property, but the Village of Western Springs floated \$55 million dollars for a special service district area bond issue in order to pay for the infrastructure, so each individual homeowner in Timber Trails will have a line item on their tax bill for a special service area. Mayor Pellegrino stated that the infrastructure upgrades in the special service district area would be funded only by the property owners in the special service area.

Mayor Pellegrino stated that further analysis is needed regarding a special service area, additional information is needed, once all data is collected an ordinance would need to be approved setting forth the properties that would be included in the service area, and within a certain time period a public hearing would need to be held.

Trustee Bermier inquired if the two property owners in the triangle area volunteered to sell their properties.

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Mayor Pellegrino stated that the two property owners that would be affected by the connection of the street have indicated individually to Village staff that they would be willing to sell their properties. Trustee Andrews inquired if the two properties are on the south end of Vine Street and on the southwest corner of Wolf Road before the tollway underpass. Mayor Pellegrino responded, yes.

Trustee Schnauffer stated that the Village owns property at 70th Place and inquired if the special service area includes the Village owned property. Mayor Pellegrino stated that 70th Place properties are not part of the analysis for a special service area. Mayor Pellegrino entertained a motion to direct staff to gather all necessary information relative to a special service area. Trustee Walsh moved, seconded by Trustee Bermier, to direct staff to collect permanent index numbers, legal descriptions and property owners of record for all properties within the triangle area with boundaries of Joliet on the north, Wolf Road on the east, I-55 expressway on the south and on the west and the entirety of the triangle east and west of Vine Street. Carried by unanimous roll call vote.

Aye: Andrews, Anselmo, Bermier, Coleman, Schnauffer, Walsh

Nay: None

Absent: None

Trustee Bermier thanked all of those that made the Easter Egg Hunt at Blackhawk Park a success. Mayor Pellegrino thanked, the Board Members, Jonathan Andrews, Commissioner Diane Andrews, Rachel Pellegrino, the Easter Bunny and the administrative staff that helped with all of the preparations of the event.

Mayor Pellegrino stated that this is his next to last official meeting as Mayor of Indian Head Park and that he will pass the gavel at the next meeting. He noted that the past eight years have been enjoyable and he thanked his colleagues on the Board for their confidence and in contributing to a tremendous Village and a great place to live. Mayor Pellegrino stated that as he looks into the crowd there are many familiar faces: Lenore Halac who not only worked for the Village several years but also worked on Smoke Signals many years ago; Jim Bird whose generosity was unsurpassed in selling his property to the Village now known as the Heritage Center property; Patrick Finley who has served as the Village's representative on the I & M Canal Board as well as other familiar faces in the audience.

Mayor Pellegrino thanked everyone for allowing him the privilege of serving as Mayor of Indian Head Park. He noted that public office seats do not belong to individuals but they belong to everyone collectively and when ones own sense of entitlement exceeds ones sense of responsibility, then there is something wrong with running for public office because these seats belong to the community.

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VIII. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to discuss, Trustee Coleman moved, seconded by Trustee Anselmo, to adjourn the regular Board meeting at 8:35 p.m. Carried by unanimous voice vote (6/0/0).

Respectfully Submitted,

Joseph V. Consolo, Village Clerk

Kathy Leach, Deputy Clerk/Recording Secretary