

January 3, 2011

The regular meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Village of Deerfield was called to order by Mayor Harriet Rosenthal in the Council Chambers of the Village Hall on Monday, January 3, 2011 at 7:32 p.m. The Clerk called the roll and announced that the following were:

Present: Harriet Rosenthal, Mayor
Robert Benton
Alan Farkas
Thomas Jester
Mary Oppenheim
William Seiden
Barbara Struthers

and that a quorum was present and in attendance. Also present were Village Attorney Peter Coblentz and Jennifer Maltas, Assistant to the Village Manager.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

reciting the Pledge of Allegiance

Nathan Richards, a scout working on his Community Badge, led those in attendance in

MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS

Trustee Struthers made a motion to approve the minutes of the December 13, 2010 Board of Trustees meeting. Trustee Farkas seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Trustee Oppenheim made a motion to approve the minutes of the March 8, 2010 Committee of the Whole meeting. Trustee Struthers seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously, with Trustee Jester abstaining.

Trustee Farkas made a motion to approve the minutes from the March 22, 2010 Committee of the Whole meeting. Trustee Oppenheim seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

BILLS AND PAYROLL

Trustee Seiden made a motion to approve the Bills and Payroll dated January 3, 2011. Trustee Struthers seconded the motion. The motion passed by the following vote:

AYES: Benton, Farkas, Jester, Oppenheim, Seiden, Struthers (6)

NAYS: None (0)

PUBLIC COMMENT

There was no Public Comment.

REPORTS

REPORT AND RECOMMENDATION
OF PLAN COMMISSION RE REQUEST
FOR APPROVAL OF AN AMENDMENT

Ms. Maltas stated the Plan Commission held a Public Hearing on December 16, 2010 to consider a request for approval of an amendment to a Special

TO A SPECIAL USE/PUD TO PERMIT AN ABOVE GROUND PUMP STATION AT DEERBROOK MALL AND CHANGES TO THE REAR PARKING LOT

Use/PUD to permit an above ground pump station at Deerbrook Mall and changes to the rear parking lot. The Plan Commission voted 6-0 in favor of sending a favorable recommendation to the Board.

Trustee Jester believes this change would be a great improvement. Trustee Benton commended the plan and noted the Village would also be making improvements to the corridor between the two shopping centers. Mayor Rosenthal noted it would be much safer as well.

Trustee Seiden made a motion to accept the report and recommendation of the Plan Commission regarding the request for approval of an amendment to a Special Use/PUD to permit an above ground pump station at Deerbrook Mall and changes to the rear parking lot. Trustee Struthers seconded the motion. The motion passed by the following vote:

AYES: Benton, Farkas, Jester, Oppenheim, Seiden, Struthers (6)

NAYS: None (0)

REPORT AND RECOMMENDATION OF PLAN COMMISSION RE REQUEST FOR A SPECIAL USE IN THE I-2 LIMITED INDUSTRIAL DISTRICT TO PERMIT THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A SELF IMPROVEMENT FACILITY AT 151 S. PFINGSTEN ROAD, SUITES E AND F (CHICAGO MARTIAL ARTS)

Ms. Maltas stated the Plan Commission held a Public Hearing on December 16, 2010 to consider the request for a Special Use in the I-2 limited industrial district to permit the establishment of a self improvement facility at 151 South Pfingsten Road, Suites E and F for Chicago Martial Arts. The Plan Commission voted 6-0 in favor of sending a favorable recommendation to the Board.

Attorney David Gordon and petitioner William Lee were present. Mr. Lee stated that Chicago Martial Arts is currently located in Joy of the Game, but they have outgrown their space. The new location would have more space and more parking.

Trustee Jester made a motion to accept the report and recommendation of the Plan Commission regarding the request for a Special Use in the I-2 limited industrial district to permit the establishment of a self improvement facility at 151 South Pfingsten Road, Suites E and F for Chicago Martial Arts. Trustee Struthers seconded the motion. The motion passed by the following vote:

AYES: Benton, Farkas, Jester, Oppenheim, Seiden, Struthers (6)

NAYS: None (0)

CONSENT AGENDA

There was no Consent Agenda.

OLD BUSINESS

There was no Old Business.

NEW BUSINESS

AUTHORIZATION FOR AN INTERGOVERNMENTAL AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE VILLAGE OF DEERFIELD AND SCHOOL DISTRICT 109 RE: CROSSING GUARDS

Chief Sliozis explained the school district contacted the Police Department about the possibility of having a crossing guard at Deerfield and Chestnut Roads. He noted the intersection was controlled but was deemed “hazardous” as defined by the Illinois Department of Transportation due to the volume of traffic and the ages of the children crossing at the intersection. Through conversations, it was determined that putting in a crossing guard was the more feasible than adding a bus route. Chief Sliozis stated that the crossing guard would be a Village employee, but the school district would reimburse the Village for the cost.

Trustee Farkas believes this is a great model. He noted the crossing guard is very pleasant. Chief Sliozis noted the Village has a great group of crossing guards. Trustee Oppenheim asked if this type of agreement was present with other schools. Chief Sliozis stated this was the only agreement that currently offers reimbursement.

Trustee Struthers made a motion to authorize an intergovernmental agreement between the Village of Deerfield and School District 109 regarding crossing guards. Trustee Benton seconded the motion. The motion passed by the following vote:

AYES: Benton, Farkas, Jester, Oppenheim, Seiden, Struthers (6)

NAYS: None (0)

ORDINANCE AMENDING THE MUNICIPAL CODE RE PARKING REGULATIONS – 1R

Chief Sliozis explained the Trustees discussed the parking restrictions and current penalties for section 22.80 of the vehicle code during the November 22, 2010 Committee of the Whole meeting. He noted that the fines have not been changed since 1979, and the dollar amounts assessed to these fines are no longer a deterrent. In reviewing other communities, it is his opinion that raising the fines to \$25 would better serve the community and help with administrative costs and deterring violations.

Mayor Rosenthal stated this would stand as a First Reading.

ORDINANCE AMENDING THE MUNICIPAL CODE RE FIRE LANES AND HANDICAPPED PARKING – 1R

Chief Sliozis noted this is similar to the previously proposed Ordinance, but there are two sections within the Municipal Code, so separate ordinances are needed. The fee for parking in a fire lane

increased from \$25 to \$50. The fee for parking in a handicapped parking space increased from \$100 to \$250, which is the same as the State.

Trustee Benton noted that several senior citizens have complained about non-handicapped people parking in handicapped spaces. Chief Sliozis noted the department can check the validity from their mobile computers and added that many people forget to hang their handicap decal permit.

Trustee Struthers suggested having an article in the next D-Tales about who can and cannot park in handicapped spaces. Chief Sliozis stated the Secretary of State office has very detailed information that can be used.

Trustee Oppenheim asked when the fines would go into effect. Chief Sliozis explained they have done some advertising and will add notifications on Channel 10, on the Village website and in D-Tales. He stated the fines would go into effect after the Ordinance is passed.

ORDINANCE INCREASING THE
NUMBER OF CLASS E LIQUOR
LICENSES FROM 12 TO 13 – 1R

Mayor Rosenthal explained that Gino's East, located in the Embassy Suites Hotel, is seeking their own liquor license. Mr. Coblentz explained that the restaurant has used the hotel liquor license,

but now wants a separate license because they would be separating activities. The business would continue as is. Mayor Rosenthal noted the Police Department is doing a background check.

Chief Sliozis noted the Police Department has recently performed ten liquor checks with 100 percent compliance.

DISCUSSION

NEXT MEETING

Trustee Benton reminded everyone that the next Board of Trustees meeting would take place on Tuesday, January 18 in observance of the Martin Luther King Jr. Day on Monday.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business or discussion, Trustee Oppenheim made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Trustee Benton seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously. The meeting was adjourned at 7:55 pm.

APPROVED:

Mayor

ATTEST:

Village Clerk