

**VILLAGE OF PLEASANT PRAIRIE  
PLEASANT PRAIRIE VILLAGE BOARD  
PLEASANT PRAIRIE WATER UTILITY  
LAKE MICHIGAN SEWER UTILITY DISTRICT  
SEWER UTILITY DISTRICT "D"  
9915 39<sup>th</sup> Avenue  
Pleasant Prairie, WI  
April 4, 2005  
5:00 p.m.**

A Regular Meeting of the Pleasant Prairie Village Board was held on Monday, April 4, 2005. Meeting called to order at 5:00 p.m. Present were Village Board members John Steinbrink, Tom Terwall, Steve Kumorkiewicz, Bill O'Toole and Mike Serpe. Also present were Mike Pollocoff, Village Administrator; Jean Werbie, Community Development Director; Kathy Goessl, Finance Director/Treasurer and Jane Romanowski, Village Clerk.

**1. CALL TO ORDER**

John Steinbrink:

This evening I see we have a Scout with us. If you'd like to come forward and introduce yourself. Give us your name and the troop you're from.

Joshua Zerman:

My name is Joshua Zerman, and I'm from Troop 551. For the past couple of weeks I have earned the rank of Star. In the Eagle there's only one real rank to go which is Life. I work on those and I have Eagle. So I'm working my way.

John Steinbrink:

Congratulations.

Joshua Zerman:

Thank you.

**2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

John Steinbrink:

If you would lead us in the Pledge.

Steve Kumorkiewicz:

If I could make a comment please. I like to see Troop 551 because I spent 20 years in that Troop. I was one of the leaders and I was one of the committee members for years. So glad to see somebody from my old Troop here tonight. Thank you, Mr. President.

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John Steinbrink:

Thank you for coming. We wish you the best, and I know you'll be an Eagle Scout before you know it.

**3. ROLL CALL**

**4. MINUTES OF MEETINGS – MARCH 21, 2005**

**TERWALL MOVED TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE MARCH 21, 2005 VILLAGE BOARD AS PRESENTED IN THEIR WRITTEN FORM; SECONDED BY KUMORKIEWICZ; MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

**5. CITIZEN COMMENTS**

Reid Knitter:

Thank you. My name is Reid Knitter, 8754 Lakeshore Drive. A few months ago I approached the Board with a problem with speeding on Lakeshore Drive. I'd just like to know has there been anything in the works to control the speeding? Now that the weather is nice the problem has surfaced once again. Mr. Wagner at the Police Department has graciously left unmanned cars in front of our house and in our driveway several times last fall and that seemed to curb it quite well except they caught on quite quickly. We even had a school bus that my wife witnessed every morning going at least 40 miles an hour. Now the school bus has slowed down considerably, but there still is a problem. There are more and more bicyclists. There are more and more joggers. There are more and more walkers down on Lakeshore Drive both north and south of 89<sup>th</sup> Street. I think there's a potential problem. Someone is going to get hurt. And I really believe that a stop sign or some means of controlling the traffic. It's 25 miles an hour down there, not 40 or 45 or 50. And the cars from the stop sign on 89<sup>th</sup> just down to my house they'll reach 40 plus miles an hour. It's easy to do. So I'm asking once again to consider controlling the speed down there by some means. Thank you.

John Steinbrink:

Thank you.

**6. VILLAGE BOARD COMMENTS**

Mike Serpe:

Mr. Knitter, this is a question for you. Is it your opinion that the majority or some of these violators could be the residents of Carol Beach?

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Reid Knitter:

Oh, absolutely. I can't say for sure because it's a growing area. There's more and more traffic down there since eight years ago when we moved there, and we're just seeing because of more people, there's more young people, and there's more people just walking and things like that.

Mike Serpe:

The reason I ask is sometimes it's difficult because of call volume to have squad cars set up on radar. But in this case if you're convinced that this could be the residents doing the violations, set up a couple radar things and usually you get the residents and that usually sends a message.

Reid Knitter:

They always get someone down there, but as Mr. Wagner said it's line of sight for radar. So normally they'll see them before they can get up to a speed where they can be arrested to speeding.

Mike Serpe:

We'll convey this again to the Chief.

Reid Knitter:

Thank you.

William O'Toole:

I just want to follow up on that as well. Is it your opinion that a stop sign at some point would help slow down traffic, and where would you suggest?

Reid Knitter:

I issued all of you a map last year where I proposed stop signs actually north of 89<sup>th</sup> Street. I forgot what place it is that goes up to 2<sup>nd</sup> Avenue. You have to break it up somewhere along the line. I would say 99.9 percent of the bicyclists that travel down through there do not observe any of the stop signs at all. They just go right through. That's a potential hazard. There are some

bushes and trees at certain intersections that without stop signs that could be a potential problem for motorists to go through that intersection onto 1<sup>st</sup> Avenue and bicycles go pretty quick. They're probably going the speed limit.

William O'Toole:

Do you have any sense how the neighbors would feel regarding stop signs in that area?

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Reid Knitter:

They're in complete support because I went around to all the ones we do know and that we're in contact with and they'd love it because it's fast down there. Mr. Wagner has seen the guys pulling people over.

William O'Toole:

Given that the Chief is not here this evening, perhaps we could make sure that this stays on our agenda and at our next meeting we can follow up on it further. I'd also be interested in the Chief's perspective on stop signs in that area. I know in my subdivision, and Mike knows this, we utilize stop signs at a couple points to slow down traffic because there are just too many kids around. I appreciate you bringing it forward again and keeping it in front on our agenda. Thank you.

Steve Kumorkiewicz:

The only stop sign over there is at 90<sup>th</sup> and Lakeshore. The next one is at 116<sup>th</sup>. So we've got a lot of streets coming in right now, but I think it probably would be good idea to place stop signs north and south.

Reid Knitter:

I'm more concerned about our immediate area because it's more populated. And the way I look at it, and I'm sure you do, too, the price of a stop sign is minimal compared to a life or an injury. It's a very easy fix. I think just one or two so they get up to speed and low them down. I think that will take care of a lot of problems up there.

Steve Kumorkiewicz:

One more question. You said the school buses are speeding over there?

Reid Knitter:

Absolutely.

Steve Kumorkiewicz:

I will take care of that myself tomorrow morning.

Reid Knitter:

Whoever has that route early in the morning, about 6:30 in the morning.

Steve Kumorkiewicz:

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I will talk tomorrow morning with the superintendent of transportation in the district to make sure there is a slow down from the buses.

Reid Knitter:

Thank you.

Tom Terwall:

Mr. President, I would like to suggest that either Chief Wagner or one of his representatives, and possibly a representative of the Board, attend the meeting of the Unit W Homeowner's Association down there. I think we need to make note to the homeowners that it's a problem and that a good part of the problem is of their own making and that we're willing to take necessary steps to correct it, but they need to understand that there are no free tickets to the policemen's dance. If we set up radar and their people are the ones that get caught then they're the ones that are going to pay. But I think it would be beneficial to meet with the Unit W Homeowner's Association, both a representative of the Board as well as a representative of the Police Department and proceed from there. Not so much anymore, but four or five years ago I used to ride my bike quite a bit on 1<sup>st</sup> Avenue. I'd leave my house and go down right to the lake 116<sup>th</sup> Street, ride 1<sup>st</sup> Avenue to 90<sup>th</sup> and then go back to 7<sup>th</sup> Avenue, and that was the hairiest part of my ride was that ride down 1<sup>st</sup> Avenue. It was scary because they go like a bat out of hell down there.

John Steinbrink:

I think that's a problem we're seeing in a lot of neighborhoods. 85<sup>th</sup> Street and 93<sup>rd</sup> we get calls on it, and we only have so many people down there and that's the problem. He's even tried, as you said, parking cars there. We like to do that and see if we can control with radar first and, as Bill said, stop signs work. It slows down neighborhoods. We did that over by Whittier School and that neighborhood and slowed it down in a lot of places. A lot of people kind of unhappy with all those stop signs, but if that's what it takes to control it, then that's what it takes to control it. It's unfortunate that people don't have enough respect for their neighbors to slow it down. As you said it is dangerous.

Mike Serpe:

One other suggestion to you. If a stop sign is to be placed somewhere where you're suggesting, just if you would, because you've carried the ball this far, get as many signatures on a petition to support that as you can if that wouldn't be a problem. That will help us along if we're going to install that to do that for you.

John Steinbrink:

Sometimes when we put it in a couple neighbors who really are against the stop sign there call up

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and say why did you put a stop sign there? So if we can have the neighbors together on this and working it just makes it more seamless and less controversy in the end run. But they work and there's no doubt about it. Any other Board comments?

William O'Toole:

Mr. President, I would just like to ask Mike perhaps at a future meeting if you could give us an update on the situation. I know that you've had meetings with representatives from Foxmoor and from Tuckaway Subdivisions regarding the alternatives or some of the possible alternatives to resolve some of the road issues. And also if we can talk at some point about Cooper Road as well. I'm not looking for a discussion on this this evening, but just to make sure that we have it posted for a future topic.

Mike Pollocoff:

Sure.

John Steinbrink:

Any other comments?

## **7. NEW BUSINESS**

### **A. Consider Appointments to the Park Commission and Recreation Commission.**

Mike Pollocoff:

Mr. President, as you know, the Board in previous meetings has split the Park and Recreation Commission duties to different Commissions since the park enterprise has gotten so big. The Village President and I interviewed candidates for both Commissions who wish to be appointed. On the Park Commission, as you can see there, the names the Village President is submitting are Michealene Day, Glenn Christiansen, Rita Christiansen, Bill O'Toole as the Board representative, Kathy Burns, Mike Russert, William Mills and Carl Martens as an alternate. We haven't had alternates before on the Park Commission but there has been times where an alternate would be advantageous so that if people go on vacations or are in a position where they might miss a couple meetings. These terms are staggered between 2007 and 2006. They're two year terms, and there's nothing intended for people who have one year terms other than to get the thing cycles. So half of them would be a one year term with the alternate. Alternates always serve a one year term. So that would be the Park Commission.

Under Recreation Commission the people submitted requests to be considered on that Commission. Dino Laurenzi requested removal from the Park Commission. Mike Serpe is the Board representative. Greg Scheppler has also agree to serve and come from Park over to Rec. Linda Godin, John Skalbeck, Jim Becker, Jr., Bob Marfechuk as the appointed members, and Travis Laib as an alternate on that Commission. Again, you have staggered terms so that people with 2006 expiration dates would then be reappointed, or if someone else is in that spot they would be appointed for a two year term. It's a good group of people that applied.

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John Steinbrink:

It was a very diverse group which was good for that. A lot of people with different understandings in a lot of different parts of the recreation business either from working in the field or being involved with it through coaching or other things. I think they're going to add a lot of input to both of these Commissions. If I could have a motion.

**KUMORKIEWICZ MOVED TO APPROVE THE APPOINTMENTS OF MICHEALENE DAY, GLENN CHRISTIANSEN, RITA CHRISTIANSEN, BILL O'TOOLE AS THE BOARD REPRESENTATIVE, KATHY BURNS, MIKE RUSSERT, WILLIAM MILLS AND CARL MARTENS AS AN ALTERNATE TO THE PARK COMMISSION AND FURTHER APPOINT DINO LAURENZI, MIKE SERPE AS THE BOARD REPRESENTATIVE, GREG SCHEPPLER, LINDA GODIN, JOHN SKALBECK, JIM BECKER, JR., BOB MARFECHUK AND TRAVIS LAIB AS AN ALTERNATE TO THE RECREATION COMMISSION; SECONDED BY O'TOOLE; MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

**B. Consider Letter of Credit Reduction for Arbor Ridge.**

Mike Pollocoff:

Mr. President, I have a request for a letter of reduction for Arbor Ridge in the amount of \$2,321,027.57. It's been approved by staff and I request I be authorized to execute the reduction.

**TERWALL MOVED TO REDUCE THE LETTER OF CREDIT FOR ARBOR RIDGE IN THE AMOUNT OF \$30,274.72; SECONDED BY KUMORKIEWICZ; MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

**8. ADJOURNMENT.**

**KUMORKIEWICZ MOVED TO ADJOURN THE MEETING; SECONDED BY O'TOOLE; MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY..**