

Village of Romeoville

1050 W Romeo Rd



Meeting Minutes - Final

Wednesday, August 17, 2011

6:03 PM

**Village Hall Board Room
1050 W. Romeo Rd.**

Village Board - Workshop Meeting

1. CALL TO ORDER-Roll Call

Present: Jose Chavez, Linda Palmiter, Ken Griffin, Dave Richards, Sue Micklevitz, Brian Clancy and John Noak

2. POSTING OF COLORS-PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**3. ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION****PROJ110488** Concept Plans for 1101 North Independence Boulevard (Mongo McMichael's)

Mr Rockwell reported that a plan was submitted for the further development of the Mongo McMichael's site. This is for the installation of a new approximately 5,000 s.f. patio on the back of the building which will be an accessory to the sports bar use. The proposal includes 174 parking spaces to serve the 6,450 s.f. building and the 5,000 s.f. patio. 111 of these spaces are located on the same property as the building and are under the same ownership. 63 of the spaces are located on the adjacent parcel and are secured by a five year lease renewable for an additional five years. Several exceptions to the code are necessary for this plan.

Mayor Noak stated that this is a concept plan and there is a lot of work that still needs to be done with this. We are excited to have Mr Spandonidis reinvest in his site. This does need some fine tuning before final approval and he is glad the Plan Commission gave their input on this project. The times of operation is a valid concern as well though this facility has limited residential impact.

Trustee Chavez stated that this is a great idea and will do well there. We just need to fine tune this plan. Mayor Noak added that in any project there is give and take.

Trustee Palmiter stated that there are a few tweaks such as reducing the size of the patio.

Mr Spandonidis stated that this is a long term plan to enhance the Village.

Mr Rockwell stated that this is scheduled to be presented at the Plan Commission on Tuesday night.

RES11-1456 A Resolution Approving the Build Romeoville Program

Mr Rockwell reported that over two years ago the Village became the first community to seriously embrace the foreclosure crisis locally by creating a Foreclosure Mitigation Officer to expedite all permitting issues. We also started a comprehensive inspection process on all foreclosed houses. During these 26 months the Village has assisted over 250 new residents in their efforts to purchase and improve existing single family real estate. Now the Village would like to propose another partnership to not only continue stabilization of the existing local real estate market, but attempt to accelerate construction on new housing starts. The new program will provide a third financing tool to home builders here. This new piece of our comprehensive housing and stabilization plan is a financial incentive appropriately named "Build Romeoville" which allows home builders to receive up to an additional \$5,000 reduction in building permit fees. This savings can be used by the developer to secure financing for the project or to entice the new homeowners to build. The Village is requiring that a minimum of \$5,000 in additional new marketing be undertaken each year by the developer to attract buyers to our community. This program would be scheduled to end January, 2014 or until it is no longer necessary.

Mayor Noak stated that these are the fees that are paid when a builder goes to construct the home. This is opportunity money so by reducing the fees we hopefully get more opportunity. We were very successful with the Energy Efficiency Block Grant. We are still building homes in Romeoville. We are fortunate though that we do not rely on building permit fees as a primary source of income. This allows us to do some innovative things to help stabilize and continue forward the ability to have new homes built in our community and to attract new home builders as well. It is a great idea and staff did a good job in putting this together.

Trustee Chavez stated that this is a very creative idea. He likes that it includes the requirement for \$5,000 in advertisement to market the Village.

Trustee Micklevitz commended the staff for their innovative approaches. She asked why the incentive goes to the builder and not the buyer. Mr Rockwell stated that we are affording the opportunity for the builder to get financing as that is what is a major stumbling block for builders, but it can be given to the home buyer. Mayor Noak added that this gives flexibility to the builder to manage their financing. She then asked if this is better for the Village overall and Mr Rockwell stated yes as this helps to market the Village also. Mr Gulden stated that this market is very complex. We proposed the reimbursement to the buyer and the builders preferred not to do that because of the reasons that were discussed. This is a pretty good program. Mayor Noak added that this creates a good partnership with the builders. Trustee Chavez stated that this is a key financial move for the builder and Mr Gulden added which goes back to the loan as a lot of builders are having a hard time getting loans to construct the homes. Mayor Noak stated that there have been many instances that there were buyers who wanted a house immediately which means there has to be product in the market place and hopefully this will address that as well.

Trustee Richards clarified that this is for residential only and will end in January, 2014.

ORD11-0918 An Ordinance Amending ORD0026-02-Establishing an Ambulance Fee Schedule for the Village of Romeoville

Chief Adams reported that during the past year there have been changes to Medicare's ambulance billing schedule. Medicare's new fee schedule allows us to charge patients the base rate, extrication and mileage. The last update to our ambulance fee schedule was in 2001. The Fire Department met with Andres Medical Billing to discuss the new Medicare changes and established a new fee schedule comparable to other municipalities. Medicare currently pays 93.5% of the ambulance charges, but that percentage may drop due to the new health insurance laws. This fee raise will capture the most reimbursement from Medicare and/or private insurance companies.

Mayor Noak stated that this ensures that we recapture the reimbursement by the insurance companies.

Trustee Chavez stated that this will not affect the residents.

Mr Gulden clarified that the resident will get a bill and the insurance will pay and the resident will get a second bill for what they do not cover and we will work with the resident from there.

Trustee Griffin asked what happens if they are covered by a different agency and Chief Adams replied that they have their own rates. Mr Gulden added that their billing philosophy could be different regarding payment. Trustee Griffin just wanted the residents to be aware that they could be getting a bill from a different agency.

RES11-1455 A Resolution Waiving the Bid Process, Accepting the Proposal and Entering into a Contract with Neumann Company Contractors for the Marquette Drive Standpipe Rehabilitation (One Proposal Received)

Mr Bromberek reported that Neumann Company Contractors is currently painting the 300,000 gallon elevated tank at the Marquette Facility. The Village received a proposal for work which included the repairs and repainting of the 450,000 gallon standpipe at 1306 1/2 Marquette Drive. There is a cost savings since the contractor is already working on site. The total cost for the project is \$347,600 which is within the constraints of the budget of \$419,360.

Mayor Noak added that we are waiving the bid process because the company is already there working.

RES11-1454 A Resolution Endorsing Implementation of the Lower DuPage River Watershed Plan

Mr Gulden reported that the State of Illinois, through the Environmental Protection Agency, has identified sections of the Lower DuPage River Watershed on its list of impaired waters and recommends the development of Watershed Based Plans to address water quality impairments. The Village of Romeoville agrees to collaborate on the implementation of the Lower DuPage River Watershed. There is a \$3,000 cost to be in this coalition, but we feel it is necessary.

Trustee Micklevitz asked if this creates any obligations for the Village and Mr Gulden replied no this is strictly for master planning. He added that they did receive a grant which offset our cost to be in the coalition.

4. ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Jose Chavez, seconded by Brian A. Clancy Sr., the Motion was to Adjourn at 6:37 p.m. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 6 - Chavez, Palmiter, Griffin, Richards, Micklevitz and Clancy

Non-voting: 1 - Noak

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Regular Meeting

1. CALL TO ORDER

Roll Call

Present: Jose Chavez, Linda Palmiter, Ken Griffin, Dave Richards, Sue Micklevitz, Brian Clancy and John Noak

2. POSTING OF COLORS, PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

3. PETITIONS FROM THE PUBLIC

Judith Chitty-19 E Romeo Rd

Thanked everyone in the Village for the wonderful day that her husband had for a send off. He will be greatly missed.

4. CONSENT AGENDA

A motion was made by Ken Griffin, seconded by Dave Richards, the Motion was to do a Consent Agenda. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 6 - Chavez, Palmiter, Griffin, Richards, Micklevitz and Clancy

Non-voting: 1 - Noak

11-1473 Approval of Bills-Schedule A
This Matter was Approved on the Consent Agenda.

11-1474 Approval of Bills-Schedule B
This Matter was Approved on the Consent Agenda.

11-1475 Approval of Bills-Schedule C
This Matter was Approved on the Consent Agenda.

Passed The Consent Agenda

A motion was made by Brian A. Clancy Sr., seconded by Dave Richards, including all the preceding items marked as having been adopted on a Consent Agenda. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 6 - Chavez, Palmiter, Griffin, Richards, Micklevitz and Clancy

Non-voting: 1 - Noak

5. MAYOR'S REPORT

He told Mrs Chitty that no thanks are necessary. He is glad that we could be there for her family.

I would like to thank everyone who came out to RomeoFest this year. Thanks also to staff who worked so hard to make it successful. There is a little fine tuning with the

layout for next year but it did turn out very well.

I will be cooking for the Seniors at their Golden Agers Anniversary Picnic tomorrow.

Congresswoman Biggert will be hosting a job fair on August 29th from 10:00-2:00 at the Recreation Center.

I want to wish all of the students good luck as their new school year begins.

6. CLERK'S REPORT

The Senior Service Commission held it first Home Safety Seminar. It was well attended. Thanks to the speakers Teresa Capone and Sherry Evans. It was a very informative seminar. The next meeting is September 13th.

Attended the Community and School Leaders Youth Outreach Meeting. Superintendent Mitchem was the keynote speaker.

7. CITIZEN'S, COMMITTEES, COMMISSIONS AND LIAISON REPORTS

*Trustee Micklevitz-EDC/Green Team/REMA
The Green Team will meet September 14th.*

The EDC Executive Board will meet August 31st. The next regular meeting will be September 8th which is the Economic Forum Breakfast.

*Trustee Richards-Planning and Zoning/Zoning Board of Appeals/RPTV
The Planning and Zoning meeting will be August 23rd. They will discuss Mongo McMichael's and Mistwood Golf Course.*

*Trustee Clancy-Beautification/Parks and Recreation
The Beautification Commission has picked the Homes of the Month. The winners will be notified by mail.*

A Recreation update was given.

*Trustee Griffin-Veteran's/Downtown Redevelopment
The next Veteran's Commission meeting will be the 23rd of August. He gave an update on the Veteran's Memorial Project. Memorial plaques are still available. On September 19th there will be a golf outing-more information to follow. The Village does offer welcome home ceremonies contact the Recreation Center for more information.*

*Trustee Palmiter-Finance/Humane Society
The Humane Society next outing will be August 21st at Stella's Bar and Grill.*

The Finance Committee met last Wednesday. There was a large Real Estate Transfer that took place. It is nice to know that big properties are moving. The Village approved the new auditor, Sikich LLP. The State is two months behind in payments to the Village. The Village has sold over 25 brick pavers orders, are still being accepted. The High School Internship Program is winding down.

*Trustee Chavez-Fire and Police/Youth Outreach
The Youth Outreach Commission is still selling tickets to the Mayor's Costume Ball in November. The money will go to youths of Romeoville. We will meet next on September 12th.*

The new firefighter started on Monday. The Commission completed the police list. The

top 3 candidates are rookie police officers from other municipalities.

8. VILLAGE MANAGER'S REPORT

Mr Gulden thanked all of the staff and volunteers who helped to make RomeoFest a success. It was a great collaboration between the Village Board and Staff.

We continue to work with ComEd to facilitate a meeting.

Dave Schoenhoff, a 40 year employee of the Village, retired yesterday. He will be missed.

Mayor Noak congratulated Dave on his retirement and wished him well.

Mayor Noak stated that the County Clerk has proposed major revisions to polling precincts throughout the county. We have given suggestions with regards to our community and how it affects our voters.

9. NEW BUSINESS

A motion was made by Jose Chavez, seconded by Ken Griffin, the Motion was to do a Consent Agenda for all New Business. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 6 - Chavez, Palmiter, Griffin, Richards, Micklevitz and Clancy

Non-voting: 1 - Noak

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Passed The Consent Agenda

A motion was made by Linda Palmiter, seconded by Brian A. Clancy Sr., including all the preceding items marked as having been adopted on a Consent Agenda. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 6 - Chavez, Palmiter, Griffin, Richards, Micklevitz and Clancy

Non-voting: 1 - Noak

10. BOARD COMMENTS

Trustee Chavez-

Condolences to the family of Doris McCutcheon. She was very involved in the community especially with the Golden Agers.

Many thanks to Dave Schoenhoff.

Thanks to all who worked so hard to make RomeoFest a success.

Sarah Koffman is a state finalist for the Illinois Pageant. She attends Irene King School. Good luck to her.

Metra will have an express bus and one stop will go through Romeoville at Spartan Square.

The Police Department held a rapid response training at all of the local schools. It is great that our Police Department is working with the School District.

Trustee Palmiter-

Thanks to Dave Schoenhoff. He will be greatly missed. It will take a long time to replace him.

Thanks to all of the staff for RomeoFest.

Trustee Griffin-

Commended the staff for a successful RomeoFest. It was a great family experience.

Join us for Yard Full of Cars tomorrow.

Trustee Clancy-

Condolences to the McCutcheon and Chitty Families.

RomeoFest was great. He received many compliments.

Join us for the Concert in the Park tomorrow.

Many thanks to Dave Schoenhoff.

Trustee Richards-

Congratulations to Dave Schoenhoff.

Thanks to Village Staff for making RomeoFest a success. Thanks to the vendors who came out as well. Thanks to all of the residents who gave him their input.

The Golden Agers will be hosting a Craft Show this Saturday.

School starts next week. Keep in minds that there will be kids out in the mornings.

Congratulations to the RHS Spartanettes Dance Team who will be performing at half-time on January 1st in the Capital One Bowl.

Trustee Micklevitz-

Thanks to Mrs Chitty for coming out. It is us that should be thanking her for her

husband's dedication to this Village.

RomeoFest was fantastic this year. It was exciting to see the amount of people who joined us.

The Citizen's Police Academy is taking registrations.

Join us for Movie Under the Stars on August 26th. Toy Story 3 will be shown.

The Golden Agers Craft Show will be August 20th from 9:00-3:00.

CASA of Will County will have a fundraiser on September 10th at the amphitheater.

There is a Transportation Plan Survey on our website, please go on to fill it out.

Condolences to the McCutcheon Family.

Congratulations and thanks to Dave Schoenhoff for all of his dedication to the Village.

11. EXECUTIVE SESSION-Personnel/Threatened-Pending Litigation

A motion was made by Ken Griffin, seconded by Brian A. Clancy Sr., the Motion was to Enter into Executive Session at 7:15 p.m. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 6 - Chavez, Palmiter, Griffin, Richards, Micklevitz and Clancy

Non-voting: 1 - Noak

EXECUTIVE SESSION

A motion was made by Dave Richards, seconded by Jose Chavez, the Motion was to Return to the Regular Meeting at 7:26 p.m. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 6 - Chavez, Palmiter, Griffin, Richards, Micklevitz and Clancy

Non-voting: 1 - Noak

12. ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Brian A. Clancy Sr., seconded by Dave Richards, the Motion was to Adjourn at 7:29 p.m. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 6 - Chavez, Palmiter, Griffin, Richards, Micklevitz and Clancy

Non-voting: 1 - Noak