

Trustee Benkowski called the meeting to order at 1:33 p.m. in the Conference Room of the Village Hall,
5043 Chester Lane, Racine, Wisconsin.

Present were: Trustee Benkowski and Trustee Stillman

Staff present: Village Administrator Tom Christensen, and Public Works Director Tom Lazcano

1. Approval of minutes

Motion by Trustee Stillman to approve the minutes from the April 11, 2018 meeting. Seconded by Trustee Benkowski. Motion carried unanimously.

2. Permission to operate and allow a portion of the bike course in the Real Racine International Triathlon on the streets of Caledonia

Public Works Director Tom Lazcano stated that the bike course did not have all the police needs set, and they have since decided to cancel the race. Cari Greving emailed Lazcano, and asked him to cancel the race, so the item may be taken off the agenda.

3. Payne & Dolan – Racine Quarry – Explosives Use Permit & Non-Metallic Mining Permit

Every year the operators of the quarry have to renew their permits with the Village. The permit will expire on the 30th of June, 2018. Payne & Dolan have submitted all required paperwork and materials. The only recommendation requested of them is an updated License Blasters List for the Racine Quarry, once the renewals are made for Orica Nelson Blasting. Lazcano recommended approval.

Trustee Benkowski spoke about auto dealers surrounding the quarry and an ongoing issue of dust. There are times in the morning where a “fog” comes in but is actually suspended particulate rising out of the quarry. Trustee Benkowski spoke with Ron Last of Last Motors about this issue, and stated Mr. Last spoke with Tom Christensen and Bob Bradley last year about it as well. He questioned the Village’s ability to ensure the operation is concurrent with how Vulcan handled the dust issue – whether it’s compacted or stacked, and if water is required to control fluming. He thought limestone itself isn’t harmful to humans, but processed limestone is concerning to health, and the dust is also damaging to the surrounding businesses. He felt this situation has worsened since Payne & Dolan took over. Lazcano said that when a complaint comes in, requests for information are sent to Payne & Dolan to try and rectify the situation. He has not received a dust complaint to date, but will follow up with the quarry to speak about dust control. Payne & Dolan follows mining standards, and the permit application dictates to follow those standards unless there is a reason given for them to further look into the issue. Christensen stated that he and Bob Bradley did speak with Mr. Last, other surrounding businesses and the quarry. During that meeting it was agreed that the quarry would look into things and follow up.

Since there was no follow up, or word on the behalf of the businesses, they had assumed the problem was rectified. Christensen said that Lazcano will follow up on this matter.

Trustee Benkowski wanted to have an idea of the finalized resolution, and was concerned about recommending approval. Lazcano thought Payne & Dolan could submit a plan for dust control before final approval, and if they don't have a response by then it could be laid over.

Motion by Trustee Stillman to move forward Payne & Dolan – Racine Quarry – Explosives Use Permit & Non-Metallic Mining Permit. Seconded by Trustee Benkowski. Motioned carried unanimously.

4. “Sign Request” for Auburn Hills Subdivision

Lazcano stated that he got a phone call from Glenn Borkowski who is with the Home Owner's Association of Auburn Hills Subdivision. Mr. Borkowski called with complaints about speeding in the subdivision, and stated he has contacted the Police Department on numerous occasions and there has been no change. He is requesting a “children at play” or “slow down” sign to try and combat the speeding. Lazcano spoke with the Highway Superintendent Jacoby who thought the signs gave a false sense of security, and often the signs are specific to a household and lose their purpose once that household moves on; however Lazcano thought there would be children there in the subdivision in the future so the sign wouldn't lose its purpose. Trustee Benkowski asked about the possibility of a speedbump instead? Lazcano stated that a speed bump isn't always the best option because of the possible damage to snow plows. If it were between the speed bumps or a sign, it would have to be the sign option. There would need to be 2 signs (they have to be in sets) the estimated cost for sign and labor is \$500. Trustee Stillman thought the signs were objective, and that not everyone would abide. Lazcano thought it was debatable, but suggested there should be more of a police presence, and enforcement.

Motion by Trustee Stillman to approve the sign request for Auburn Hills subdivision. Seconded by Trustee Benkowski. Motioned carried unanimously.

5. Adjournment

Motion by Trustee Stillman to adjourn. Seconded by Trustee Benkowski. Motion carried unanimously. Meeting adjourned at 1:44 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Joslyn Hoeffert
Deputy Village Clerk