

LEGISLATIVE/LICENSING COMMITTEE MEETING

CALEDONIA VILLAGE HALL

5043 CHESTER LANE, RACINE, WI 53402

Monday, February 11, 2019

1. Call to Order

Trustee Wanggaard called the meeting to order at 4:42 p.m. In attendance were:

Committee Members: Trustee Kevin Wanggaard, Trustee Jay Benkowski (sat in for Trustee Prott). Also present was Trustee Fran Martin and President Dobbs (Dobbs arrived at 5:34 PM).

Absent: Trustee Dave Prott was excused.

Department Managers: Attorney Elaine Ekes, and Village Administrator Tom Christensen

2. Approval of minutes

Trustee Benkowski motioned to approve the minutes as printed from January 17, 2019. Trustee Wanggaard seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

3. Discussion On Funding Of Enforcement And Administration Of Property And Nuisance Related Ordinances

Trustee Wanggaard spoke about the previous Community Development Authority meeting held on January 23, 2019 where Oak Creek Zoning Administrator Peter Wagner and Keith Hendricks from Racine County Health Department spoke regarding the proposed blight Ordinance. The enforceability of these types of Ordinances seems to be the most difficult aspect in this process. There is currently a list of property and nuisance related restrictions that are already reflected in the Municipal code that could be utilized to address some of the discerning properties in the Village.

Trustee Wanggaard wanted to table this discussion and wait for input from the impending hire of the Planning Director. The probability that the Planning Director won't have time to address this Ordinance while assimilating to the new role is likely as well. It was decided to hold off until that role has been filled, and it was projected they would likely have it filled by the end of March. Trustee Wanggaard also requested this to be discussed at the Finance Committee so that they could address the issue of funding and enforcement.

Trustee Benkowski wondered if we reached out to surrounding municipalities with more urban settings to discover how they approach these property maintenance issues on a limited budget. He suggested checking out an app called "South Milwaukee Works" that is utilized by South Milwaukee. He also thought that Parkside University assisted with Kenosha's program and it might be worth contacting them. Attorney Ekes stated they have reached out to surrounding Municipalities, including South Milwaukee. The difficulties we face are diversity, size and usage of the properties that are unique to the Village of Caledonia. Administration of the new code, and how that will function in this particular setting will be a challenge.

There was discussion regarding the Community Development Authority working in tandem with the other Committees and Commissions in order to have a more connected and cohesive vision for the Village of Caledonia. The new Planning Director may also be able to provide some insight or ideas in how to approach this new procedure. There are a number of things that could be consolidated to make the code and expectations clearer in our current Ordinances. This review will also bring up overlap or necessary repeals in a cleanup effort.

4. Title 2 Draft Residency Restrictions Ordinance

Attorney Ekes explained this is back for review and discussion. There was discussion regarding how the residency restriction distance is measured. Time was considered too subjective; there are many ways to interpret the measurement, and too many unforeseen variables that may impact that. The statute currently runs off the boundaries and our ordinance reflects a 15 mile restriction. Although the ordinance provides some exemptions and restrictions, it also gives the Board authority to grant an exception if the candidate is viable and is at the best interest to hire for the Village. There was also discussion about what roles would be included in the Emergency Personnel listed, and who is mandated to report in the event of an Emergency (i.e. flood, tornado). Trustee Martin questioned the marriage language (if the spouses are both impacted by a municipal residency restriction) and if that was necessary to be included. She also thought critical roles need to be more stringent whereas some personnel could be subjective as they could be called in after the initial triage. Trustee Wanggaard thought that decision should be left to the discretion of the Administrator and the Personnel Chair.

Trustee Benkowski motioned to forward Title 2 Draft Residency Restrictions Ordinance for 1st and 2nd reading and possible adoption to the Board with the elimination of the language in subparagraph i-3. Trustee Wanggaard seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

5. Adjournment

There being no further business, Trustee Benkowski motioned to adjourn the meeting at 5:36 p.m. Trustee Wanggaard seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Joslyn Hoeffert

Deputy Clerk