

**BROWN DEER VILLAGE BOARD
NOVEMBER 1, 2010 MEETING MINUTES
HELD AT THE BROWN DEER VILLAGE HALL
4800 WEST GREEN BROOK DRIVE**

The meeting was called to order by President Krueger at 6:30 P.M.

I. Roll Call

Present: Village President Krueger; Trustees: Baker, Boschert, Oates, Schilz, Springman, Weddle-Henning

Also Present: Russ Van Gompel, Village Manager; Jesse Thyges, Assistant Village Manager/Community Services Director; Chief Steven Rinzel, Lieutenant Lisa Kumbier, and Captain Robert Halverson, Brown Deer Police Department; Larry Neitzel, Superintendent of Public Works; Nate Piotrowski, Planning/Zoning Specialist; Jim Buske, Engineering/GIS Manager; Bridget Souffrant, Treasurer/Comptroller; Susan Hudson, Deputy Treasurer; Chad Hoier, Park and Recreation Director; Jane Peterson, North Shore Health Department Director; John Fuchs, Village Attorney

II. Pledge of Allegiance

III. Public Hearing – 2011 Budget

Village President Krueger opened the public hearing at 6:31 p.m.

Mr. Van Gompel reviewed the proposed 2011 Village budget and provided a brief presentation of background information.

Dennis Lowder, 9240 North Bethanne Drive, spoke about the school district's budgeting efforts and also voiced concerns with a potential cut in the Police Department's school liaison officer program.

John Gibbs, 8542 North 63rd Street, also voiced concerns with a potential cut in the Police Department's school liaison officer program.

Both Mr. Van Gompel and Village President Krueger noted that the proposed 2011 budget does not call for any reductions in the Police Department's school liaison officer program.

A brief discussion occurred between Chief Rinzel and the Village Board regarding the proceedings of the past budget workshop.

Village President Krueger reiterated the Board's stance on not reducing Police Department staffing levels in the 2011 budget.

Barbara Bechtel, 9251 North 67th Street, thanked staff for their efforts during the budget process and requested that additional leaf pickup services be reviewed.

Gary Stresman, 8561 North 63rd, thanked the Board for maintaining service levels and inquired about the fee increase for Veolia waste hauling services. Mr. Neitzel noted that it is a contractual increase and also briefly reviewed other contractual terms.

August Zanowski, 8614 North 56th Street, also noted the need for additional leaf pickup service due to the amount of mature trees throughout the Village.

Don Mueller, 8441 North 63rd Street, voiced concerns with any downsizing of either the Police Department or the dispatch center due to safety reasons.

Jamie Little, 6287 West Maura Lane, asked about the spending trend for public safety. Mr. Van Gompel discussed the costs involved with both the Police and Fire Departments. Village President Krueger noted the differences between Brown Deer and other North Shore communities.

Roger Gordon, 8079 North 54th Street, voiced concerns with the safety of the closed pedestrian bridge near the library. Mr. Neitzel noted that the bridge will be removed by Thanksgiving.

Jean Wells, 8649 North 50th Street, spoke positively of the Village's efforts to maintain service levels while minimizing the impacts on the tax payers.

Barb Fleming, 4995 West Fairy Chasm Court, noted the collaboration between the school district and the Village and requested additional future support for the 4th of July event.

Grace Imathiu, 9306 North 52nd Street, noted her approval of the 2011 budget proposal not including any cuts to protective services.

Village President Krueger closed the public hearing at 7:28 p.m.

IV. Persons Desiring to be Heard

None.

V. Consideration of Minutes: September 20, 2010 – Regular Meeting

It was moved by Trustee Weddle-Henning and seconded by Trustee Springman to approve the minutes of the October 18, 2010 regular meeting. The motion carried unanimously.

VI. Unfinished Business

VII. New Business

A) Resolution No. 10-, "Adoption of the 2011 Budget"

Trustee Springman noted the amount of resident feedback that he received during the budget process and voiced concerns with the Village's contributions to the Wisconsin Retirement System and the amount of personnel costs.

Trustee Oates noted the difficulties with the budget process due to the loss of State monies and increased staffing costs. Trustee Oates went on to say that quality of life is paramount through budget deliberations and that services levels could be affected in the future.

Village President Krueger asked the Board if there were any specific items that they would like to re-visit or recognize for future discussions.

Trustee Springman noted his concerns with staffing costs.

Trustee Oates noted the additional staff time involved with the Municipal Court's software conversion.

Trustee Weddle-Henning asked if the unfilled patrol officer position could be reviewed, but only if it would not impact public safety.

Trustee Schilz discussed the other taxing jurisdiction's impacts on the overall tax bill and noted that the goal should be to maintain service levels while minimizing the impact on the tax levy.

Trustee Boschert noted how the Board worked hard to keep the budget as low as possible and the need for ongoing review of potential cost savings.

Trustee Baker noted that the 2010 wages throughout Village Hall were frozen similar to the private sector and also mentioned the impact of fixed costs such as the contribution to the Fire Department as well as payment for waste hauling services.

Village President Krueger noted that there should be continued efforts to explore cost saving efficiencies for service delivery.

The Village Board, as a whole, agreed that additional community involvement in the budgeting process is important.

It was moved by Trustee Schilz and seconded by Trustee Oates to adopt Resolution No. 10-, "Adoption of the 2011 Budget". The motion carried 6-1 with Trustee Springman voting in opposition.

B) Rivers Edge By-Laws Amendment

Mr. Van Gompel reviewed the proposed amendment to remove the condition of obtaining Village Board approval for future amendments to the condominium's by-laws.

Dan Miske, representative for Rivers Edge Condominiums, noted that there are no other communities that have the municipal approval requirement.

It was moved by Village President Krueger and seconded by Trustee Boschert to approve the Rivers Edge By-Laws Amendment. The motion carried unanimously.

C) Petition to Establish a Quiet Zone

Mr. Van Gompel and Mr. Piotrowski reviewed the petition and the railroads' requirements to sound their horns at the recreation trail since it is considered a public crossing point.

It was moved by Village President Krueger and seconded by Trustee Boschert to refer the matter to the Traffic and Public Safety Committee for review and recommendation. The motion carried unanimously.

D) Extended Holiday Hours for Walgreen's

Mr. Van Gompel reviewed the request.

Chief Rinzel noted that the Police Department did not have any concerns with the request.

It was moved by Trustee Weddle-Henning and seconded by Trustee Springman to approve the extended holiday hours for Walgreen's. The motion carried unanimously.

E) Resolution No. 10-, "Endorsing the Establishment of a Consolidated Public Safety Answering Point for the North Shore"

Mr. Van Gompel reviewed the proposed resolution and added that it would not create a financial commitment for the Village.

It was moved by Trustee Baker and seconded by Trustee Oates to table the matter pending the outcome of the independent study of the dispatch center consolidation. The motion carried unanimously.

F) Designating Fire Lanes by Resolution rather than by Ordinance

Attorney Fuchs reviewed the proposed changes and the potential for cost-savings.

It was moved by Trustee Springman and seconded by Trustee Boschert to adopt Ordinance No. 10-, “An Ordinance Amending Section 62-51(d) of the Brown Deer Village Code Pertaining to Parking in Fire Lanes”. The motion carried unanimously.

It was moved by Village President Krueger and seconded by Trustee Springman to adopt Resolution No. 10-, “Resolution Designating Fire Lanes Under Section 62-51(d) of the Village Code”. The motion carried unanimously.

G) Resolution No. 10-, “Resolution Recognizing the 35th Anniversary of the Living School House Program”

Mr. Van Gompel reviewed the resolution.

Trustee Schilz noted that Dorothy Kittleson will be retiring after this year of conducting the program.

It was moved by Trustee Schilz and seconded by Trustee Boschert to adopt Resolution No. 10-, “Resolution Recognizing the 35th Anniversary of the Living School House Program”. The motion carried unanimously.

VIII. Committee Appointments

It was moved by Village President Krueger and seconded by Trustee Weddle-Henning to re-appoint Zachary Beanland to the Water Commission. The motion carried unanimously.

IX. Village President’s Report

President Krueger did not have a report

X. Village Manager’s Report

Mr. Van Gompel reported on the election preparation efforts and the absentee ballot processing.

IX. Adjournment

It was moved by Trustee Springman and seconded by Trustee Schilz to adjourn at 8:33 p.m. The motion carried unanimously.

Russell Van Gompel, Village Manager