

**BROWN DEER VILLAGE BOARD
NOVEMBER 2, 2009 MEETING MINUTES
HELD AT THE BROWN DEER VILLAGE HALL
4800 WEST GREEN BROOK DRIVE**

The meeting was called to order by President Krueger at 7:03 P.M.

I. Roll Call

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

Also Present: Russell Van Gompel, Village Manager; Jesse Thyges, Assistant Village Manager/Community Services Director; Stephanie Walker, Treasurer/Comptroller; Chief Steven Rinzel, Police Department; Chad Hoier, Park and Recreation Director; Joe Rice, Library Director; Jane Peterson and Jamie Berg, North Shore Health Department; John Fuchs, Village Attorney

II. Pledge of Allegiance

III. Persons Desiring to be Heard

Joe Klucarich, 6020 West Creekside Drive, opined that the crossing guards should be under the purview of the Police Department and not the School District and also voiced concerns with transferring the cost of recycling/trash pickup to the School District.

Mike Christopoulos, 8515 North 59th Street, echoed the same sentiments as Mr. Klucarich regarding the crossing guards and the recycling/trash pickup fees.

IV. Consideration of Minutes: October 19, 2009 – Regular Meeting

It was moved by Trustee Oates and seconded by Trustee Schilz to approve the minutes of the October 19, 2009 regular meeting. The motion carried unanimously

V. Public Hearing – 2010 Annual Budget

Mr. Van Gompel gave a presentation summarizing the proposed 2010 Village Budget.

The public hearing was opened at 7:30 p.m.

Kathy Stresman, 8561 North 63rd Street, noted that she appreciated the services offered by the Village but voiced concerns with the recycling/trash collection costs being transferred to the School District.

Jean Wells, 8469 North 50th Street, asked about the amount of trash and recycling being picked up at the schools and noted her concerns with the transfer of costs to the School District. Mr. Neitzel discussed the Veolia pick up schedule and how the District could work to cut the overall collection costs by promoting recycling.

A brief discussion ensued regarding the trash and recycling pickup at the schools.

Joe Klucarich, 6020 West Creekside Drive, asked how much space could be saved if the school district were to compress all of its cardboard recyclables. Mr. Neitzel stated that compressing the cardboard would save room in the containers and allow for fewer pickups over time.

School District Superintendent Deb Kerr discussed the notifications that were received from the Village regarding the trash/recycling pickups and the crossing guard program and opined that a shared cost system may be the most advantageous approach.

Village President Krueger noted that the trash/recycling budget figure is subject to change should the number of pickups be reduced.

Barb Fleming, 4995 West Fairy Chasm Court, asked how the budgetary shift of the trash/recycling pickup and the crossing guards was beneficial.

Mike Christopoulos, 8515 North 59th Street, discussed his past crossing guard experiences and added that the crossing guard program should be handled by the Police Department.

The Public Hearing was closed at 7:55 p.m.

VI. Unfinished Business

A) Request from Kohl's Department Store for Extended Hours

Mr. Van Gompel provided a brief introduction and the history of the past requests for extended hours of operation during the holidays.

Village President Krueger asked if the Police Department had any concerns with the proposal. Chief Rinzel stated that the proposal had been reviewed and that there were no concerns.

It was moved by Trustee Weddle-Henning and seconded by Trustee Springman to approve the request from Kohl's Department Store for Extended Hours of operation. The motion carried 6-1 with Trustee Oates voting in opposition.

VII. New Business

A) Resolution No. 09-, "In the Matter of Adopting the 2010 Annual Budget and Establishing the Property Tax Levy for the Village of Brown Deer"

President Krueger asked if there were any changes to the proposed budget. Mr. Van Gompel discussed the parameters for the creation of the proposed budget and noted that the proposal does not include funding for the Crossing Guard program or trash/recycling pickup at the school district.

Trustee Weddle-Henning opined that the funding of the crossing guards needed to be included to ensure that the program remain intact until such time that the School District can address the issue.

Village President Krueger noted that the transfer of the Crossing Guard program to the School District was actually intended to protect the program should future staff reductions occur. Attorney Fuchs added that all part-time protective service employees, such as the crossing guards, would have to be laid off prior to any full-time positions.

Trustee Oates inquired about the cost of the crossing guards from January 1, 2010 until the end of the school year. Chief Rinzel indicated that the cost would be approximately \$8,600.

Trustee Weddle-Henning asked if not filling the vacant patrol officer position constituted a lay-off. Mr. Van Gompel stated that it does not since the position is currently vacant.

Trustee Schilz noted that the control and training of the crossing guards was not being taken from the Police Department but rather that the funding was being changed.

Village President Krueger called for a consensus on the funding of the crossing guard program.

It was the consensus of the Village Board not to fund the Crossing Guard Program from the Village budget and to transfer the program to the School District.

Trustee Baker asked for clarification of the trash/recycling pickup costs. Mr. Neitzel discussed how the reduction in the number of pickups would decrease the budget.

A brief discussion ensued as to how the School District would be billed for its special pickups through Veolia.

Trustee Weddle-Henning asked about the costs of the pickup service being reviewed with the School District. Mr. Neitzel noted that any past financial information can be shared with the district and that he is very willing to work with them to keep the overall cost down.

Trustee Oates asked when was the last time that the School District had to pay for its own trash/recycling pickup. Mr. Neitzel stated that it was sometime between 1996 and 1998.

Village President Krueger called for a consensus on the funding of the trash/recycling pickup at the school district facilities.

It was the consensus of the Village Board to transfer the cost of the pickup service to the School District.

Trustee Baker asked for clarification of the Police Department's budget request for furniture. Chief Rinzel noted that the budget request was completely separate from the remodeling of the dispatch center.

Trustee Springman voiced concerns with the increase in Wisconsin Retirement System contributions. Village President Krueger noted that Staff will continue its efforts in addressing this cost.

Trustee Baker noted the proposed 2010 wage freeze for all Village employees as well as the changes that already have been made to the levels of employee contributions towards insurance and retirement.

Trustee Schilz noted his concerns with the overall cost of ongoing road maintenance and noted the various unfunded state mandates that have an effect on the Village's budgeting process.

Trustee Boschert discussed the effort involved with the drafting of the budget.

Trustee Oates thanked all who participated in the budgeting process and stated that the budget goes a long way towards maintaining service levels while minimizing the tax increase.

Village President Krueger thanked those involved with the process and noted Staff's efforts in creating the various budget scenarios. President Krueger also opined that some of the processes still need to become more transparent.

It was moved by President Krueger and seconded by Trustee Springman to adopt Resolution No, 09-, "In the Matter of Adopting the 2010 Annual Budget and Establishing the Property Tax Levy for the Village of Brown Deer". The motion carried 6-1 with Trustee Springman voting in opposition.

VIII. Committee Appointments

Village President Krueger reviewed the application for appointment.

Trustee Springman inquired about the appointment process among the North Shore communities. Mr. Van Gompel clarified the process.

It was moved by President Krueger and seconded by Trustee Weddle-Henning to appoint Tom Conlin to the North Shore Fire Department Commission. The motion carried unanimously.

IX. Village President's Report

Village President Krueger had no report

X. Village Manager's Report

Mr. Van Gompel had no report.

XI. Recess into Closed Session pursuant to §19.85(1)(e) Wisconsin Statutes for the following reasons:

- (e) Deliberating or negotiating the purchasing of public properties, the investing of public funds, or conducting other specified public business, whenever competitive or bargaining reasons require a closed session.

It was moved by Trustee Springman and seconded by Trustee Baker to recess into Closed Session at 8:43 p.m. The motion carried unanimously.

It was moved by Trustee Oates and seconded by Trustee Weddle-Henning to reconvene into Open Session at 9:55 p.m. The motion carried unanimously.

XII. Adjournment

It was moved by Trustee Springman and seconded by Trustee Oates to adjourn at 9:56 p.m. The motion carried unanimously.

Russell Van Gompel, Village Manager