

SPECIAL MEETING-BOARD OF TRUSTEES-JUNE 14, 2003-10:00 A.M.

PRESENT: ERNEST W. MARTIN, MAYOR; TRUSTEES – JOHN MURPHY, MICHAEL HANEHAN, MARTIN RICCARDI, RAYMOND WALKER

ALSO PRESENT: Joan Ronda, Councilwoman, Town of Stillwater; Thomas Kinisky, former Trustee; Harold Wessell, Express; Frank Tatum, Donald Brookley, James Champlin & Ken Baker

Mayor Martin called the meeting to order.

Trustee Murphy distributed news articles on the Village of Stillwater's previous attempt to enact zoning regulations in 1985. He also distributed information on how to creating zoning for the first time. Trustee Murphy also stated the Board in 1985 created a survey to determine the goals of the Board. He spoke regarding the negative impact this had on many village residents. He stated it is very difficult to create legislation that does not infringe on property owner's rights and at the same times protects that same property owner from a nuisance created by having no laws to follow. He stated he encountered difficulty when the Village of Stillwater was purchasing property in the Town of Stillwater, he found it a very complex process.

Trustee Hanehan does not in good faith support zoning. He feels any place it has been enacted it becomes a monster. He feels the desires of the Board can be accomplished by enacting local laws to address various problems.

Trustee Walker stated if you enact ten laws to regulate what people can and cannot do, in essence you are creating zoning. He feels no one wants zoning until someone wants to put something offensive in their backyard, then they come to us to stop them and without some regulations we have no control over what people do. We should be looking out for the best interest of all of the residents of the village.

Trustee Riccardi stated he felt the concept of a six-month moratorium would allow the Board time to review information relevant to zoning and decide if it would be beneficial to the Village.

Mayor Martin does not want to interfere with residential building; he is only interested in creating some type of law to prohibit small businesses from popping up throughout the village with no regulations governing how they operate.

Lengthy discussion was held regarding various problems with zoning versus no zoning.

Don Brookley congratulated the Board on discussing the concept of zoning for the village; he feels it is time to do something.

Frank Tatum appreciates what the Board is trying to do, he understands what is being discussed regarding property values, it is also one of the things that makes the village special there is no bureaucracy as there is in the town. He feels you should be able to present a plan for your property and be able to work with the Board to adapt it so it is acceptable for everyone. Feels you should not stop the business district at the Admiral's, it should go to the school at least. The Board might want to encourage business in the future.

Everyone was in agreement that some type of legislation is necessary to create areas that are designated as residential and commercial. Everyone wants the integrity of the village to remain and prevent the loss of property value in residential areas.

Mayor Martin appointed Trustee Walker to research this issue. Moratorium will be discussed further at the June 17th regular meeting.

Trustee Murphy has been approached by a resident of Major Dickinson Avenue to have 2-30 mile per hour signs installed, traffic travels along that street very fast. Mayor requested DPW Chairman have signs installed. Trustee Hanehan feels that the stop sign Major

Dickinson at Broughton Lane should be moved to Major Dickinson at General Schuyler Lane. Need to amend the Local Law for Traffic in the Village.

A resident express concern regarding the Stewart's delivery truck blocking the view to exit the parking lot.

Trustee Murphy explained that the Town is required to have two employees working

MOTION authorizing the Village DPW employee on duty for the weekend and Holiday assist the Town of Stillwater during the time they are checking the pit at the chlorine injector system, this to be done during the village employee regular rounds made by Trustee Murphy, seconded by Trustee Walker.

Discussion: Trustee Hanehan feels the time should be arranged during the scheduled rounds for the village employee.

Motion carried 4-0

Trustee Hanehan stated we have the easement for the forcemain across the church property, would like to install the forcemain before beginning Colonial Road as the church is planning on blacktopping their parking lot in the fall, this would give the ditch time to settle before they begin their work.

Trustee Riccardi has received a couple of complaints regarding County Waste leaving trashcans in the street after dumping. This is creating a road hazard. He requested the Mayor write to County Waste about this problem.

Jim Champlin questioned if the village is aware there is a potential for problems if they encounter cement from the old trolley turnaround. He was advised they are aware of the possible existence of this material.

Mayor Martin would like to give Mr. Tatum some type of direction with regard to his request to have used cars on his lawn. Discussion followed.

MOTION to adjourn was made by Trustee Murphy, seconded by Trustee Hanehan.

Motion carried 4-0

Meeting adjourned 11:00 A.M.