

**MINUTES
SPECIAL VILLAGE BOARD MEETING
GOAL SETTING WORKSHOP
May 23, 2016**

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 9:00 p.m. by Mayor Mickey Straub.

ROLL CALL

Present: Mayor Mickey Straub, Trustees Al Paveza, Guy Franzese, Janet Ryan Grasso, Diane Bolos, Paula Murphy and Tony Schiappa

Absent: None

Also Present: Village Administrator Steve Stricker, Village Clerk Karen Thomas, Community Development Director Doug Pollock, Police Chief John Madden and Public Works Director David Preissig

Village Administrator Steve Stricker stated that, back in October 2014, the Village Board prioritized a list of goals that the Board had developed in a workshop in September of that year. He stated that the purpose of this meeting was to allow new Trustees Paula Murphy and Tony Schiappa to present any new goals that they would like to see the Village Board and Staff pursue over the course of the next 12 months, to ask the other Trustees if they have any pressing goals that they feel should be added to the list for the next 12 months and then to re-prioritize the new and existing goals using green, yellow and red stickers, indicating high priority, medium priority and low priority goals. He stated that this exercise will provide Village Staff a better understanding of how to devote its time in achieving these goals.

NEW GOALS FROM NEW TRUSTEES PAULA MURPHY AND TONY SCHIAPPA

Mayor Straub asked Trustee Murphy if she had any goals she would like to present. In response, Trustee Murphy stated that she had several suggestions, the first of which was to make sidewalks and pathways a priority. She mentioned her desire to see a sidewalk on the west side of County Line Road from Woodgate to 60th Street, as well as on 79th Street, and then south to the bike path in Willow Springs. In response, Administrator Stricker stated that the current plan concerning sidewalks is to complete the German Church Road sidewalk and to seek additional funding for the sidewalk on the east side of County Line Road from Longwood Drive to KLM Park, before doing the sidewalk on the west side of County Line Road, which would require additional funding. Trustee Murphy suggested that, once the Village sells its property, it could use those dollars for sidewalks instead of paying off the Police facility.

Trustee Grasso suggested that there are several other areas in the Village that would also want sidewalks. Administrator Stricker reminded the Board that there is a pathway plan established that prioritizes various sidewalk requests throughout the Village. Trustee Franzese stated that it is up to the Pathway Commission to recommend the setting of priorities.

After some discussion, it was agreed that the goal here would read, "Find additional resources for sidewalks/pathways."

Mayor Straub asked Trustee Schiappa if he had any additional goals to suggest. In response, Trustee Schiappa stated that he has also been concerned of late regarding the need to improve how we communicate with the public concerning public hearing notices and suggested a goal could be, "To improve public notice procedures." He made several suggestions, including providing the legal notice that was sent to the newspapers in the packet to the Plan Commission and the Village Board, posting a picture of the zoning sign on the property in the packet, including the mailing list of those that were notified, along with a map of the area.

Trustee Murphy suggested a goal could be to, "Add more trees to the Village." She stated that she felt that there was a need for more trees and that the Village should do more in this regard. In response, Administrator Stricker reminded the Board that, due to the EAB infestation, several hundred trees have been removed and that the Village is in the process of replanting and that the budget has been more than doubled for this purpose.

Trustee Murphy suggested that another goal could be to, "Review fence regulations." She stated that she felt that non-conforming fences should be allowed to be rebuilt as is and that there should be more flexibility to allow residents to build fences along their back yards.

Trustee Schiappa suggested that a goal could be to, "Sell the two Village properties." He also suggested that a possible goal could be to create long-range plans for both sewer and water. In response, Administrator Stricker stated that the Village does have a long-term water improvement plan in place, but not one for sewer.

Trustee Schiappa suggested that a goal could be to, "Provide better reporting about Public Works activities." He stated that he has a good handle on what type of work is done by those in the front office, but would like to have more information regarding what is being accomplished by the Public Works Department.

Finally, Trustee Schiappa suggested that a goal could be to, "Pursue Comprehensive Plan update in FY 17-18." He stated that the current Plan is 17 years old and even if the Village were to begin the process within the next year or two to update the Comprehensive Plan, it could be 20 years old before it is finally updated.

NEW GOALS FROM MAYOR AND OTHER BOARD MEMBERS

Trustee Grasso stated that she would like to re-emphasize the importance of the goal to "Evaluate the need for alternative housing for young families and empty nesters." She stated that you cannot find a Realtor who doesn't think that this is an important issue. She cited a *Crain's Chicago Business* article regarding the number of large homes in Burr Ridge that are languishing on the market and the fact that, over the past five years, home values have actually dropped 1/10 of 1%, while all the other communities around us have gone up substantially. Trustee Grasso cited the 2010 census that shows that the vast majority of residents in Burr Ridge are 55 years or older and that the population of Burr Ridge continues to age and we will need empty-nester housing.

Trustee Grasso stated that the average time on the market for a home in Burr Ridge is 206 days and that the average selling price is 85% of the asking price.

Mayor Straub agreed with Trustee Grasso and complimented her on presenting these facts. He suggested that there may be a need for more analysis in regard to this matter.

Mayor Straub asked Community Development Director Doug Pollock what percentage of property is considered to be “dense” in Burr Ridge. In response, Mr. Pollock thought that the number he had given in the past was around 8%, based on land area. In response, Trustee Franzese stated that when we talked about this issue a year ago, the number was 34%, based on a percentage of total units. Mr. Pollock stated that the difference is in the number of units vs. the land area.

Mayor Straub stated that this may not be a goal this year, but suggested that he would like the Board to consider Burr Ridge becoming a destination for smaller conventions. He told the story of his meetings with people that were interested in a couple of different car-type conventions that would really have an economic benefit to Burr Ridge, but were too large to be handled by existing hotel facilities in the Village. He stated that, with the advent of the new Hampton Inn Hotel and Falls Events Center, the Village may be eligible to host some of these smaller conventions.

In response to a question from Trustee Franzese, Administrator Stricker stated that the Hotel Marketing Committee does market to meeting planners, but that more could be done in this regard in the future once the Hampton Hotel and Falls Event Center are constructed. He stated that the Village will probably be a year or two away from being able to pursue this concept.

As an aside, Trustee Schiappa stated that Air BNB is a growing business that is out-pacing the actual hotel business.

EXERCISE TO RE-PRIORITIZE GOALS FOR FY 16-17

Administrator Stricker passed out green, yellow and red stickers to each Board member, asking them to rank each of the goals that were found on the wall, with green representing high priority, yellow being medium priority and red being low priority. The results of the re-prioritization are as follows:

HIGH PRIORITY

- Ensure the viability of the Village Center.
- Find additional resources for future sidewalk/pathway projects.
- Evaluate the need for alternative housing for young families and empty nesters.
- Improve public notice procedures.
- Sell the “Pump Center” and “Rustic Acres” properties.
- Pursue a Comprehensive Plan update in FY 17-18.

MEDIUM PRIORITY

- Add more trees to the Village.
- Meet with school board officials to identify specific issues in which the Board can become involved.
- Pay off debt associated with the Police facility.

Stormwater Management; educate residents concerning the difference between ponding and flooding.

Pursue a franchise agreement with one waste hauler.

LOW PRIORITY

Expand wireless network.

Consider the possibility of a pedestrian bridge on County Line Road over I-55.

Consider an alternative east access to the Village.

Review fence regulations.

Provide better reporting about Public Works activities.

FINAL COMMENTS

Trustee Franzese stated that the existing Comprehensive Plan has served the Village very well over the years and that the vast majority of land in the Village has already been developed. He suggested that, instead of spending \$80,000-\$100,000 and a year's worth of time, perhaps the Plan could be updated without a significant overhaul.

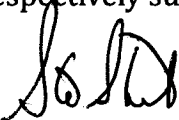
Administrator Stricker stated that he would provide the new list of goals on the Village's website.

ADJOURNMENT

A **motion** was made by Trustee Tony Schiappa to adjourn the Special Village Board Meeting Goal Setting Workshop. The motion was **seconded** by Trustee Janet Ryan Grasso and **approved** by a vote of 6-0.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:15 p.m.

Respectively submitted,



Steve Stricker
Village Administrator