

## COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE OF THE KIMBERLY VILLAGE BOARD

OCTOBER 13, 2008

Chairman Kuen called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. Members present for roll call were Hammen, Hruzek, Opsteen, Trentlage, Weber and Chairman Kuen. Absent and excused was Trustee Gaffney. Also present was Community Enrichment Director Schaefer and three citizens.

Administrator Hermus noted the meeting being held next Monday regarding improvements to Highway 41 beginning next spring. As none of the projects directly impact the Village of Kimberly, staff will not be attending this meeting. There may be some additional traffic on 441 during the projects.

The Committee discussed the issue regarding special interest vehicles located at 245 N. Main Street. Since adoption of the ordinance, the resident has erected a 6' fence around his property to screen the vehicles. The Committee had previously discussed several options, including regulating all vehicles in residential areas. After some discussion, the committee agreed to consider rescinding the ordinance next week, as the issue has been resolved. They further agreed that such ordinances, when created to resolve a neighborhood dispute, should be more carefully considered. This will be placed on next week's agenda for official action.

The Committee discussed the community's acceptance of waste water from New Page, Imerys, and Specialty Minerals. With New Page shutting down, they must also shut down their waste water treatment plant, prompting their request to have the Village of Kimberly and the Heart of the Valley Metro Sewerage District accept the waste water from their plant and their bookend partners. The HOV Pretreatment Coordinator, John Johnson, was heavily involved to determine if the HOV could accept the waste. As it is predominantly clear water, with very little loadings, the HOV will accept the waste. The issue then turned to our collection system being able to handle the waste. Letters were included in the packets from Administrator Hermus and engineer Werner regarding the caveats placed on the flows. New Page also has a reasonable volume of clear water from roof drains entering the system which will create concern during rain events. After some discussion, the Board felt that there was a need for agreements with the entities accepting responsibility for down-stream problems resulting from the acceptance of the waste into our collection system, and possible backups in other properties. Tying up some of the loose ends should be clarified in writing with all entities, in the form of agreements. Staff will work with the entities to clean up these issues as soon as possible and prepare agreements for consideration.

The Committee reviewed the Request for Board Consideration from Community Enrichment Director Schaefer regarding a proposed Autism Walk in April, 2009. The organizers were present and noted the success they are looking for with over 1,000 walkers and events at Tanners. The closure of Kennedy Avenue on that date was noted.

The Committee reviewed the correspondence from Administrator Hermus regarding the possible change in Dental Coverage from UHC to Delta Dental. President Kuen noted that his company

recently switched to this plan, and Trustee Weber also noted the School District made the switch in July. Both program changes were seamless and simple.

The letter from Mark McAndrews of the County Board regarding a letter of support for winter snow plowing of the CE Trail was reviewed. It was the consensus of the committee that this is a county project and the Village of Kimberly should not weigh in one way or the other.

Administrator Hermus reviewed the current challenge regarding the levy increase of \$107,328, and the levy cap increase allowance of \$51,069. Mr. Hermus is suggesting that switching the hydrant rental from the tax roll to the water bill would help with the problem. While the cost shifts from taxes to fees, it does not increase the actual cost to the residential property owners. It also helps create equity as tax exempt properties (schools, churches, etc.) would also help pay for the service. There was some trepidation with this cost shift, but the Committee asked Mr. Hermus to explore the options, what amount the fee would be, what other communities are charging, etc. This is an example of the state forcing communities to shift costs from taxes to fees to make the state look better nationally regarding total taxes paid. It was also asked of Mr. Hermus to determine what the penalty is for exceeding the levy cap. This needs to be addressed soon as the public hearing is scheduled for early November for the 2009 budget adoption.

Administrator Hermus shared the notice of public hearing from Valley Transit regarding the proposed fare increases. This will be held in Kimberly on October 16<sup>th</sup> from 4:00 to 5:30 p.m., hosted by the Transit Commission Chairman, Charles Rundquist.

Trustee Opsteen questions our progress regarding neighborhood electric vehicles. There has been little discussion about it for a few months. It was requested that we check with neighboring communities about creating such an ordinance, as it was felt some already have. There was also a concern with the liability issue in communities where such ordinances have been created.

There was a short discussion regarding the fair market value of property in the community, as it could be lower than the assessed value. While this is unusual, it is not an issue relative to property taxes, as taxes are based on the assessed value, and it is assumed everyone is above or below fair market to the same degree.

Christina Lollar spoke to the Board regarding the manufacturing job loss across the United States, and its direct impact on Wisconsin and the Fox Cities. She is seeking support from the Village Board to adopt a resolution seeking federal and state support to enforce fair trade policy and curb foreign imports from devastating the American job market. The Board will consider such a resolution next Monday at their regular meeting.

Trustee Hammen moved, Trentlage seconded the motion to adjourn. The motion carried by unanimous vote of the Board.

Rick J. Hermus  
Administrator/Clerk