

Village Board Work Session
October 6, 2008

Members present: Mayor Weinberger, Trustees Bloom, Fast, Higgins, and Mattheus.

Also present: Planning Board Chairman O'Donnell, Planning Board Members Connor, McClung, Pikul, and Walsh, and Planning Board Attorney Donnelly.

Also present: Planner Stuart Turner, Village Engineer Murphy (7:30 p.m.), and Village Clerk Strobl.

Mayor Weinberger called the Work Session to order at 7:00 p.m.

Mayor Weinberger announced that he was removing the Board of Assessment Review from the agenda at the Village Attorney's recommendation, and that he had advised the Board Chairman.

Mayor Weinberger introduced Planner Stuart Turner of the Turner Miller Group for a discussion of his most recent report on zoning for religious uses and the Greenwich Avenue corridor.

Mr. Turner reviewed revisions in the report, including corrections to background information and further refinement of his initial suggestions. He also noted the inclusion of draft zoning and ideas on the issue of tax exempt vs. tax paying properties, as well as the expansion of the definition of Place of Worship.

Members of the Boards discussed the desirability of allowing religious uses in all zones except for the CS.

Mr. Turner discussed his recommendations for rezoning of Greenwich Avenue. Members of the Boards concurred that due to its different character, Greenwich Avenue should fall into a newly created zone, rather than CS or OB.

Mayor Weinberger advised that the Boards will continue to study these issues.

Members of the Planning Board left the Work Session at 8:35 p.m.

Mayor Weinberger introduced Ken Obremski, Co-Chair of the Bicentennial Committee. Mr. Obremski requested the Board's permission to hang banners, celebrating the occasion on Frontier telephone poles for approximately one year. The Board expressed agreement with the concept, and Mayor Weinberger will discuss the issue with the Village Attorney.

Daniel McMann, of the Comfort Inn & Suites, addressed the Board regarding the Inn's landscaping letter of credit, and water meter and related billing issues. It was noted that Village Engineer Murphy will meet with Mr. McMann on October 8th. Mr. Murphy will report back to the Board. Mayor Weinberger will follow up with the Village Attorney on October 7th.

Trustees' Reports

Trustee Higgins reported a recent break-in at the newly constructed Carriage Park.

In an effort towards more exposure for Salesian Park, Joint Recreation will be holding a "Turkey Trot" run on November 22nd.

Trustee Fast advised that it had been a busy week at the sewer plant, and that a very productive meeting held October 1st had determined that all necessary fixes will be done at no cost to the Village.

Trustee Bloom noted that based on communication received from Orange County Community Development, the Board will need to authorize the Mayor to sign the revised 2008 CDBG application at the next regular meeting.

Trustee Mattheus reported that the reservoir is currently down 30", and that the directional bore design (Crystal Run Well) is nearly completed.

Trustee Mattheus reviewed a letter from Dana Distributors, Inc., requesting that the "sewer charge" portion of their most recent bill be reduced to their usual rate, as the cause of an increased bill was an outside water leak. The Board reached consensus to continue with the policy that once water goes through the meter, charges must be applied for both water and sewer.

Mayor Weinberger advised the Trustees that the decision about hiring a planner for the OBH zone will be made at the October 27th meeting.

The Board reviewed a letter from Jayne Wohl, President of Goshen in Bloom, requesting permission to place the fall flower display in the Harriman Fountain. Permission was granted by consensus.

On a motion by Trustee Bloom, seconded by Trustee Fast, the Work Session was adjourned at 9:30 p.m.

Bloom	aye
Fast	aye
Higgins	aye
Mattheus	aye