

**Village of North Fond du Lac**  
**OFFICIAL MINUTES - Meeting of December 7, 2009**  
**COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE**

PRESENT: Mike Will, Trustee  
Jim Scharf, Trustee  
Keith King, Trustee  
James Moore, Village President  
Mike Streetar, Trustee

STAFF  
PRESENT:  
Chuck Hornung, Administrator  
William Lamb, Police Chief  
Paul Nelson, Fire/EMS Chief  
Donna Richards, Village Clerk

OTHERS: John Lemke  
Frances Vincent

**Chairman: KING**

*Meeting was called to order by Chairman King at 6 PM.*

**A. ADMINISTRATIVE ITEMS.**

1. Discuss request for exception to the 2 cat limit submitted by Debbie DeWitt, 54 Robin Drive. Administrator Hornung explained that the 6 cats exception was on the last regular meeting agenda, and that we tabled it to allow the owner to address the Board if she so wished. This is not only a violation of the Village code but also in violation of the mobile home park rules of no more than one cat or dog. Owner is not living there very often. There is an odor. The cats are being cared for, but do not get much interaction.

CONSENSUS to take it to the Board.

2. Discuss **ORDINANCE O-2009-11 TREASURER BOND ORDINANCE IN THE VILLAGE OF NORTH FOND DU LAC.**

Mr. Hornung said all municipalities must be bonded that they will pay their taxes to the County and State. The bond costs \$200. We were recently made aware that, if the Village passes an ordinance like this, we obligate ourselves to pay, and would not have to be bonded. Mr. Moore commented that this would save the Village \$200.

CONSENSUS to take it to the Board.

3. Discuss **ORDINANCE O-2009-12 PARKING RESTRICTIONS AMENDMENTS IN NORTH FOND DU LAC.**

Mr., Hornung reiterated that several meetings ago, citizens came to discuss problems with parking along Polk near the apartments. At that time, there was discussion of congestion being caused at that corner at certain times of the day and in certain weather conditions, causing backups and danger when turning the corner. There are also places in the Village where, due to street improvements, the no parking restrictions are being lifted. On Polk Street, the proposed changes will move the no parking signs to allow more room at all times, and handle the congestion. This is up to the walkway on the North side and the driveway on the South side.

Mr. Moore asked about parking at the Early Learning Center. Can some restricted area be lifted, to allow some cars to drop kids off? There is not enough room. Maybe we can get rid of the yellow curb, and still allow the bus areas to park there. Chief Lamb said he would work on it. Said it should be posted as no parking, not just painted yellow. He will check the ordinances to see what is restricted. Want enough room for bus and parent drop-offs and pickups. Chief Lamb says he will let Mr. Moore know what he finds out. Maybe parents can be allowed 15 minute parking, said Mr. Moore. First reading, no action tonight.

4. Discuss the definition of a non-profit for waived fee usage of the Community Center. (No action at this time.)

Mr. Hornung reminded the Board that we had a non-profit request that was denied a few weeks ago, and he feels we need to clarify the policy further. What is a non-profit, and what is Fond du Lac based, but when would we still allow them to use the Center, with a donation or community service project? We think if they have volunteer staff, we would consider them a non-profit for our purposes. We would want to let the Board know through weekly reports, rather than bringing them to the Board for use of the Center. Mr. Will asked whether we require a donation or community service? Yes, we do. He asked can they be bumped? We give each group one date each year from which they cannot be bumped. We can call them, and let them pay for a second date, if someone else wants to rent their date. The one denied several weeks ago went elsewhere. We ask that you think about it, and we will bring it back to you. Mr. Streetar asked how regular groups know about the changes. We sent letters with the new policy for non-profits before the year began, before they reserved their dates for the year. Ms. Richards shared that some groups have one large event a year, and it would be difficult to bump them, if we changed our policy in a way that allowed them to be bumped.

**B. CITIZENS TO BE HEARD.**

Frances Vincent, 1701 Westwood Avenue came to discuss the charging and barking retrievers near her street. She came before, and was told to let us know of other instances should they occur. She said it happened again, and the owner was there and did not call off her dogs. She relayed the sequence of the interchange, and reportedly the dog owner followed her home on a bike, and said she know where she lives. She feels threatened. She feels that the electronic fence is not allowing proper control of the dogs. They charge up, and are large dogs. Chief Lamb reiterated what was said before, that these kinds of incidents can occur with invisible fencing. Mr. King asked if we have had other problems with invisible fences being reported. Chief Lamb is not sure. Mr. Moore asked about the location, and is aware of this situation, as he walks the area. Part of the question is how the invisible fences work, and whether people get scared. Mike Will remembered about the setback not being set back far enough, as reported at the previous time Ms. Vincent came to a meeting, when comparing the new ordinance with this fence which was installed prior to the ordinance, which looked at about 18". The dog seemed to be able to go right up to that point. Needs to be back five or six feet. It may need to be moved back. (*Note: Ordinance says 6 feet back from the sidewalk. DR*) Chief Lamb is trying to remember how that would have worked at the time, with permitting at the time of installation or not. Owner of the dogs at the time of the first discussion talked with Chief Lamb after the meeting. He will talk with the officer involved and the building inspector, and see if the fence was properly installed. Mr. Streetar said since this is not on the agenda, we can't really discuss this at this time. Mr. Moore is aware of these dogs, and Mr. Streetar says we should put it on an agenda, so we can discuss it in full. Ms. Vincent is concerned with the largeness of the dogs and that they are charging.

**Future Possible Agenda Items can be discussed under Unfinished Business and New Business. No action will be taken at this meeting on discussions under the next two items, and discussion should be greatly limited until placed on the agenda:**

- C. UNFINISHED BUSINESS.** Mr. Streetar said there were concerns that we should have had the Budget Hearing televised. He explained that we try to do that, but this year, we ran a little late getting all the needed numbers together, to make the budget work. That is the reason it was not televised. So, he is hoping folks who are watching will understand why it was not televised.
- D. NEW BUSINESS.** Mr. Will asked, re: Michigan Avenue when would a referendum be required? Mr. Hornung explained that we can proceed with engineering, and then we would understand how much it could cost before we proceed. Mr. Will asked if it might not exceed \$1 million. Mr. Hornung said that it is possible that the cost will not exceed \$1 million. Mr. Streetar asked about the FBI Academy training for Darren Pautsch; about the training budget, and how it is handled. Chief Lamb said that it costs us the time spent away from the office. The FBI Academy training, when offered, is a great opportunity, and the FBI picks up the whole tab. Mr. Will asked about the staff time involved. It is ten weeks, and the trainee may come home a couple of times in that period. Also, Mr. Will asked about the car that is not working, as reported in the weekly report. We were going to replace two cars, but now budgeted for one. Because we now have a car that has a bad engine (already replaced once), we may have to replace that car instead, if we can't get consideration from General Motors. They have said that a replacement motor is only warranted for one year.
- E. CLOSING OF MEETING.**  
6:35 P.M. the meeting was closed.

Respectfully submitted,

Keith King, Trustee