

Village of North Fond du Lac
OFFICIAL MINUTES - Meeting of April 19, 2010
COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

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

Ron Keller
Tim Lakin

ABSENT: Keith King, Trustee (excused)
Mike Will, Trustee (excused)

STAFF PRESENT:
Charles Hornung, Village Administrator
Nick Leonard, Director of Engineering and Planning
William Lamb, Chief of Police
Paul Nelson, Fire/EMS Chief
Donna Richards, Village Clerk

OTHERS: Tammy Keller
Jim Moon
Steph Cheevers

Chairman: MOORE

Meeting was called to order by Chairman MOORE at 6 PM.

A. ADMINISTRATIVE ITEMS.

1. Discussion of RESOLUTION R-05-2010, RESOLUTION PROCLAIMING ARBOR DAY IN THE VILLAGE OF NORTH FOND DU LAC, FOND DU LAC COUNTY, WISCONSIN.

Mr. Moore explained that this resolution declares April 30, 2010 as Arbor Day in the Village. No discussion. CONSENSUS to take it to the Board.

2. Discussion of Request for Funds for Swimming Pool design.

Mr. Hornung explained that this is a continuation of discussion with the pool committee about pool enhancements that may be desired, to increase attendance. Burbach Aquatics met with them, and there is a phase of the project which will look at what people want and what that would mean. Looking at a contract not to exceed \$4,000, to begin to look at this, including costs and mileage, etc. and a plan. This request is to get moving on the study which is the initial phase to gain the information/plan. Roger Schamberger of Burbach Aquatics is with us tonight, and will discuss their projects and how they can assist with strategies for fundraising for the project. The Economic Development and Engineering fund has some money budgeted that we can use for this purpose. Burbach Aquatics brought displays along with projects elsewhere, so the viewing audience can see them as well.

Mr. Schamberger said the firm is located in Platteville and works in 16 western and Midwest states. The firm works for municipal governments only, on pool and communities/recreation centers only. Some communities are as small as 800 that have a new aquatic center. \$4000 will cover Phase I, Step II, which is a feasibility/market study for splash pad, slide, shade spaces, and other options for ideas and designs that we could afford and maintain, to improve the pool area. They will work with pool committee and the village. Normally, with a new facility, attendance will change to three to eight times what it was previously, if box pool is changed; an Aquatic Center which is 0 depth to ramp in for ADA requirements (1 inch drop per foot) will see change in demographic to about 60 % youth, 40% adult. Have been doing this for 32 years with no leaky pool vessels, due to design and oversight during construction. All work publicly bid. Most have been ground up, brand new, except for Lena. They use three prime contractors, mechanical, structural, and construction. Get smaller contractors involved, with these smaller pieces. Mr. Moore asked about costs, are these the total project costs with bathhouse, parking lot, slide, pool, everything? The answer is yes. Except they did enhancements around an existing pool in Scott County in Iowa, and they budgeted so much money per year for various improvements, until they had all the amenities they wanted, over six or seven years. Mr. Schamberger didn't remember the cost. It was a 15 meter facility, aluminum vessel, larger than ours. Mr. Scharf asked what the pool committee said they were interested in, and pricing. Pool committee met at the pool, and they are looking at enhancements to the wading pool for a splash playground. Burbach will work with whatever people have available financially. They want it to be successful. Mr. Streetar says it is a money loser, and wants to make sure there are citizens involved. Wondering how many people are involved in the committee. How would this be funded? Mr. Streetar said most of the Aquatic Centers are in major cities. We have an aquatic center just a few miles away. Mr. Schamberger said they would look at the market, to better understand what the community needs for water facilities, including the square footage of the vessels. Could be older, public beach, lots to look at, for the options people have. That is part of the study, along with what

the community wants. Construction costs, then operating cost that could go up or down. They will look at alternatives. Standard and larger facilities will have slides, speed slides, a tube slide, a spray playground... may be different than what we want to do. Mr. Hornung said that if the project moves forward after the design, we would expect to have the funds raised privately. Mr. Moore said we are hoping for more revenue, too, through increased attendance. Mr. Schamberger said there are several ways to raise revenue: a professional fundraiser, a local person, or a committee to raise funds, some large donors... a lot of things can surface once they start the process of fundraising. It helps to know what it looks like, and what it will cost, to assist with the fundraising. It is common for only a few people to show up for pool committee meetings. Mr. Moore said he is interested in naming rights as a possibility. Mr. Schamberger said one Iowa community partnered with the school for a joint facility. DPW Director there raised \$3.2 million privately, and the schools and village paid for the rest. Have horizontal geothermal, several green aspects possible, and there may be funds available for energy efficient systems. CONSENSUS to take it to the Board. Tammy Keller, who serves on the Pool Committee, said they are looking for someone to do the hard core presentation when fundraising. Much easier if have a product to show people. They are not looking at a full blown aquatic center, just improvements to show to the Board and public. Jim Moon commented that he is not in favor of the pool, as the community does not support it. Fond du Lac facilities and YMCA are great facilities. If privately paid for, he doesn't care. Mr. Moore said there are many families in the Village that can't afford to get to Fond du Lac or to join the YMCA. Hoping more kids will stay in the Village in the summer. Mr. Moore said the pool keeps kids out of trouble in the summer. Mr. Scharf said there was uproar when we said we may close the pool. Many came forward to say that if we have to raise the taxes to keep the pool open, that it would be okay with them. We are putting \$10,000 in new drainage improvements in it this year. Receipts could double or more, if improved. Don't know. Mr. Moon wants statistics on what it costs to run the pool in the last 10 or 12 years. Baseball fields are used, pool is not used. He has watched it for 17 years. It is an expensive thorn in our side. Mr. Moore said all pools lose money. Mr. Moon says Fond du Lac has it all. Kids would find a way to Fond du Lac if they had to. Mr. Moore said he is looking strictly at fundraising, as far as he is concerned. Mr. Schamberger said his park district is separate from the Village. They had 200 kids going into Freeport for soccer (pop. 26,000) vs. Lena (pop. 2,900). This creates leakage of sales across the board, when people go elsewhere for their food and snacks and gas and other shopping while going to Freeport for soccer.

B. CITIZENS TO BE HEARD. None.

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. None.

D. NEW BUSINESS. None.

E. CLOSING OF MEETING. Meeting closed at 6:30 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Jim Moore, Trustee