

**Village of North Fond du Lac**  
**OFFICIAL MINUTES- Meeting of August 3, 2009**  
**COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE**

PRESENT: James Moore, Village President  
Jim Scharf, Trustee  
Keith King, Trustee  
Mike Will, Trustee  
ABSENT: Mike Streetar, Trustee (excused)

STAFF PRESENT: Chuck Hornung, Administrator  
Chief Bill Lamb, Police Chief  
Nick Leonard, Director of  
Engineering and Planning  
Donna Richards, Village Clerk

**Chairman: WILL**

Meeting called to order at 6:00 PM by Chairman Will at 6 PM.

**A. ADMINISTRATIVE ITEMS.**

1. Discuss Appeal of Operator's License denial, submitted by Mark Stadler.

Administrator Hornung introduced the topic, to say that we have recently changed the policy so that any missing omission of a violation on the application causes an automatic denial. This is subject to appeal. Mr. Stadler did not address a violation of possession of a switchblade back in 1986 in his letter. Mr. Stadler responded by saying that the situation was that he had just come back from Mexico and was at a mall, and there was an incident whereby some people who were stealing bicycles tried to distract attention away from themselves, and he and a friend were arrested, and they found a switchblade on him. He paid a fine at the time, and that was it. He did not remember this event when he filled out his original application, two years ago. Chief Lamb explained the recent change in policy for background checks. So, we are addressing things now that may not have been addressed in the past. Mr. Will asked clarification, that he was licensed in the Village for the past two years. Asked if there have been any problems during this time. Chief Lamb said no. Consensus to take it to the Board. Mr. Hornung explained that a vote will be taken at the Board meeting, so he is welcome to stay around to find out the decision.

2. Discuss Request for a third dog (temporarily), submitted by Andrew and Deidre Woznick and Kelli Miller.

Administrator Hornung explained that they came in to ask how to handle the violation of having more than two dogs. They were told to come before the Board, and wrote a letter of request. Deidre Woznick spoke, and said they have said what they wanted to say in the letter. Kelli Miller was also in the audience, whose dog it is. Mr. Scharf referred to a report that outlines the various dog violations. Ms. Woznick said neighbors on both sides are complaining about their dogs all the time. The last incidents were an unusual situation where they were replacing windows and the dogs got out. Dogs do bark, they have a muzzle, have two labs, and the third is a Staffordshire Terrier. Scharf explained that the violations go back to 2003. Chief Lamb is concerned with the number of violations including licensing and feces issues. At least 13 violations existed, with 5 warnings given in this period. Background material to the Board was provided, and Chief Lamb shared that he recommended against the exception to allow three dogs.

Consensus to take it to the Board. Mr. Hornung explained again that the parties are welcome to stay for the Board meeting to find out the decision of the Board.

3. Discuss Ordinance O-2009-06, Amending the Village of North Fond du Lac Sign Ordinance to Prohibit Billboards. (First reading)

Nick Leonard talked about the report; this is in response to a recommendation from the Planning Commission, which would prohibit new billboards and would make existing billboards non-conforming, so if they are damaged up to 50% of value they could be rebuilt, if more than 50%, would have to be taken down. Nick said this is what many progressive communities are doing. Pete Fetters will be here next meeting to answer any questions. Most billboards are out by Stretch, one has an L.E.D. face on it. We aren't having problems, but this is to fend off future proliferation and problems that may be coming up, in response to phone calls Pete has received. They can always apply for a variance. Mr. Will talked about moving parts being prohibited, and the school has one like this. The Planning Commission brought this up, too. Nick said they will look into whether the school is in compliance or not. Not being addressed at this time. Nick will talk to Pete about looking into that.

Consensus to take it to the Board.

4. Discuss Ordinance O-2009-07, Rescinding Chapter 22 and recreating Chapter 22, Village of North Fond du Lac Floodplain Zoning. (First Reading)

Nick explained that the DNR provides a model ordinance. We had a few changes needed to comply, the list of 18 items and FEMA maps will be adopted with it. Peter will be here next meeting to answer specific questions. Needs to be adopted by October 16<sup>th</sup>, so it is in place by November 4<sup>th</sup>, so people can purchase flood insurance

who need it in the Village.

Consensus to take it to the Board.

5. Discuss Ordinance O-2009-08 Amending Traffic Controls Regarding Bus Parking in the Village of North Fond du Lac. (First Reading)

Administrator Hornung explained that we have discussed this at the last two meetings, and he tried to incorporate the discussion. Mr. Will asked about the school year, and Mr. Hornung said we can designate the areas for parking. We will have to start working on identifying those. Mr. Hornung will look at that for the next meeting discussion. Also, affected parties will be informed before the next meeting.

6. Discuss Ordinance O-2009-09 Amending Public Nuisances Regarding Dog Restraints in the Village of North Fond du Lac. (First Reading).

Administrator Hornung said again we have been discussing this over the last several meetings. Mr. Scharf expressed concerns that we could have all different kinds of signs out there. Mr. Moore said there are two in place with the same kinds of signs. Mr. Hornung said companies likely would provide the signs for their fences.

Consensus to take it to the Board.

7. Discuss changes in agenda items on the COW and Board Agendas. (No action at this time.)

Ms. Richards explained that we have Unfinished Business and New Business on both agendas. At her training it was recommended that any discussion of things not on the Agenda for the Board be placed on a Committee agenda, and not on the Board agenda. This makes for a cleaner separation to make sure items not on the Board agenda are not discussed at the Board. Mr. Will agreed, and Mr. Moore did, too. Mr. Scharf explained that in Fond du Lac, they have discussions at their various committees and then take a finalized version of their recommended actions to the Board. This would be the same thing, but we don't have all those committees, just the Committee of the Whole.

8. Discuss electronic packets for Committee of the Whole and Board meetings and agendas.

Ms. Richards explained that this also was suggested at the training, and a citizen in North Fond du Lac asked for background on the agenda items, also. Hard copy packets could still be provided to the Board members, as desired. Did post the pdf. version for this meeting. Will be on the website, and other times there may be things that are needed to be sent, and not posted. Mr. Moore, Mr. King, and Mr. Will all expressed the desire for hard copies. Chief Lamb said sometimes the deliveries don't happen as they might, and then having them on the web, at least they can start with some of the information. Ms. Richards is hoping to have the posting occur on Thursday evenings when at all possible.

9. Discuss whether citizen comments on an agenda item or under Citizens to be Heard should be limited, to five minutes, for example. (No action at this time.)

Mr. Hornung said many communities have some limitations on speakers. Mr. Moore explained that sometimes we may wish to have people go on a little longer. Mr. Will explained that at the CDA people tend to go on a little longer. Mr. Hornung said that discretion can be used, with a limit when needed, if adopted. Mr. Will does not want to limit people talking. Feels that when people get off topic, the chair could bring them back. Mr. Moore said perhaps the limitations can be written on the agenda, and people would be aware of it right away. Mr. Scharf said sometimes people go off, and five minutes should be plenty of time. If the information is valuable, it could be up to the chair to decide whether to cut the speaker off. Staff will provide some research. Mr. Will is not in favor of this. We don't have problems that often, and people like to be heard.

**B. CITIZENS TO BE HEARD.** None.

**Future Possible Agenda Items include 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.**

1. Update on the Optimist Park new playground, and fundraising activities.

Mr. Hornung said we have about \$15,000 in possible donations. Chief Lamb will talk about the golf outing. We need to continue to fundraise. We have had lots of praise for the new playground, with many children out there.

**D. NEW BUSINESS.** None.

**E. CLOSING OF MEETING.**

Meeting closed at 6:35 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Michael Will, Village Trustee