

**VILLAGE OF COTTAGE GROVE
SPECIAL MEETING
OF THE
BOARD OF TRUSTEES
Monday, April 12, 2010**

MINUTES

1) Call to Order

The special meeting of the Board of Trustees was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Village President Mike Mikalsen.

2) Roll Call and confirm that the meeting was properly posted.

It was determined that a quorum was present and that the agenda had been properly posted. Roll call was taken. Village Board members present: President Mike Mikalsen and Trustees Duane Hubing, Paula Severson, Dave Viken, Diane Wiedenbeck, and Micah Zielke. Trustee Mike Willkomm was absent and excused. Also present were Administrator Kim Manley, Village Clerk/Treasurer Deb Winter and Chief of Police John Gould. There were 3 citizens present.

3) Pledge of Allegiance

4) Discuss and consider the reimbursement to David Wallace for his attendance at the Focus on Energy seminar on April 14, 2010 at a cost of \$75.00.

Motion by Hubing to approve the reimbursement to David Wallace for his attendance at the Focus on Energy seminar on April 14, 2010 at a cost of \$75.00 with the stipulation that if the Village should receive a reimbursement the funds go back to the Sustainability Committee budget, seconded by Severson. **Motion** carried with a unanimous voice vote of 6-0-0.

5) Discuss and consider the financial and service-related options for a Village-only police department as of January 1, 2011.

No action taken at this time.

6) Discuss and consider response to the Town of Cottage Grove's request for proposal on contracting with the Village for police services starting in 2011.

There was a lengthy discussion on the options presented to the Board. Winter, Gould and Manley presented three options and their financial impact to the Village. Option #1 provided for a Village Only department consisting of a Chief, 1 Sgt., 1 FT Clerical and 5 Officers. Option #2 provided for a Village Only department with the same make up, but where the Village would also be contracting to the Town. The presumption here is that the more senior officers would be contracted to the Town. Option #3 provides for a Village Only department where the Village contracts to the Town and the Village stays fully staffed as today. After discussing the above options, the topic of the Village contracting to the Town was discussed at length. The proposal presented to the Board was structured in the same format as the proposal the Town received from the Dane County Sheriff's Office. There was concern expressed by several Board members as to the viability of the Village acting as a contractor and how that would affect the relationship with the Town. There was also concern expressed regarding the Village's timeline and the fact that a decision

needs to be made soon so that whatever the outcome, the Village can start planning and reforming the police department if need be. Viken stated that he doesn't like any of the options presented and that he is sad the Village and the Town are in this situation. Wiedenbeck stated that her first choice would be to reach an agreeable joint agreement. Severson would also like to see an agreement reached to maintain a joint department but that the Town had to decide if they were willing and able to fund their share. Severson also stated that she does not want to see there be less than 24 hour police coverage.

Motion by Hubing to not have the Village offer a request for proposal to the Town of Cottage Grove for contracting police services starting in 2011 with an added amendment that the Village's top priority is to work out a joint agreement with the Town of Cottage Grove to continue a joint police department, seconded by Mikalsen.

Motion carried with a unanimous voice vote of 6-0-0.

7) Adjournment.

Motion Zielke to adjourn at 8:38 p.m., seconded by Hubing. **Motion** carried with a unanimous voice vote of 6-0-0.

**Respectfully Submitted,
Deb Winter, Clerk-Treasurer
Village of Cottage Grove
Approved:**

These minutes represent the general subject matter discussed in this meeting but do not reflect a verbatim documentation of the subjects and conversations that took place.