

The Planning/Zoning Commission met in Public Hearing Tuesday October 7, 2008 at 6:45 PM with Ray Ransom, Pam Dimmitt, Earl Johnson, Al Lunderville, Kelly Roeveer, Pam Sasman and Debra Green. Absent was Commissioner Debra Horan. Also present were Jodee Brooke, Randy Brown, Doreen Demaskie, Kristy Lunderville, Margaret Young, Ken Lindner, Penny Danielson, Larry Green, Tom Cooper, Rod Stenulson, Michelle Lloyd, Ed Lloyd, Laura Thompson, Al Thompson, MaryAnn Johnson and Keith Johnson. Debra Green will act as clerk for the zoning public hearing.

Zoning Administrator Ransom opened the public hearing at 6:45 PM.

After hearing and considering public comment regarding the application of Pam Sasman who is applying for a Conditional Use Permit per Village Ordinance Sec. 13-1-43 (d) (7) for a kennel license as prescribed in Village Ordinance Sec. 7-1-3 (b) to allow for more than two (2) dogs and or two (2) cats in a Residential District in the Village of Merrillan, it was moved by Al Lunderville, seconded by Kelly Roeveer to recommend to the Village Trustees a conditional use permit be approved for Pam Sasman as requested in her application with a limit of 4 animals consisting of three (3) dogs and one (1) cat. "Aye", all. "No", none. Carried. There being no further comments Zoning administrator Ransom closed the public hearing at 6:56 PM.

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MEETING OCTOBER 7, 2008

The Committee of the Whole met Tuesday October 7, 2008 at 7:00 PM with Ray Ransom, Ken Lindner, Penny Danielson, Larry Green, Kristy Lunderville, Margaret Young, Doreen Demaskie, Village Building Inspector Rod Stenulson, Fire Chief Al Lunderville, Superintendent Randy Brown, Officer Cooper and Debra Green. Also present were Jodee Brooke, Al Thompson, Laura Thompson, Kelly Roeveer, Dorothy King, Earl Johnson, Pam Dimmitt, MaryAnn Johnson, Keith Johnson and Deb Horan arrived later.

1. Call to Order – 7:00 PM

2. **Vouchers:** were approved and signed.

3. **Delinquent List:** moved by Young, seconded by Demaskie to approve as printed. Carried.

4. **Sewer and Water Extension to Gile Park Bids:** one bid was received from Halverson Plumbing in the amount of \$37,507.80. Tabled to the October 14, 2008 Board meeting.

5. **Conditional Use Application Recommendation – Pam Sasman:** upon the recommendation of the Planning/Zoning Commission it was moved by Demaskie, seconded by Young to approve a Conditional Use permit to Pam Sasman to allow for a kennel in a residential area. Carried.

6. Mill Property – 100 Mill Street:

a. Mill Property Inspection Report: Village Building Inspector Rod Stenulson read his report to the Trustees and those in attendance. He explained that the owner of the property, Mr. Thompson, referred to his building as being two buildings; because Mr. Thompson says one part of the building has a flat roof and the other a peaked roof. Inspector Stenulson stated it is up to the Board to decide, but if the building were one building it would cost more than 50% of the buildings value to repair it. If it were two then the back portion of the building closest to the dam would cost more than the 50% of the buildings value to repair it. The other part of the building to the north appears to be in reasonable shape as far as the basic structure and the west wall of the foundation has a bow in it, but has not failed.

This is tabled to the October 14, 2008 Board meeting.

Moved by Lunderville, seconded by Lindner to do an independent surveyor to do a survey of the mill property. Carried.

b. Order to Raze Building – 100 Mill Street: Moved by Lunderville, seconded by Young to direct Attorney Millis to continue with the legal proceedings for the Order to Raze the building at 100 Mill Street. "Aye", Lindner, Danielson, Green, Lunderville and Young, "No", Ransom. "Abstain", Demaskie. The motion carried.

7. **Proposed Concept Municipal Project Items List:** a couple of additional concept items were added such as; extending the curb and gutter south to old HWY 12 and DOT and potential DOT repairs to detour routes and signage of the detour routes. The updated list will be forwarded to Village Engineer Clem Safranek to finalize and forward to State DOT Engineer Rick Shermo.

8. **Communications and Recommendations from Village Maintenance:** Superintendent Randy Brown submitted a quote to do street patch repairs from Oium Blacktop for \$5,967.00. Moved by Lunderville, seconded by Danielson to approve the foregoing quote of Oium Blacktop for \$5,967.00. Carried.

9. **Communications and Recommendations from Village Police Department:** no update.

10. **Communications and Recommendations from Village Fire Department:** the tank on the tanker has been inspected and found to be in excellent condition. The fire department is again hosting Fire Prevention Week here for area children. There will be an open house on Saturday October 11, 2008 from 1PM to 5PM.

11. Street Name Change Oakwood Place – GPS: there is a GPS conflict with a street of the same name in Clark County. The Trustees are not interested in changing the name of Oakwood Place in Merrillan.

12. Operator License Applications: moved by Lunderville, seconded by Lindner to approve the application of Cari Fessenden. Carried. Moved by Lunderville, seconded by Danielson to deny the application of Jeffrey Alexander upon the no recommendation received from Officer Cooper. Carried. Moved by Demaskie, seconded by Lindner to deny the application of Shaun Mitchell upon the recommendation to deny from Officer Cooper. Carried. Officer Cooper was directed to draft letters to the two denied applicants stating the reason(s) for the denial of their operator applications.

13. Trick-or-Treat Hours: moved by Lunderville, seconded by Danielson to set the hours from 4PM to 7PM on October 31, 2008. Carried.

14. Custodian Position: Village custodian Matt Saul is moving. Former custodian Sandra Forsting has asked to be hired back as village custodian. Moved by Lunderville, seconded by Demaskie to hire Sandra Forsting back as village custodian. Carried.

15. Public Comment: Keith Johnson wanted to know why repairs are being allowed to be made to the mill if it is going to be razed. Dorothy King would like to know when it is going to be decided if the mill building is two buildings or one.

16. Adjournment: moved by Lunderville, seconded by Green to adjourn at 8:15 PM. Carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Debra Green, Clerk 10/09/08