

WILL COUNTY BOARD
DEMOCRATIC CAUCUS MEETING
MINUTES

May 20, 2010

8:45 a.m.

Will County Office Building

Conference Room B

302 N. Chicago Street

Joliet, IL

AGENDA

CALL TO ORDER

Mr. Adamic called the meeting to order at 8:45 a.m.

ROLL CALL

Present were: Deutsche, Traynere, May, Seiler, Brooks, Stewart, Winfrey, Babich, Wilhelmi and Adamic.

Absent were: Anderson.

Also Present: Pam McGuire, Matt Ryan, Nick Palmer and Bruce Friefeld.

Present from State's Attorney's Office: Melanie Manning.

Approval of Minutes

A motion was made by Mr. Babich, second by Ms. Seiler, to approve the minutes from the April 15, 2010 meeting. All in favor. MOTION CARRIES.

DISCUSSION OF MAY 20, 2010 COUNTY BOARD AGENDA

PROCLAMATIONS

Mr. Adamic stated the proclamations are pretty self explanatory.

LAND USE & DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

Ms. Tunney stated there are a number of cases this month. There is a request for a height variance for a cell tower. The cell tower company did provide a map showing the fall zone and that it will not fall onto I-80. Staff did recommend approval; if the height variance is denied, he can put up multiple towers – he may put 2 up.

Mr. Adamic commented 1 may be better than 2 or 3; you will have to decide on that.

Ms. Tunney indicated Case 5902 is for a map amendment; he is going to demo court in June but our code enforcement has opened up another violation on the site; we were looking at the violations as a separate matter because even if it is cleaned up we could not issue any building permits because he was not in compliance. We were looking at this as a compliance case to bring this into a residential district. We were recommending approval of the map amended.

Mr. Friefeld asked what the down side is of approving the map amendment if that brings him into compliance. He will still be in violation.

Ms. Tunney agreed; there are 2 separate violations going right now; they are not going away but we would be bringing the lot into zoning compliance.

Mr. Stewart commented he needs to really clean it up.

Ms. Manning indicated Mr. Mock is handling the matter in demo court; he continued it for setting a hearing for demolition until after County Board. What he can do with the property changes if the map amendment is granted since he is not in compliance. The denial of a map amendment has to be based on the health safety and welfare of the citizens.

Mr. Brooks arrived at this juncture.

Mr. Stewart commented this property is right in the middle of a tailored residential area – it is a junkyard; it is an eyesore.

Ms. Seiler suggested tabling the issue.

Ms. Tunney stated there are 3 variances for accessory storage that had some mixed votes. Regarding the resolutions; there are text amendments for the pools to decrease the setback and set a grandfather date. We are hoping that will help the situation. The Water Resource Ordinance has some text amendments.

Ms. Seiler asked if the dormant SSA's are referenced in the Water Resource Ordinance.

Mr. Friefeld answered yes; it is similar language that is in the conservation ordinance.

Ms. Seiler indicated the original intent is that the guidelines that were established when we did conservation ordinance stay the same in this ordinance; homeowners have the ability to move forward with the process.

FINANCE COMMITTEE

Ms. Seiler indicated the resolutions are pretty straightforward

Mr. Wilhelmi commented the abatements are for corporate headquarters and a manufacturing facility; it is a very positive addition in Will County.

PUBLIC WORKS & TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE

Ms. Winfrey asked if there were any questions.

JUDICIAL COMMITTEE

Mr. Stewart stated there is one resolution awarding the bid for body armor for the Sheriff's Department.

PUBLIC HEALTH & SAFETY COMMITTEE

Mr. Adamic indicated the private pay rate will be increased at Sunny Hill.

LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE

Mr. Adamic stated Ms. Goodson will probably have a discussion regarding SB3721 – the quarry bill.

CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS COMMITTEE

Mr. Adamic stated there will be a report from Wight & Co.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Mr. Friefeld stated there is a confirming ordinance regarding the bond issue governing the terms and transaction.

APPOINTMENTS

Mr. Adamic indicated Mr. Babich had requested the appointment for Sunnyland Sanitary District be tabled until next month.

Other Business

ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Ms. Winfrey, second by Mr. Stewart, to adjourn the meeting at 9:10 a.m. All in favor.

MOTION CARRIES.