

**WILL COUNTY BOARD
DEMOCRATIC CAUCUS MEETING**

**Will County Office Building
Conference Room B
302 N. Chicago Street
Joliet, IL**

MINUTES

June 18, 2009

8:45 a.m.

AGENDA

CALL TO ORDER

Mr. Adamic called the meeting to order at 8:46 a.m.

ROLL CALL

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

Absent were: Anderson.

Also Present: Matt Ryan and Nick Palmer.

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

Approval of Minutes

A motion was made by Mr. Stewart, seconded by Mrs. Seiler, to approve the minutes from the May 21, 2009 meeting. All in favor.

MOTION CARRIES.

Discussion of June 18, 2009 Agenda

PROCLAMATIONS

LAND USE & DEVELOPMENT

Mr. Dubois stated regarding case 5832-S the committee had four members at the meeting, the applicant requested the case be tabled. One

member voted no. This will be remanded back to committee. Case 5834 involves a kennel. It is a personal kennel and she cannot replace any animal. One of the conditions is that the animals will be chipped for inventory.

Ms. Traynere arrived at this juncture.

Mrs. Manning stated regarding case 5844 it was originally denied. The PZC and Land Use denied the request for the variance to 8,124 square feet. The PZC approved the request for 3,080 square feet and at Land Use it was approved. The applicant also asked for 900 additional square feet that was denied at Land Use. You will have to vote on all three variances. If you vote yes for the variance for 4,067 square feet then you would vote no for the 3,080.

Mr. Adamic stated we have been in court with this case.

Mr. Dubois stated there is a lien on the property. If he gets the variance he will be in compliance. Regarding case 5849, there was a meeting this morning and it will be before you today. It is a companion case to the one last month. There is a Conservation Development resolution on the agenda. Last December the majority of the subdivision ordinance was passed and there was a commitment to come back to revisit Conservation Development. The Chair and the County Executive support this resolution.

FINANCE COMMITTEE

PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE

Mr. Babich gave the committee an overview regarding the public works resolutions.

JUDICIAL COMMITTEE

Mr. Stewart stated there is a resolution on the agenda regarding juror parking.

PUBLIC HEALTH & SAFETY COMMITTEE

Mr. Babich stated there is a \$25 fine for the tobacco ordinance.

Mr. Adamic stated that amount is for the license for the retailer. We already have a law on the books. I have mixed feelings on this.

Mrs. May stated I support this. I agree that there is a law on the books but it is not being enforced.

Mr. Wilhelmi arrived at this juncture.

Mr. Babich stated I am against open burning. The reason this is going forward is that they need something to enforce. The state of Ohio prohibits burning within 1,000 feet of an inhabited building nor can the fire obscure visibility for roadways, railroad tracks or air fields.

Mr. Adamic stated we have a diverse County and we have to balance them out. What we have right now is not enforceable. We have to have some sort of agreement.

Mr. Babich stated there was an idea of limiting the burning to April, May, September and October.

Mr. Adamic stated it will be limited; there can be no burning on ozone action days.

Ms. McReynolds passed out some proposed changes to the language for the burning ordinance.

Mr. Friefeld stated this language is being discussed at the Republican Caucus.

LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE

CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS COMMITTEE

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Mr. Adamic stated the homestead exception extension is on the agenda.

Mrs. Novak stated we are sending a mailing today to the seniors. This completes our out reach effort.

Mr. Ryan stated with regard to the issue of the digital billboard, the company that owns the billboard is asking to convert it to digital. There is no provision for that in our ordinance. We will allow this to move forward now and we have to work on language to standardize these billboards in the future.

These companies will broadcast Amber Alerts.

APPOINTMENTS

ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Mr. Stewart, seconded by Ms. Winfrey, to adjourn the meeting at 9:30 a.m. All in favor.

MOTION CARRIES.