

**Village of North Fond du Lac**  
**OFFICIAL MINUTES- Meeting of June 29, 2009**  
**SPECIAL COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE**

PRESENT: Jim Moore, Village President  
Jim Scharf, Trustee  
Keith King, Trustee  
Mike Will, Trustee

Alex Lindsley  
Randy Stutz  
Glen Mathes  
Deanna Lefebber  
Laurie Ritger  
Joseph Clark  
Jimmy Lindsley  
Joe and Heather Goldapske

ABSENT: Mike Streetar, Trustee

OTHERS: Mark Beveridge  
Dave Van Gorder  
Darlene McAuly  
Laurie King  
Doug Parman  
Brad Conley  
Tim Benedict  
Chris Hansen  
Pat Stephany  
Troy Damsteegt  
Joe Burckle  
Toby Burnell

STAFF PRESENT: Chuck Hornung, Administrator  
Donna Richards, Village Clerk  
Nick Leonard, Director of  
Engineering and Planning  
William Lamb, Chief of Police  
Paul Nelson, Fire/EMS Chief  
Darrin Parsons, Director of  
Public Services  
Peter Fetters, Building Inspector

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

**A. Administrative Items**

1. Discuss a Village Pool Pass allowance to accommodate the Playhouse 4 the Precious Childcare Center. Administrator Hornung provided background of previous request from Arts for Kids, and now from this one, which is no longer located in the Village. Some of the children may be residents of the Village. It was stated by Mr. Scharf that the City of Fond du Lac does not provide consideration for Child Care centers at their pool. We could end up with lots of places in the City of Fond du Lac requesting the same. Mr. Will asked what we did for the previous group. This agency recently moved out of the Village. They are not a family, but a business in Fond du Lac. Mr. Scharf expressed concern with setting a precedent. Mr. Will proposed a structure whereby we would negotiate a price with some kind of standard. Thought perhaps each child would be \$10 for no more than 20 or 25 children for the season, and then on a daily basis, each additional child over 20 would be \$2. Mr. Moore thought that they only come twice a week. Discussion centered on doing this at this time, and looking at the fee structure next year for these situations.

CONSENSUS to take it to the Board, with 20 children at \$10 each for the season, and then \$2 daily for each additional child.

2. Discuss an Operator's license for Darlene McAuly, 229 East Cotton Street, Fond du Lac, WI. for Jenz Bar Central, and staff recommendation to grant the license. Chief Lamb noted that once the criminal background check is completed, it becomes open record upon application for a license. Darlene McAuly asked to speak. 229 East Cotton, FdL, WI. Jenny's mother from Jenz Bar Central. She apologized that she had blocked these two violations out of her mind in the last many years. She works closely with Advocates and others at the FdL City officials, so if you wish to speak with them, that would be fine. She has wiped it out of her mind. Frank Endijohn, Tom Herre, Chief Barthuly. She wants license to help her daughter out, and if we switch spots, she can spend more time with her kids. Apologized, again. Mr. Moore doesn't have a problems with something that happened a long time ago. Chief Lamb expressed that things in the past should not get in the way, but the lack of disclosure is a problem. Need policy direction provided for staff. Best way could be automatic denial, and then we would allow appeal, if someone fails to disclose. Mike Will felt that denial due to lack of disclosure was a problem, as it has been in the past. Ms. Richards talked about the City of Fond du Lac, omission is an automatic denial, and then appeal to the Police Department, and looked at case by case. Licenses are the privilege of the clerk in FdL. Board agreed that there should be a process and change in application to say will be denied if information is missing. Appeal would come to the Board. Recommend table to get appeal later. Tabled.

3. Discuss the approval of a grant application for construction of a Fire Station. Presentation by Fire/EMS Chief Paul Nelson. Paul Nelson talked about the grant process which was discussed at the previous meeting. This is a nationally competitive grant process, and several departments have talked about applying, but many have backed off, due to lack of time to do all the work necessary to apply. We have a good portion of the proposal completed, as much of the information was compiled for the previous grant process. Think we have a good chance to be successful, given that we are in North Fond du Lac, and given the proximity to rail and the incomes of the community. It is an opportunity that we may not see again. We need to replace this building, and have an opportunity in this grant to replace a good part of this building. Two companies have provided information for the proposal without compensation, so with their design that would need to be redesigned for us, we could be in the building within a year of being awarded, as this funding is to help stimulate the economy. Companies provide much of the information needed for the grant administration/reporting. Showed a couple of the designs. Camosy would have sleeping quarters, kitchen facilities, etc., office space, training room, place for turnout gear, storage space... mezzanines for additional storage. We wouldn't need a dispatch room, would have some changes to this design. MSI five bays, sleeping areas, storage, offices, etc., also. Showed pictures. \$3.2 to 2.2 million. Have a hose tower for drying of hoses. Can look industrial or residential, this one is called utilitarian. Why we are looking at this grant application is our proximity to the railroad (Weyauwega situation). Evacuation and isolation distances are outlined for various chemicals. We are within 1000 feet of the centerpoint, for Chlorine, Styrene and Butadiene. Styrene 16000, Butadiene 2000 feet. Outer ring would be outside of the one mile evacuation zone in a newer location on the northwest side. From a firefighter safety perspective, this location would be key. The ability to get out and serve the communities we serve effectively would be a key part of the proposal and grant priority. Also, parking issues at current location. Need to continue to look at other properties to purchase, would cost about \$300,000 regardless of where located. A new building would provide us with a better opportunity to serve all communities safely. Any questions? Will asked about locations... industrial park or NW side of community along Prospect would be outside the one-mile range. We are looking at two available properties.

Chuck Hornung addressed the audience to say that the \$300,000 the Village would pay, if we sold the EMS house, it would be about \$220,000, and then if we borrow this for amount for 10 years, it would cost about 60 cents a week, if had to build the whole thing for \$2,000,000 or \$400,000 a year, it would be \$4.80 a week for an average \$100,000 home, or eight times the cost, if we have no grant.

Paul Nelson felt we could help to attract businesses with this, especially if we are near the industrial park. Mike Will asked about shared staff for front desk pattern, and how that would change if we built a new station. Paul felt we could still share staff those couple days a week, with no problem, as Laurie would be able to respond quickly, just as she does now. Will asked about sleeping quarters. Looking at eight sleeping quarters, as want adequate accommodations for the next period into the foreseeable future. We might have to scale it back if don't get all the money requested, but it makes sense to ask for all you can, so would work for the long term. Will asked about square feet. We are talking 17,000 or 14,000 square feet, plus mezzanine space. Will asked about utilities/operating costs: average of \$25,000 a year, \$3,000 at worst month. Also grant looks at efficiency and environmental impacts. Company does stuff like solar water heating, and other aspects that are more efficient. Keith King asked about what the Village cost will be: \$200,000 to \$300,000 for locations and possible site preparation on our plate. \$300,000 on the high side. King said it's a double edged sword, but we will pay this money back. Paul Nelson said we will pay it back whether we get the money here, or it goes elsewhere. This might be one time only offer for fire station applications for federal funding. Paul thinks we have as good a shot as anyone, especially give our location. We do not have property purchased, it would be extra points if we have the land owned and in place. Location had been looked at ten years ago, but we didn't pursue this without the ability to go ahead and build. Several communities are looking at building, and some have property. Some potential applicants may not apply, as the work and timeframes to get the grant in is very quick. State person overseeing grants also feels that there are many interested, but may not get very many done in time.

David Van Gorder talked about accidents, could be in target zone depending on where along the railroad an accident might occur. He felt closer to the switching is more dangerous than this location. Paul Nelson responded that we cannot know where the accident might occur, but training exercises did show that this

current location is not the best spot. This would not have been thought about 50 years ago. Also asked about grant money, if end up with less money than requested, would citizens be asked to pay more? Paul said, no we would probably scale the size and other aspects of the building back. Feels we are strapped now, and need to cut budgets. Many people are retired, and only have so much money to work with. Paul said we would have a grant, which would help. Mr. Van Gorder says we'd still have to pay the \$300,000. Who would want to come here when we get ready to sell our homes, if the taxes are too high.

Pat Stephany supports the project.

Joe Goldapske says it's a good opportunity to go after the funds. If we don't get the grant, what would happen? Jim Moore answered to say that we would have to pursue alternatives, if we don't get the grant. Laurie King said that the understanding was that when the building was renovated, we have already exceeded the extended life of the renovation by six years. 1993-1994 was supposed to extend the building. Randy Stutz said he was here when we moved into the current station, and we outgrew it when we moved in. Here is an opportunity. He was involved in the EMS House purchase. That building was done knowing that it could be revenue from the sale of it when a new station would be built. This is an opportunity that we may not see again.

Mark Beveridge says normally he'd be jumping for joy, but he feels we are spending our grandchildren's future, plus we have to come up with \$300,000. Concerned with moving the station away from the older homes. Chemical spill would put us in deep doo doo no matter where we put the station. A chemical spill does not happen all the time, and shouldn't plan for this eventuality. Paul Nelson also said that the response time to the station would be improved for most of the members. Paul answered that getting in to respond from a better location would be better for all. The fire trucks are getting larger, and it makes it rough. Parking gets in the way, greater potential for an accident, liability on the Village. When there is court here, it can be very difficult to get equipment out to fight the fire, with all the street parking. Mark Beveridge says we will run out of borrowing capacity and money eventually.

Glenn Mathes asked if we get the grant do we have to accept the grant? Paul said no, don't have to accept it.

Yes, at this time we are asking only to submit the grant. Federal funds are out there, the money will be spent. This is a chance to bring something to this community, and jobs to the local area. We currently accept federal and State grants, and we should always be looking for State and federal money. Jim Moore said that attracting business it will help their insurance rates when you are closer to the fire department.

Joe Clark did express concern with the chemicals that go through here. Paul Nelson said we might never see it happen, but Weyauwega was never prepared for the train derailment. We would at least have a better location to respond than we have right now. Jim Moore said we see very little switching now, as most switching is going to Neenah now. Paul said CN is an international company, and that raises the bar as to what is coming through here. Risks are there, and accidents will happen. This is also a Paramedic issue (Joe Clark), Paul Nelson says this puts us in a better position to help many of the surrounding areas for mutual aid.

We are part of a system MABAS that includes many surrounding areas (8 or 9) so we will help each other when needed. Jim Scharf talked about through routes needed to get places. We have a chance to get a grant.

Mike Will talked about getting across tracks to get to Lakeshore. Paul says normally use Subway. Mike Will asked about other spots. We are not specifying a location in the grant, so this is left open. We are not considering extra acreage for potential future uses in this process.

Joe Goldapske asked about whether we own land in the industrial park. We do not.

Joe Berkley asked whether taxpayers will see solid numbers before the whole thing is committed to. The answer is yes, if we choose to proceed, it would be with solid numbers.

Darlene McAuly does not live here, but expressed support for a new firehouse. These are lifesavers, and you cannot put a price on a life.

- B. CITIZENS TO BE HEARD.**
- C. UNFINISHED BUSINESS.**
- D. NEW BUSINESS.**
- E. CLOSING OF MEETING.** Meeting closed at 7:15 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

James Moore, Village Trustee