

**VILLAGE OF FONTANA ON GENEVA LAKE**  
**WALWORTH COUNTY, WISCONSIN**  
(Official Minutes)

ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING of the VILLAGE BOARD OF TRUSTEES  
**Wednesday, April 15, 2014**

President Petersen called the annual organizational meeting of the Village Board to order at 6:14 pm in the Village Hall, 175 Valley View Drive, Fontana, Wisconsin.

**Trustees present:** Roll call vote: President Arvid Petersen, Rick Pappas, George Spadoni, William Gage

**Trustees absent:** David Prudden, Thomas McGreevy, Patrick Kenny

**Also present:** Jim and Megan Feeney, Merilee Holst, Library Director Nancy Krei, Village Clerk/Administrator Dennis Martin, Micki O'Connell

**Visitors Heard**

Micki O'Connell stated that she has concern with Charter Communication and its recent directive that requires customers to obtain a digital HD box to receive all television channels. O'Connell stated that that the directive will cost customers more money, but they will not receive any new channels or any of the old channels that have been eliminated over the years will not be offered again. Petersen stated that state law gives cable companies a lot of latitude and there is nothing municipalities can do about it. Spadoni stated that the Village Board should request that a Charter employee again attend a Village Board meeting, as was done several years ago, to give residents a chance to voice their opinions and concerns to a Charter representative.

**General Business – President Petersen**

Petersen stated that the 2014-15 Village of Fontana liaison, committee and commission directory was updated with his proposed appointments and he asked if the Village Board wanted to consider them individually, or all at once. Spadoni then made a motion that was seconded by Gage to approve all the appointments as presented. Pappas asked if the Village Board committee appointments were all subject to the Municipal Code language in Section 2-60 that states: "Appointments per Section 2-60 'One trustee and not more than six non Village Board members (at least three of whom must be citizens).'" Pappas stated he would like the village attorney to review the code section and provide an opinion on if it is appropriate to have more than one Village Board member on a committee. Pappas also stated that he has a concern with the Lakefront and Harbor Committee appointments, and the proposed replacement of him as the chairman. Pappas stated that he has been a member of the Lakefront Committee since 2006 and has been the chairman the last two years. Pappas stated that the proposed new chairman, Trustee David Prudden, may not have the proper experience to chair the committee. Pappas stated that it would be a waste of his experience and knowledge of the lakefront zoning issues if he is removed as the chairman of the Lakefront Committee. Petersen stated that Prudden has experience in the boating issues and has been in Fontana for many years. Petersen stated that there really are only four major committees that meet regularly and he has to divide up the chairmanships between them all. Petersen stated that he recommended the appointment of Pappas as the chairman of the Park Commission, so he replaced him on the Lakefront Committee. Pappas stated that he would prefer remaining on the Lakefront Committee rather than being appointed to the Park Commission if he had to pick one or the other. Spadoni stated that it is the prerogative of the village president to make the nominations for the committee appointments. Pappas asked if the motion on the floor could be amended to remove the Lakefront Committee appointments, so that all the other committee and commissions would just be included in the motion; and then the Lakefront Committee appointments be considered in a separate motion. Spadoni and Gage agreed to amend the motion on the floor.

Trustee Spadoni/Trustee Gage 2<sup>nd</sup> made a MOTION to approve the 2014-15 Village of Fontana liaison, committee and commission appointments for Sections 2-39, 2-61, 2-62, 2-64, 2-66, 2-67, 2-68, 2-231, 2-256, 2-311, 2-336, and 2-366, Section 18 ETZ, Sections 2-392 and 2-425, Section Appendix A FWWPCC, Section 54 Geneva Lake Law Enforcement Agency, Section 23-11 CDA,

and Section 2-440 Local Business Committee as presented, and the MOTION carried without negative vote.

Trustee Spadoni/Trustee Gage 2<sup>nd</sup> made a MOTION to approve the 2014-15 Village of Fontana Section 2-63 Harbor and Lakeshore Committee appointments as presented, and the MOTION carried on a 3-1 vote, with Trustee Pappas opposed.

### **2014-2015 Village of Fontana Liaison, Committee and Commission Appointments**

#### **Section 2-39 Liaison Appointments – Library Board; Lake Use Committee; Geneva Lake Environmental Agency**

President Petersen nominated Trustee Gage as the Village Board liaison to the Library Board, Trustees Gage and Pappas to the reestablished Lake Use Committee, and Trustee Kenny as the liaison to the Geneva Lake Environmental Agency Board.

#### **Section 2-61 Environmental Committee Appointments**

President Petersen nominated the reappointment of Chairman Trustee Kenny and citizen member Ron Nyman. There are two positions that need to be filled on the committee.

#### **Section 2-62 Finance Committee Appointments**

President Petersen nominated the reappointment of current committee members Trustee Kenny as the chairman, citizen members Jim Feeney and Arlene Patek, and property owner member Rick McCue; and the appointment of new citizen member Peg Pollitt to fill the position formerly held by Drew Gilchrist. There are two open positions on the committee to replace Mike Sheyker, who moved out of town, and Scott Vilona, who stepped down when he was hired for the Village treasurer position.

#### **Section 2-63 Harbor and Lakeshore Committee Appointments**

President Petersen nominated the appointment of Trustee Prudden as the chairman to replace Pappas, and the reappointment of the current citizen members Steve Beers, Joel Bikowski, Robert Chanson and Don Holst, and property owner members Lee Eakright and Ed Snyder.

#### **Section 2-64 Human Resource Committee Appointments**

President Petersen nominated the appointment of the Village President, Finance Committee Chairman, Public Works Committee chairman, Protection Committee chairman and Trustee Gage to the Human Resource Committee.

#### **Section 2-66 Protection Committee Appointments**

President Petersen nominated the reappointment of himself as the chairman, property owner member Joe Corso, and citizen members Robert Allen, Robert Moravecsek and Phil Costa; and the appointment of new member Trustee Prudden to replace David Johanson, who has not been attending the committee meetings.

#### **Section 2-67 Public Works Committee Appointments**

President Petersen nominated the reappointment of the current committee members Trustee McGreevy as the chairman, property owner members Bruce Adreani and Mark Kennedy, and citizen members Todd Reschke, Marvin Sollars and Ken Pariser; and the appointment of Trustee Gage to replace Russell Ceschi on the Public Works Committee.

#### **Section 2-68 Emergency Management Committee Appointments**

President Petersen nominated the appointment of DPW Street Director Ron Adams, Chief of Police Steve Olson, Fire and Rescue Department Chief Wolfgang Nitsch, Clerk/Administrator Dennis Martin, President Petersen, and citizen member Allan Kaminski to the Emergency Management Committee.

#### **Section 2-231 Board of Appeals Appointment**

President Petersen nominated the reappointment of Kim Hirn to a three-year term on the Board of Appeals. There are open positions for the Chairman, a Citizen position, and the Alternate II position as Michael Sheyker and John Bromfield moved out of town and Jay Hicks requested not to be

reappointed.

### **Section 2-256 Board of Review Appointments**

President Petersen nominated the reappointment of the current members: President Petersen, Trustee Kenny, Trustee Pappas and citizen members Thomas Whowell and Steve Beers.

### **Section 2-311 Library Board Appointments**

President Petersen nominated the reappointments of Joseph McHugh and Ann Catlow to three-year terms and the appointment of Cindy Wilson to a new advisor position.

### **Section 2-336 Park Commission Appointments**

President Petersen nominated the appointment of Trustee Pappas as the chairman and the reappointment to two-year terms of Sarah Lobdell, Laura Coates and Lynne Frost.

### **Section 2-366 Plan Commission Appointments**

President Petersen nominated the reappointment of Trustee Spadoni as the chairman and himself as a member of the Plan Commission, Lobdell as the Park Commission representative, and Fritz Frazier and Micki O'Connell to three-year terms. There is an open position on the Plan Commission.

### **Section 18 ETZ Appointments**

President Petersen nominated the appointment of citizen member Cynthia Nickolai and the reappointment of Micki O'Connell and Sarah Lobdell to the Joint ETZ Committee.

### **Section 2-392 Public Safety Board of Appeals Appointments**

President Petersen nominated the reappointment of Robert Youngquist to a three-year term and of Trustee Gage as the chairman of the Public Safety Board of Appeals.

### **Section 2-425 Police and Fire Commission Appointment**

Petersen nominated the reappointment of Jay Hicks to a five-year term. There is an open position to replace David Prudeen, who had to step down when he was elected a trustee position.

### **Section Appendix A FWWPCC Appointments**

President Petersen nominated the reappointment of himself and Trustee McGreevy to the trustee positions and citizen members John O'Neill and Micki O'Connell on the Board of Directors of the Fontana-Walworth Water Pollution Control Commission.

### **Section 54 Geneva Lake Law Enforcement Agency Appointments**

President Petersen nominated the reappointment of himself and Police Chief Steve Olson to the Board of Directors, and the appointment of Trustee Prudden as the alternate.

### **Section 23-11 CDA Appointments**

Petersen nominated himself and Trustee Prudden as the Village Board representatives on the CDA.

### **Section 2-440 Local Business Committee Appointments**

President Petersen nominated the reappointment of Trustee Spadoni as chairman, and Renee Cerny and John Karabas for two-year terms. There is one position open for the owner of a local business.

### **Big Foot Recreation District Board of Directors Appointment – Frank Breneisen**

President Petersen nominated the reappointment of Frank Breneisen.

### **Geneva Lake Level Corporation Board of Directors Appointment**

President Petersen stated that the Village Board does not approve the local representative to the Geneva Lake Level Corporation Board of Directors, which currently is Thomas Whowell.

### **Interim Treasurer Agreement Extension Approval**

The employee agreement with Scott Vilona for interim treasurer duties can be extended by one month for up to six times, and Martin requested that it be extended for the third time.

Trustee Spadoni/Trustee Pappas 2<sup>nd</sup> made a MOTION to approve the third extension of the Village treasurer employment agreement with Scott Vilona, and the MOTION carried without negative vote.

**Adjournment**

Trustee Spadoni/Trustee Gage 2<sup>nd</sup> made a MOTION to adjourn the Village Board meeting at 6:24 pm, and the MOTION carried without negative vote.

Minutes prepared by: Dennis L. Martin, village clerk/administrator

Note: These minutes are subject to further editing. Once approved by the Village Board, the official minutes will be kept on file at the Village Hall.

APPROVED: 6/2/2014