

VILLAGE OF LONG GROVE
3110 RFD, ILLINOIS 60047-9613

MINUTES OF THE VILLAGE BOARD OF LONG GROVE
Special Meeting of the Board of Trustees
Discussion of Checker Road Lift Station
Wednesday, July 2, 2008 AT 9:00 A.M.
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CALL TO ORDER:

President Rodriguez called the meeting to order at 9:05 A.M..

OFFICIALS IN ATTENDANCE:

Village President: Rodriguez
Trustees: Acuna, Lazakis, Schmitt, Wachs
Trustees Absent: Barry, Hannon
Village Clerk: Schultheis
Also Present: Village Manager Lothspeich, Village Engineers Witkowski and Chiczewski, and Village Counsel Furr

President Rodriguez said that this meeting would not have any votes on the matter, as it had been voted upon several years ago.

Village Engineer Chiczewski gave an overview of the history of the project, the options for location and the reason that the Checker Road site was chosen.

Tracy Richards, Manhard Engineer, gave further detail on each of the sites that were Researched, and their issues – a) Schaeffer/Checker; b) South Side of Checker; and c) corner of the far-S curve on Checker. He also said that Wetland Specialists (two specialists) from Huff and Huff, Inc. were employed to walk the area on Checker. Mr. Richards also said that the area on Checker Road was partially chosen because it would have less impact on the traffic because a directional bore process could be used as opposed to an open cut - which means that there would be less disruption to the roads. It was noted that a directional bore process was used on Cuba Road.

Village Engineer Chiczewski said that there was less likelihood of long-term issues at the Checker Road site; and that the contractor and Lake County Public Works was concerned that if they built the lift station by the Schaeffer Road berm there would be maintenance issues. It was noted that the site at Checker Road was selected by Manhard Engineering (not the Village Staff or Village Board) and approved by Lake County as the more favorable location because of construction issues, traffic and safety issues and ability to operate and maintain.

There was also discussion of why putting the lift station further west meant a longer forced main; and the greater possibility of a break in the main.

Trustee Wachs asked how long the lift station could hold an overflow.

Manhard Engineer Richards said it would take 24-hours to overflow. Village Engineer added that there were mandated (Mandated by the Environmental Protection Agency and Lake County Public Works) back-up, safety standards in place; such as a back-up pump; and if that fails or there were an outage, a telemetry system would kick in and alarm Lake County Public Works as well as a generator switching on

in the case of an outage. He also said that the overflow would go back towards Menards.

Trustee Acuna said that he had researched the federal guidelines for safe reaction times for drivers. A car going 30 mph around the S-curve would have enough time, under federal guidelines to react and make a safe stop regarding the location of the lift station. He said that the lift station on Rte 22 east and west and Rte. 83 north and south was far more heavily trafficked the Checker Road site, and was not a safety hazard. He felt satisfied that safety standards were being met.

Village Manager Lothspeich reiterated that construction techniques for building the sewer line at the Schaeffer berm could not be constructed using directional bore. This would have meant shutting down entire roads, and disrupting traffic. He explained that by using the directional bore method, pilings could be pushed into the ground instead of pounded in.

President Rodriguez said that the Village had approached the Forest Preserve for access to land to build on the south side of Checker Road, but that the process would take another 2-3 months, and there was not a realistic probability that the Forest Preserve would approve selling the land to the Village.

Lake County Commissioner Talbott concurred that he did not see any possibility for Forest Preserve land being ceded to the Village since the Checker Road site was a viable one. He said that the Forest Preserve is always being asked to give up or sell right-of-way land to Villages, and that is not its policy. He said that he saw nothing in the Checker Road situation that warranted a change in policy or a special needs assessment. He did not want to set a precedent by relinquishing the land to the Village because it would violate equal protection statutes which state that the Forest Preserve has to offer the same options and services for each Village unless there are no other alternatives. He said that the Village could apply for the land, but it did not seem to have a good chance of being granted that land.

At 9:33 A.M., Trustee Acuna left the meeting.

At 9:34 A.M., Trustee Schmitt moved to adjourn the Special Meeting of the Board of Trustees; seconded by Trustee Wachs.

VOICE VOTE:

All ayes, no nays (Motion carried 4 – 0; President Rodriguez voting aye)