

Village of Indian Point Board of Trustees Special Meeting
With Indian Point Chamber of Commerce Officers
Thursday, December 3, 2009 at 5:30 pm
At the Convention Center

Meeting Minutes

Call to Order

Dave Rawson called the meeting to order at 5:30 pm.

Establish a quorum:

Trustees in attendance – Dave Rawson - chairman, Larry Stenzel, Dave Canaday, Greg Fier, Tim Stout and Rhonda Stout – interim clerk

Meeting's Purpose & Agenda

Dave R. explained the purpose of the meeting was to be an informal question and answer type meeting because there have been some question about some of the financial and contractual relationships between the Village and the Chamber.

Dave R. asked for a motion to adopt the agenda. Tim made the motion to adopt the agenda for tonight's meeting and Greg seconded the motion. All were in favor of the motion.

Enchanted Forest: Contracts and financial considerations

Dave asked Arno II as president of the chamber if he would like to talk about the Enchanted Forest. Arno stated that he did not wish to talk about it. Kent Turner discussed complaints he has received over the fact that the Enchanted Forest did not happen this year. Larry wanted to know if we had a contract with the Chamber for the Enchanted Forest. Kent said they had a 'gentlemen's agreement' and Larry informed him that the Village must have a signed agreement in order to pay out money. Greg Maycock stated that the Village did have contracts in the past until the Village lost its office personnel. After much discussion about why there was not a contract for the 2009 year, it was decided that a contract will be needed in the future. Dave said that one of the purposes of this meeting was to establish a way in the future that there can be better communications.

Road Signage: Contracts & Financial considerations

Arno II stated that he appreciated Dave Canaday's acknowledgement that there were contracts in the Village office in the past. He felt it was important that the village understand that the chamber of commerce is a 5013C corporation which means they have to do everything by contract. He said there are such things as verbal contracts and he felt that Mr. Stenzel did not understand the legality of that regarding specifically the process that has been going on for years with the Indian Point Chamber

of Commerce. He said, As a 501C3 Corporation we have to do everything on a non profit law – deficit spending is not the nature of a 501C3 though we find ourselves taking risks in doing that occasionally. It has been in the past a process with the trustees in tandem to discuss budgeting and before the budget is made to discuss needs of the entire community, to bring in not only chamber people but also to bring in other businesses here into this meeting to discuss budgeting so that the year goes on into the following year. We have been asked to do that as a chamber and as business people year after year. He explained that last year the trustees approved after this process a \$10,000 marketing fee to be given to the chamber. That marketing fee as he understood it was the responsibility to take care of the road signs contracted with the chamber and SDC. He stated that the chamber markets for all of the businesses on Indian Point. He explained the program with Travel Host magazine and various other companies for advertising for Indian Point. Arno stated that he was here today to ask for the money that the Village had previously agreed to pay the chamber the previous year. Greg Maycock also explained his concerns. Larry Stenzel explained his concerns over the fact that he believed SDC has not been paid for the signage that the chamber has contracted with them. Larry said that the Village needs to have contracts showing that the chamber is paying for the signs contracted with SDC. Tim explained that the trustees are not against paying the chamber, but he feels they need to have a paper trail for the village to show where the money has been spent. It was agreed that the village must go through proper procedures. After discussions concerning the misunderstandings between the village and the chamber Dave Canaday asked if the trustees would be taking any actions tonight and Dave Rawson said no, that this meeting was strictly for input and will be dealt with at the budget meeting. The chamber members said it was the responsibility of the Village to provide a contract. Greg provided copies of the contracts between the Chamber and the State of Missouri Division of Tourism for cooperative marketing program. He explained the process he went through for many years to gain marketing monies for Indian Point. All present seemed to agree that the village and the chamber need to work together for the betterment of the village as a whole. It was concluded that the money that was voted on before to be paid to the chamber be paid. Dave C said he would like to stipulate that any third parties that we give village monies to, that it be the result of a resolution, and a contract generated, that it be on a reimbursement basis, and that any financial reports to the trustees regarding money given to third parties be a written report and not just oral. Larry recommended that we have the village lawyer prepare a new contract future payments. Dave Rawson wanted to reinter ate that the trustees had every intention to pay the amount that had been budgeted and offered for the Enchanted Forest with one

stipulation, they just wanted a little accounting of where the money was being spent the last year, how much the electricity was etc.. Arno II wanted to summarize for the chamber members that it was his understanding that they will get a contract and possibly vote on the payment of the original obligation of \$10,000 at the next meeting. Secondly, he wanted to assure the trustees on behalf of the chamber of commerce and himself personally that they have done nothing to be involved with the new village offices at all. He said that he has made an offer to the trustees for the possible selection and location of free trees to be used in conjunction with the chambers designing of their office.

Public Comments

Boyd Hamilton stated that members of the Women's Club had told him that Arno II had made a deal with SDC to landscape the building. Arno said that was not true and that he has not made any deals. Arno said that SDC generates a lease with the chamber and that the chamber has an agreement with the Village for the village to pay \$10,000 to the chamber. Bill Turner asked the question – who does the Enchanted Forest and the equipment belong to and the money collected from it. It was explained that it belongs to the chamber.

Kent Turner suggested that next years budget include \$8,000 for this year plus next years \$8,000 budget since the trustees promised and did not receive it. Dave Rawson told Kent that if he had any other comments to bring them to the budget hearing on Monday from 3 to 5.

Meeting adjourned at 7:05 pm

Rhonda Stout
Interim Village Clerk