

**VILLAGE OF COTTAGE GROVE BOARD OF TRUSTEES  
AND  
TOWN OF COTTAGE GROVE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS  
December 6, 2012  
MINUTES**

1. **Roll Call and Meeting Properly Posted:** The meeting of the Joint Town & Village Boards was called to order by Village President Diane Wiedenbeck at 6:31 p.m. There were six citizens in the audience.
2. **Roll Calls and confirm that the meeting was properly posted.**

**Village Board of Trustees:** Village President Diane Wiedenbeck, and Trustees Micah Zielke, Harvey Potter, Jennifer Pickel, Ed Lemay, Jack Henrich and Ken Dahl were present. Also present: Matt Giese, Village Administrator, Connie K. Bushee, Village Deputy Clerk and Police Chief Hughes.

**Town Board of Supervisors:** Town Chair Kris Hampton and Town Supervisors, Steve Anders and Mike DuPlayee, Mike Fonger were present. Absent and Excused Supervisors: Mike Kindschi.
3. **Pledge of Allegiance.**
4. **Public Concerns -** Public's opportunity to speak to Board Members about any subject that is not a specific agenda item. **None.**
5. **Discuss and consider the minutes from November 1, 2012. Motion** by Pickel to approve the minutes as written, seconded by Hampton. **Motion** carried on a unanimous voice vote 11-0-0.
6. **Old Business:**
  - a. **Discuss Westlawn Heights; access issues;** Andrew and Chris Homburg were in attendance and gave a brief overview of their future plat. The floor was opened up for discussion and questions. Supervisor DuPlayee stated he does not want the connection between the Town & Village on Mourning Dove Dr. A. Homburg addressed this with a statement that none of his heavy equipment will be using that road. The Police Department could post weight limits on this road. The discussion concerning the connection on Mourning Dove Dr turned quite boisterous and at times contentious. The Town of Cottage Grove Board of Supervisors stated that at this time they would not pay to connect Mourning Dove Dr. Town Chair Hampton then asked Mr. Homburg would he consider fixing the connection. Mr. Homburg said no, that was not part of his project and he felt he should not have to pay for a Capital Improvement for the Town. Town Supervisor Hampton went on to say "this plat is the problem". Mr. Homburg replied this plat is not the problem and they are following the Village's Master plan.
  - b. **Law Enforcement Agreement discussion points-**Would like this agreement to mirror the EMS Agreement. The Village has not changed any numbers and would like to update language to match the EMS Agreement language. **Discussion only and no action was taken**
  - c. **Update on Parks and Recreation non-resident fees.** Trustee Pickel reported the Parks, Recreation and Forestry Committee chose option 1 at their November meeting and this was approved at the December 3, 2012 Village Board meeting. The Village's Ordinance was changed also to reflect the removal of the Town Position. The new fee structure will begin with the Spring/Summer 2013 brochure.
7. **New Business:**
  - a. **Discuss the results of the Merger Referenda.** The non-binding referendum questions on the 2012 Presidential Election passed in both the Town and Village.

- b. **Discuss and consider next steps.** A report was given to both Boards in January and April 2012.
- i. **Discuss and consider a new Joint Merger Resolution-**President Wiedenbeck handed out the new resolution and stated it mirrors the old resolution. Town Chair Hampton questioned the need for a new resolution and Zielke stated it was for housekeeping needs. DuPlayee stated that the Town did not approve a Memo of Understanding and also stated the town will not be spending any money on the merger. Zielke asked the question of what happens when the Joint Merger Committee needs to spend any money. Hampton stated it would need Town approval to spend any money and to make a request in October 2013 for the 2014 Budget year. Anders asked how would the money be spent? Zielke answered that at this time we do not know. Pickel stated that so far, the Village has spent the money on all the items for this Committee. Zielke stated this agreement would ensure the merger will go forward. DuPlayee stated that there is only \$1,800 in the 2013 budget and this to pay committee members for attending meetings. Dahl stated that this would be a good time to set the rules. Anders wanted to have time to study over the new resolution. Zielke stated this mirrors the old resolution but understands. Wiedenbeck stated this can be on the February 2013 Joint Town & Village Board agenda. Pickel urged the Town Members to listen to your residents and move forward. Potter made a statement that the Village is looking for a willing and engaged partner for a merger and feels there is a lack of trust, respect and desire to move forward with the merger from the Towns perspective. **Please note Agenda Items 1b i & ii were discussed simultaneously.**

ii. **Discuss and consider a Memorandum of Understanding-**

**Motion** by Hampton to table this Memorandum of Understanding until after the Law Enforcement Agreement is signed, **Motion failed on a unanimous roll call vote.**

**Motion** by Anders to table this item until the February 2013 Joint Town & Village Board meeting, seconded by Lemay. **Motion** carried on a unanimous voice vote 11-0-0.

8. **Items for next agenda and meeting date.** Joint Merger, Law Enforcement Agreement and Update on billing to the Town. The next meeting will be at the Town Hall on January 3, 2013.
9. **Adjournment: MOTION** by to Fonger to adjourn at 7:48pm for the Town, seconded by DuPlayee. **Motion** by Picket to adjourn at 7:48pm for the Village, seconded Dahl. **Motion carried on a unanimous voice vote 11-0-0.**

Connie K. Bushee, Deputy Treasurer

Approved: 01-03-2013

These minutes represent the general subject matter discussed in this meeting but do not reflect a verbatim documentation of the subjects and conversations that took place.