

**VILLAGE OF COTTAGE GROVE**  
**VILLAGE OF COTTAGE GROVE BOARD OF TRUSTEES**  
**TOWN OF COTTAGE GROVE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS**  
**&**  
**VILLAGE OF DEERFIELD BOARD OF TRUSTEES**

Thursday, February 7, 2013

**MINUTES**

**1. Determine a quorum is present and meeting was properly posted**

Notice of the meeting was properly posted in both the Town and the Village of Cottage Grove and the Village of Deerfield.

**2. Call to Order, Roll Call**

**a. Town Board of Supervisors**

Town Chair Kris Hampton called the meeting to order at 6:31 p.m. Town Supervisors present were: Steve Anders, Mike DuPlayee, Mike Fonger, Mike Kindschi and Town Chair Kris Hampton.

**b. Cottage Grove Village Board of Trustees**

Village President Diane Wiedenbeck called the meeting to order at 6:32 p.m. Village Trustees present were: Ken Dahl, Jack Henrich, Ed Lemay, Harvey Potter, Micah Zielke and Village President Diane Wiedenbeck. Trustee Jennifer Pickel was absent and excused.

**c. Deerfield Village Board of Trustees**

Village President pro tem Greg Frutiger called the meeting to order at 6:33 p.m. Village Trustees present were Dalton Schreiber, Dave Wilkinson, Roger Fritz, Greg Frutiger and Jerry McMullen. Village President Mary Chadwick-Kiefer and Village Trustee Scott Tebon were absent and excused.

**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.***

Dave Morrow of 4667 Meadowlark Street, Town of Cottage Grove registered to speak to the Boards. Mr. Morrow stated he would like to wait until he hears what the Town and the Village have to say about the Merger and would then like to comment afterwards.

**5. Discuss and consider the minutes from January 3, 2013**

**a. Town Board motion**

**Motion** by Hampton to approve the minutes from January 3, 2013 as read, seconded by DuPlayee.

**Motion** carried with a voice vote of 5-0-0.

**b. Cottage Grove Village Board motion**

**Motion** by Lemay to approve the minutes from January 3, 2013 as read, seconded by Dahl. **Motion** carried with a voice vote of 5-0-1 with Zielke abstaining.

**6. Old Business**

**a. Law Enforcement Agreement discussion points**

Wiedenbeck started the discussion stating she would like to see some sort of dispute resolution in the contract and if not, she would like to see a one year contract. Hampton replied that he would not approve a one year contract and that he does not understand the point of a dispute resolution since we haven't had a dispute in 30 years. Morrow asked the Town Board what it would hurt to have the dispute resolution language added. Anders responded that it's too vague and that it leaves it wide open to dispute any little thing. Dahl commented that in private industry it's common practice. After more discussion of the same, it was determined that Steve Anders of the Town and Harvey Potter of the Village would work together to draw up language that both the Town and the Village were comfortable with and present it at the next LEC meeting on February 26, 2013.

**b. Discuss and consider a new Joint Merger Resolution**

DuPlayee started discussion by commenting that we are losing time as we “wallow” over these items. Anders asked why we couldn’t meet now anyway and hold discussions.

**i. Town Board motion**

**Motion** by Anders to table the Joint Merger Resolution at this time, seconded by Fonger.

**Motion** carried with a voice vote of 4-1-0 with DuPlayee voting nay.

**ii. Village Board motion**

**Motion** by Lemay to table the Joint Merger Resolution at this time, seconded by Potter.

**Motion** carried with a voice vote of 6-0-0.

**d. Discuss and consider a Memorandum of Understanding**

Hampton started discussion stating that the Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) states that we cannot use any funds or staff time until there is money in the budget. We don’t have any money in 2013, so it would have to wait until 2014. Zielke responded that the MOU isn’t a blank check, it is an agreement in place for when the time comes, the costs will be split. There was then discussion on if there were items that the committee could discuss now and work on now that would not cost money or staff time. Morrow then spoke to both Boards regarding the direction of the Merger Committee and the importance of working together as one. Morrow stated that he feels a lot of the work has already been done for us, if we look on the internet. Morrow then made a personal appeal to both Boards stating that where mergers fail is where mutual trust and goodwill is lost and to please not play these feelings out in editorials. Morrow stated he is asking this combined body to lead this community, not polarize it – I look forward to this process and I would like to share the research I have done. Wiedenbeck stated that we are multimillion dollar entities, why would we even think about moving forward without a MOU. Zielke then stated that in order to keep this process moving, I would be willing to sign the Town’s MOU.

**i. Town Board motion**

**Motion** by Anders to approve this version of the Memorandum of Understanding, seconded by Fonger. **Motion** carried with a voice vote of 5-0-0.

**ii. Village Board motion**

**Motion** by Zielke to approve this version of the Memorandum of Understanding, seconded by Lemay. **Motion** carried with a voice vote of 5-1-0 with Wiedenbeck voting nay.

**d. Update on CGPD billing of expenses to the Town**

Winter explained to the Boards that she met with the Town Clerk and Treasurer and they discussed various issues with the billing as well as future timelines.

**7. New Business**

**a. Discuss and possible consideration of the purchase of a 2012 Foster Coach ambulance**

Jerry McMullen representing the DeerGrove EMS gave a presentation on the proposed purchase of a new 2012 demo ambulance. The option to purchase is open until February 15, 2013, after that they may lose the demo option and have to purchase new which would run \$25K more. Lemay asked if the same servicer would work on the new ambulance to which the answer was yes. Fonger asked if the 2012 demo would have the same things as the 2013. McMullen stated that the 2012 does not have the NFPA requirements but by buying the 2012, it gives us up to 8 years before we must conform to those requirements. DuPlayee stated that he got quotes from the local banks for borrowing as three municipalities. Wiedenbeck state that Matt Giese has also received quotes from the local banks. Zielke asked Chief Erschen what the maintenance expense on the current ambulance has been. Erschen stated in 2012, \$2K was spent on vehicle maintenance. Zielke asked why there isn’t a capital fund set up and/or why doesn’t EMS use some of the overages every year to save for capital purchases. Erschen responded that they are looking into that, but the commission has not made that decision.

**i. Town Board motion**

No motion made at this time. The Town had previously approved this purchase at a separate meeting.

**ii. Cottage Grove Village Board motion**

**Motion** by Potter to approve the purchase of a 2012 Foster Coach ambulance, seconded by Lemay. **Motion** carried with a voice vote of 5-1-0 with Zielke voting nay.

**iii. Deerfield Village Board motion**

**Motion** by Wilkinson to approve the purchase of a 2012 Foster Coach ambulance, seconded by Frutiger. **Motion** carried with a voice vote of 5-0-0.

**b. Discuss DeerGrove EMS ambulance potential financing options**

**Motion** by Wiedenbeck that the Village of Cottage Grove will table this item and have each municipality discuss their preference, seconded by Zielke. **Motion** carried with a voice vote of 6-0-0.

**8 Items for next agenda and meeting date.**

LEC Agreement, Merger Resolution, Ambulance Financing Options

**9. Adjournment:**

**a. Town Board of Supervisors**

**Motion** by Duplayee to adjourn the Town of Cottage Grove at 8:00 p.m., seconded by Fonger.

**Motion** carried with a voice vote of 5-0-0.

**b. Cottage Grove Village Board of Trustees**

**Motion** by Zielke to adjourn the Village of Cottage Grove at 8:00 p.m., seconded by Lemay. **Motion** carried with a voice vote of 6-0-0.

**c. Deerfield Village Board of Trustees**

**Motion** by Wilkinson to adjourn the Village of Deerfield at 7:10 p.m., seconded by Frutiger.

**Motion** carried with a voice vote of 5-0-0.

**Respectfully Submitted,  
Deb Winter, Village Clerk-Treasurer  
Village of Cottage Grove  
Approved: 4-4-2013**

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.