

**Committee of the Whole Meeting
 Planning & Zoning
 February 25, 2020 – 7:00 a.m.
 Village Hall Conference Room**

Attendance

Committee Members:	
Timothy Nugent, Mayor	X
Tim Boyce, Trustee	X
Todd Crockett, Trustee	X
Diane Dole, Trustee	X
Joel Gesky, Trustee	X
Samuel Martin, Trustee	
Wendell Phillips, Trustee	X
Other Attendees:	
Chris LaRocque, Village Admin	X
Jim Hanley, Super of PW	X
Ryan Marion, Code Official	X
Sarah Marion, Event Cord	X
Sheila Martin, Treasurer	X
Al Swinford, Chief of Police	X
Geoff Aggen, Village Eng.	X
Darla Hurley, Deputy Village Clerk	X

Meeting was opened by Trustee Crockett at 7:00 a.m.

There was a quorum.

MOTION: A motion by Trustee Crockett, second by Trustee Dole to approve the minutes from December 17, 2019 meeting. Voice vote – all ayes, no nays. Motion approved.

There were no action items.

Discussion Items:

- **Poultry Ordinance** – Mr. Marion introduced Michele Aspan, resident who was found to have a chicken coop in her backyard. Per ordinance, chickens are not allowed in the village. Ms. Aspan addressed the committee asking for a change in the ordinance to allow chickens. Ms. Aspan stated that she has two hens and they are considered pets to the family. Ms. Aspan stated that raising chickens is a benefit to the residents of Manteno just like having a dog or cat.

Mr. Marion researched area communities that allow chickens. The City of Kankakee allows up to 5 hens and required a permit and yearly fee. Policing the program has been

their problem. The City of Berwyn stated they had no issues with their program. The City of Oak Park stated they have problem with regulating the coop sizes; the care of the chickens and that the chickens attract of predators. Mr. Marion is concerned with how to police program since he is the only person in the department. Issues such as regulating the number of chickens, size of coops and issues with neighbors would be possible.

Mayor Nugent stated that the village must make rules for the whole village not just for a few residents. Mayo Nugent is concerned that if chickens are allowed, it is possible that requests to have other animals may come forward.

Mr. Marion stated that he has had three incidents where residents they were keeping chickens illegally. Two of those were found because the chickens got out and were in the roadway.

Stephanie Kenny, as neighbor of Ms. Aspan, spoke in favor of allowing chickens. She stated that she feels that guidelines could be prepared that would allow chickens.

Trustee Gesky is concerned with the potential rodent issue after the village had a problem with rats several years ago. The village had to use village resources to abate the issue.

Mr. LaRocque stated last year residents were concerned with the coyotes that were roaming the village. Having numerous families with chickens might increase the number of coyotes roaming the village.

Ms. Aspan stated that chicken manure is the best fertilizer for your garden and the chickens help remove unwanted insects also. Ms. Kenny feels that the chickens would not attract more coyotes. Ms. Kenny stated that raising chickens has become a popular trend.

Trustee Crockett asked what the next step is. Mayor Nugent stated that unless the village receives overwhelming evidence or support from our residents to make a change the village will maintain current ordinance. Trustee Phillips and Gesky stated that at this time they are not in favor of changing the ordinance.

Mr. LaRocque stated that allowing chickens as an experiment would not be fair to those residents who may try it and then if it didn't work they would be required to get rid of them.

There were no trustees present who were in favor of changing the ordinance to allow chickens. The current ordinance will be maintained.

Ms. Aspan and Ms. Kenny exited the meeting.

- **O'Reilly Auto Parts Facade** – Mr. Marion presented a site plan for the O'Reilly's Auto Parts store that will be located at 315 N. Locust Street. Mayor Nugent stated that he had received a call from Riverside Medical Center that they are concerned about the proximity of O'Reilly's building to the current Riverside building. The Riverside building is only five (5') feet off the property line. O'Reilly's will be ten (10') feet off the property line, which is the proper set-back.

Mr. Marion had spoken to Riverside about the O'Reilly's building. The cars for Riverside that are parked on the south side of their building are not parking on their property. Mr. Marion stated that he could talk to O'Reilly's about moving the building to the south. There is a floodway on the north side of the building that needs to be discussed. The Village could make some concessions on the parking requirements.

The building is being designed per village ordinance. The village will continue to work with them on the drainage/retention issues.

- **People's Bank** – Mr. Marin presented their final site plan. The building plans are being received tomorrow and will be sent to Keslin Engineering for review. People's Bank hope to break ground in the spring.
- **Main Street Pharmacy** – Mr. Marion presented the site plan. The Pharmacy is expanding by purchasing the removing the building to the east of their current facility. They have added twelve (12') feet to the west side of the building for ease of the drive thru window. There is a fire hydrant that will need to be considered. The building will expand to the east by twenty-eight (28) feet. There will be a gap between the Township building and the Pharmacy to allow for Township employees to pull thru and not back out of their parking lot. They will need a variance for the façade and possibly signage along with a special use permit for the drive thru.
- **New Construction Permit Process** – Mr. Marion was approached by Mr. Curwick about changing the process for new construction permit process for new homes. Mr. Curwick would like to have the permit fees paid at the end of the build or one year instead of the start of the build. This is the process that Bourbonnais uses. Mayor Nugent stated that even when the village had \$0 permit fees that it did not create an influx of new building permits. It was decided that if Mr. Curwick wants to pursue this that a meeting will be set up to discuss further.

A motion by Trustee Crockett, seconded by Trustee Boyce, to adjourn the meeting at 8:01 a.m. Voice vote: all ayes, no nays. Motion approved.

Minutes respectfully submitted by Darla Hurley, Deputy Village Clerk