

MINUTES OF JOINT INFORMAL MEETING

Tuesday, September 13, 2016

AT 6:00 PM

PERSONS PRESENT

TOWN BOARD Supervisor, Merilee Walker  
Councilperson, Bill Mann  
Councilperson, Mike Hillier  
Councilperson, James Forrester

RECORDING CLERK Cheyenne DeMarco

VILLAGE BOARD Mayor, Bob Cox  
Trustee, Darren Snyder  
Trustee, Fritz Amrhein  
Trustee, Mel Allen  
Trustee, Jack Morgan

RECORDING CLERK LeRoy Wood

GUESTS Ronald Duttweiler, Ron Adam, Betty

Adam, Jamie Baron, Randy Morris, Chad Snyder, Larry Lennox, Pam Lennox, Tiffany Kibler, Vicki Amidon, Shiela Piper, Mel Macomber, Joan Shumaker, Jeff Wilcox, Stephan Rapp, Vicky Cox, Monica Morris, Katelyn Gelser, Kaaren Smith, Pat Foote, Marcia Foose, Catherine Ludwig, Sue Brooks, Jamond Billyard, Alex Peirce, Phil Brooks, Isabelle Weir, Tom Cook, Tammy Sheeman, Paul Rangere, Julie M. Simone, Jay Costello, Aiden Costello, Diane Jackson, Larry Mallaber, Melondee Mallaber, Heather Gath, Brenda Weaver, Lauren Negley, Jamie Baron

Village Mayor Bob Cox started the meeting at 6:00 PM.

Bob stated that tonight's meeting is in regards to the Trinity Church Park located on 20 East Street in the Village of Nunda. Mayor Cox states that the park belongs to Trinity Church, it has been leased to the Village of Nunda for \$1 for the last fifteen years and it has been a very nice park in that time and everyone would like to keep it going. This year the Village Board rejected the proposed lease but the door is not closed on the subject. No decisions will be made tonight; this meeting is just to hear everyone's concerns and opinions. Mayor Cox asked if anyone present at the meeting will be speaking on behalf of Trinity Church?

Reverend Ronald Duttweiler addressed the boards on behalf of Trinity Church, stating that there has been discussion about the park for a while; they are delighted that people could use it along with having concert series. Ron reads from a copy of the recorded minutes from August's Village Board meeting.

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Ron states that the minutes indicate animosity of Trinity Church not recognizing the Village and to Ron it looks like this whole situation of the Village rejecting the lease is due to hurt feelings. The lease was looked over by the Village Board's attorney and Trinity Church's attorney then brought to the Village board who then voted against the presented lease. Trinity Church will not take over the maintenance of the park for reasons of liability and nuisance.

Mayor Bob Cox reinstates that there is no closed door on negotiations in regards to this park; no one wants to see the park gone. There are concerns that made the Village Board not sign the lease.

Jamie Baron asked the Mayor to list the concerns,

Mayor Cox answered that it is a fifteen year old park and the village is footing all the cost, the Village Board feels that maintaining the fence, gazebo and sidewalk should not be responsibilities left to the Village Highway Crew or the Village Budget.

Kaaren Smith asked how much the maintenance cost was? Mayor Cox answered \$5,054.80, electric varies for its use for security equipment and the summer concert series.

Insurance for the Trinity Church and Insurance for the Village of Nunda were discussed.

Village Trustee Fritz Amrhein stated that the park is not property belonging to the Village Board, the Village Board has no authority to close the park, the board just said no to the presented lease.

Village Trustee Mel Allen stated that if there is no lease the Village shouldn't continue to supply crew labor and electric for the park. They had continued maintaining the park all this time while the lease expired in October 2015. Mel stated that none of us want the park to go; it is beneficial to church and village taxpayers.

Village Trustee Darren Snyder stated that this whole park situation has been overblown; Trinity Church and the Village Board need to get a smaller committee between the two to work this out.

Karen Smith stated that this is a concern of public money; will there be another public meeting after there is a committee meeting? Tax Payers should hear everything.

Joan Shumaker asked why the Church can't donate money to help maintenance costs for the park? Ron answered that it is domination from the Church, legally seen as a difficulty.

Vicki Cox asked when the lease was up why was it not brought up to the Village Board's attention? That is the landowner's responsibility.

Mayor Cox reinstated that getting a committee from the church and the Village Board's parks committee will get together and work this out. Ron agreed.

Phil Brooks stated that this sounds like a lot of misunderstandings.

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Paul Rangere addressed the boards, stating that he lives across from the Trinity Park at 13 East Street. Paul stated that he heard that if this park situation cannot be resolved it will be paved into a parking lot, in Paul's opinion parking lots breed trouble, who would police that parking lot? Paul stated that he would volunteer time to mow the Trinity park lawn to help.

Sheila Piper stated seeing that this is trying to be resolved as a community is a great sign. Sheila hopes everyone stays together to resolve this.

Patricia Foote addressed both boards stating that she grew up in town, she is a member of the Trinity Church and this park was the nicest thing the two could put together. The park is used all day and every day. Both sides get together and figure it out. Mayor Cox stated he agreed.

Mayor Cox stated that he encourages people to call or visit him, to go onto the Village website and read the many minutes from the Village board meetings where this topic has been discussed several times.

The meeting ended at 6:35 PM.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED,

CHEYENNE DEMARCO  
NUNDA TOWN CLERK