

DRAFT-SUBJECT TO APPROVAL

Village of Cordova  
Special meeting  
Thursday, February 2, 2012

The Village of Cordova held a Special Meeting to discuss police matters and Village equipment in the Village Hall Conference Room at 6:30PM, Thursday, February 2, 2012.

Roll Call: Trustees in attendance were Larry Dhooge, Dean Moyer, John Myers, Patsy Fidlar and John Haan.

Citizens in attendance- Amy Haan, Michele Chavez, Candy Moyer, John Henyan, Shelley Strombach, Laurie Knight, Larry Molitor, Jim Boone, George Kerr, Lyle Ernst (Dispatch/Review), Anthony Watt (Dispatch), Julie Hager, Ken McCool, Bill Somers and Bud Backen.

Dean Moyer questioned what the Mayor knew about the negotiations with Rock Island County. Bob: we meet with Rock Island County and there were also two other people, who are setting at this table in attendance. we were told the figure of \$41,000 for 25 hours of coverage per week. I was under the impression that Port Byron would receive a credit in that amount but since then I have been told the credit to Port Byron is only \$10,000. This has not been confirmed by me. I have also heard that Scott Sidor and other trustees from Port Byron are saying no-we are not going to accept this.

John Haan: do we have any written documentation from Rock Island County or any proposals? Bob: Dean and John Myers know as much as I do as they were there also. Dean: where did you get the credit offered to Port Byron is only \$10,000? Bob: there was a conversation between Bruce and Scott. No, I have not confirmed the credit as John Haan said he would be doing so and I don't think we need to keep asking the same over and over.

John Haan questioned where the original notes taken by Bruce Wood are at. They are needed to re-negotiate a contract with Rock Island County.

Bob: Rock Island County told us the cost would be \$41,000 and just like in the beginning when they attended the meeting at the Civic Center they said there is no negotiate on the cost and there is no option to purchase part-time police protection- Bustos made that clear. Pat and John Haan then went to Port Byron to see about entering into a 3-party contract to obtain what Cordova was wanting and the magic number which came up is 25 hours. We were under the impression Port Byron would be credited for our share of the protection. The Sheriff was on TV saying Cordova needs to stand alone and that all other communities they have contracts with do so. This is the only 3-party contract they have been asked to consider.

Bob: I have no notes. Dean: I saw you write something down. John Myers: Bruce was writing all of the time we were in the meeting Dean: we want the notes and not a summary. If my video tapes are public property and I need to provide them for Goossens his notes are the same. Bob: the video tapes you are referring to have been requested by the Village and you were asked to provide them to the Village, not Goossens. Yes, Bruce took notes and prepared a summary for the Board and now you want his original notes. You were there in the meeting. Dean: you will get copies of the video only when a judge tells me I have to provide them.

Pat: this all goes back to November- I want to know where this all got screwed up- there was a snag back at the beginning and we need to see why everything took a turn.

Bob: there was no turn until Rock Island County said they were only going to credit Port Byron \$10,000 when Cordova's cost is \$41,000. Rock Island came up with the \$10,000 number. Not us.

John Haan: I don't believe Bruce went down to Rock Island County in good faith.

Bob questioned Dean: didn't the Sheriff tell us at the meeting that this is not a deal and that Port Byron may not accept it. Dean: we need to track down the \$10,000 and see where that came from.

Bob: I will try to find any notes I may have and furnish them. We all know there are no negotiates on the cost and we were told that up front. We were waiting for their figure and that was what they provided at the meeting.

Dean: they were receptive to the concept and now the credit to Port Byron is \$10,000 for 25 hours per week. Bob: I have not seen that in writing but yes that is what I have been told. Dean: we need to verify that this is fact.

Bob: John Haan came to me and asked what was going on- I had been at a funeral and had only been home 15 minutes and I told him I had heard the offer to Port Byron is a \$10,000 credit but I had not verified the information and John Haan said he was going to do so.

John Myers: to sum this up you are saying you did nothing and we have no written proposal from Rock Island County. How many meetings have you had with Rock Island County and who was involved? Bob: the one meeting we had did not involve any discussion of police protection as there were some other matters we were told that needed to be cleared up before the police protection negotiations. That meeting was Bruce and I as well as the Rock Island County Attorney, Village Attorney, Bustos and Sheriff and we discussed Bruce's letter.

John Myers: I want to see the letter. Bob: the Illinois State Attorney General's Office had been contacted about the actions of the Board. Pat: who contacted the Attorney General's Office? Bob: I just told you-Bruce. Pat: what possessed him to do that? Bob:

the Board members actions and Rock Island County said this needed to be addressed. Pat: so this all goes back to Bruce! John Myers: I want to see the letter.

Pat: the letter can be requested under the Freedom of Information Act through the Illinois Attorney General's Office but if it is Village it should be on file here too.

Dean: we need to have access to everything-anything regarding the Police Department management.

John Myers told Bob: if you did what you were supposed to do you should have records but when you did nothing you have nothing. Bob: we can go on making accusations and be here all night.

John Haan: we should have a copy of Bruce's letter. Bob: it is the same situation as Dean refusing to provide the video tapes. Dean: you will get them only when I am directed by a judge. Bob: I didn't see the letter but it was significant enough that Rock Island County was concerned and things needed to be discussed before the negotiations could be started to provide protection to the Village.

John Haan: we need to send 2 other people to get a different result. Bob: you can blame me! John Myers: let's get a motion on the floor to send 2 different people.

Pat: Port Byron got a letter from Rock Island County. John Haan: I asked Sharon the other day and she says there was nothing here.

Bill Somers: we need to know why Rock Island County is only offering Port Byron a \$10,000 credit.

Dean: do we have volunteers to go down to Rock Island County? I will be one of them. John Myers recommended Pat Fidler.

Larry Dhooge: the number Rock Island County gave us for full-time was \$67,000.

John Haan: yes and that is for 40 hours and one shift. We want the flexibility of varied times and days. I think part of our problem is Bruce's letter and I know what he said to me with a smirk on his face.

John Myers: we need to remove Bob's involvement in any negotiations with Rock Island County and send Dean and Pat down there County. ***John Myers made a motion to remove Bob and Bruce from any Police Protection negotiation and Dean and Pat will take the responsibility of the Police Protection negotiations with Port Byron and Rock Island County.*** John Haan 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion.

Dean: if you challenge this it is only kicking it down the road.

Bob: the purpose of this motion is to remove me and for what reason? John Myers: failure to perform. John Haan: we are going into a negotiation with 2 fresh people and you are going to sign what we approve anyhow. You can sit in but by doing so it must be posted as a public meeting. Bob: this is very erroneous and on the Board's part abusive in power. I do question the legality if this can be done as part of my powers are negotiations under my Statute rights. I understand you want to blame someone.

John Haan: you need to back out and stop throwing your power around and I am tired of hearing the "gang of four and that we threw the caucus."

The motion was passed with a 5 aye vote.

Dean: next I would like to see 2 Trustees named to deal with the liquidation, inventory and audit of the Police Department records to make sure we are closing the Police Department properly.

John Myers: I asked for an inventory-has it been done? Bob: Rock Island County was here Monday and did what needed to be done- evidence was removed, pending cases were turned over and they suggested the phone be forwarded to Rock Island County effective January 31. Tim was instructed to remove the weapons and computers from the vehicles and secure them in the office. John Myers: I want to see a list including the whereabouts of the coat and vests too. Bob: I was lead to believe when a coat is purchased using the officer's uniform allowance it is his. John Myers: no-it is ours.

Dean: obviously you don't know anything about an inventory- so I want 2 Board members to conduct a complete inventory including the office to make sure it has been shut down properly.

Bob: I do not know the legality of the Board members having access to the office. Dean: there should not be anything in there that we can't see! Bob: I am meeting with the Village Attorney tomorrow and I will ask the question. Dean: we can get the OK from Rock Island County to enter the Police Department office if they have taken possession of things. Bob: my concern is there are written files and files on the office computer unless the hard drive has been cleared. I have not been in the office and I don't know what is in there. John Haan questioned why Bob was going to the attorney. Bob: it has nothing to do with this subject. Larry: County should be able to advise us when it is all clear.

Pat: when other officers left it was made an issue that we got everything back. You even wanted the patches removed from their clothes and returned. Bob: the patches are an identifier that they are an officer when in fact they are not. The bullet proof vest has a life expectancy and do not last forever.

Larry Molitor questioned if the locks on the Police Department had been changed?

Bob: I changed the lock and there are 2 keys- Tim has one and I have the other. Tim is still assisting Rock Island County in cleaning up some matters. I personally physically changed the locks.

***Dean Moyer made a motion that John Haan and John Myers be the designated Trustees to conduct the inventory, liquidation and record auditing of the Police Department.*** John Haan: I will 2<sup>nd</sup> that-we need to know what we have.

Ken McCool questioned who has the vests? All equipment needs to be returned. The State even requires us to return our shirts and pants.

Larry: the first thing we need is the inventory. Dean: yes, we need to know what we have. Ken McCool: with no previous inventory we wouldn't know if anything is missing or not. The guns removed by Rock Island County could have been sold and revenue for the village. Dean: we have no Police Department and we can't handle them. Bob: I think Rock Island County took a pistol which is connected to an open case. Dean: we can find out from Rock Island County what can and can't be sold. I am sure people in town don't want things left open.

The motion was passed with a 5 aye roll call vote.

Dean questioned if there is any evidence stored in the Township garage or any other locations? Bob: with the Exelon theft there was a trailer stored at Township but it was released to Rock Island County and they returned it to the owner. To my knowledge there is nothing else. John Haan: I will call and find out.

Bob noted it took 2 years to get an order to destroy evidence or get rid of it. There are probably citation books and other items of censored content in the office

Dean questioned where the garage computer is and if any police records were stored on that computer? No, there are no police records on the Maintenance Department computer. The computer was taken from the Maintenance building on Friday night at 10:30PM by Bob. John Myers: for what reason? Bob: when you, Larry, John Haan and I met in the shop I was told there would be a schedule and people would be accountable, a white board would be used for planning daily activities. John Haan: we did not set a time limit-it will get done. Larry, we were here for a meeting with the Maintenance Department employees and the employees did not show up.

Bob: when every time I walk in the maintenance building there is someone on the computer there is no reason for it. They get JULIE locates.

John Haan: you were wrong. Bob: I agree, the removal of the computer was childish but you also told me I would have a schedule and know what is going on. Pat: so you went and removed the computer at 10:30PM throwing your fit. Bob: we had a situation that needed action and yes, I got a reaction. Action needs to be taken.

John Haan: I was aware of the Christmas decorations that were still up and the outhouse overturned and was waiting to see how long it would go on and you told them to take of the situations.

Bob: you said I would be kept in the loop and it hasn't happened- there has been no contact. No, I can't tell the Trustees what to do. John Haan: I owe you nothing and you shouldn't have removed the computer from the maintenance building at 10:30PM. Bob: if you in your heart of hearts thought the computer had been stolen you should have reported it.

Dean: I told Sharon to relay a message to you on one of the employees (Austin dental appointment) and I agree the removal of the computer was wrong- you had no right. You don't own this place! It needs to be back in the maintenance building tonight by 10:30PM. The computer is used to search for products and parts. John Haan: they have been told the computer is for Village business only.

Julie Hager: I have a problem, as a taxpayer, if they are playing games. You need to remove the games. John Haan: I and Bob got into a discussion and I asked Bob if when he was in the shop and they were on the computer why didn't he go see or ask what they were doing. Bob: my action got some reaction. John Haan: the 4 of us don't agree with your action. Pat: if they don't plow snow right are you going to remove their brakes?

John Haan: if there is anything for Park and Recreation it needs to go through me and I tell them what needs to be done. Bob: it seems the chain of command had been affected. It is Bob tell us everything and we will tell you nothing. With the attendance at the meeting we posted the occurrence of an illegal meeting.

Pat: you got madder and madder and you thought he was playing games so you ripped the computer out. Bob: the history on the computer shows he was on facebook which has nothing to do with the Village or Village business. Dean: I won't deny that but has he been on there again since we talked to him and told him to stay off.

Bob: how long do they need to be on the computer daily and how many times a day do they need to be on the computer? I know I have walked into the shop 2 times in the same day and he was on the computer. That computer is not the focal point and there is no reason to test them to see how long the Christmas lights will stay up. It is embarrassing when the end of January you come into the community and the Christmas lights are still lit. Yes, I told them to take them down. I told Sharon to tell them to take them down and stand up the outhouse. Dean questioned if the outhouse is the Village's responsibility. Bob: the maintenance staff goes by it everyday and we shouldn't have to tell them to stand it up. Sharon, the outhouse is not maintained in the winter. Dean: what if we break it? They need to bolt it down so it doesn't blow over. Larry: if they are not servicing it we should take care of it if it blows over.

Dean: when will the computer be back in the maintenance building? Pat: do we need to make a motion. Larry: it will be back in there.

John Haan reiterated that anything to do with Park & Recreation needs to go through him. Bob: I had conversation with Jim Boone and told him that if there in nothing else to do to get on the clean-up of the park area.

Dean questioned Bob going to the lawyer. Bob: I have been negotiating with Sullivan Estates for the developer payment. We were brought in documents that need to be verified to confirm they are authentic. The developer payment and documents will be put on the Committee meeting agenda. Pat: why are you taking them to Clay when the subject is TIF? Bob: Clay deals a lot in real estate and he will know if they are authentic documents.

Larry Molitor: when the River Road TIF District was established the developer did not have to install curbs and gutters- the subdivision regulations were not followed and they did not improve the infrastructure. Bob: it was discussed and it is not a residential subdivision-no new streets were created. Larry Molitor: this is a lesson learned and shouldn't happen again. Bob: if the Village has the opportunity to extend the village on up River Road I am sure the same would be offered. The only time curbs and gutter would be required is a totally new addition-say by Matcom.

Ken McCool questioned that if after Clay's review the documents would be presented to Kathy Orr (TIF Attorney) to approve the reimbursable expenses. Bob: everything he brought to me is specifically listed on the Developer Agreement. Ken: it seems odd they couldn't produce documentation for years and now they have produced them. Bob; I talked to him about 3-4 months ago and told him we needed proof of the costs. He brought me a simple real estate deed and I want to confirm it is a true copy. Ken: isn't the original person deceased? Yes and so is the heir and there is now a limited partnership of 4 or 5 family members that we will be dealing with. He is getting us the legal name wording that will need to be on the check for any payments to be made. We are looking at a discounted lump sum pay-off possibly.

Larry: it will cost us more now but we will save later. Bob: I roughed out some numbers when we met and will have more information for the February Committee meeting.

Ken McCool questioned if the Village was paying people who are involved in the litigation with Goossens-who is paying? Bob: I received a subpoena and there was no check attached. John Myers: in a civil suit you have to pay.

Pat Fidler questioned the items that Todd Allen had requested be returned to him. Bob: the tote is now empty and the shelf is bolted to the wall.

Ken McCool questioned the future usage of the Police Department office. Bob: the President of the Cordova Fire District and I just had conversation and it is OK to use for Village business but if the Sheriff's Department uses it a rent factor may come in play. I told John I didn't know where things were going. Pat: let's be nice to our neighbors!

A motion was made to adjourn the meeting at 7:48PM by John Haan and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Dean Moyer. Meeting adjourned.