



Village of Savoy

Savoy Municipal Center
611 North Dunlap Avenue, Savoy, IL

MINUTES OF
BOARD OF TRUSTEE STUDY SESSION

DATE: November 9, 2016 PLACE: SAVOY MUNICIPAL CENTER
611 North Dunlap Avenue
Savoy, IL 61874

TRUSTEES PRESENT: President Robert C. McCleary, Trustees John P. Brown, Joan E. Dykstra, Jan Carter Niccum, Rebecca Pittman, William Smith and Dee Shonkwiler

TRUSTEES ABSENT:

OFFICERS AND PERSONNEL PRESENT: Richard Helton, Village Manager
Levi Kopmann, Director of Public Works
Dennis Donaldson, Director of Planning and Economic Development
Billie Jean Krueger, Village Clerk

OFFICERS AND PERSONNEL ABSENT: None

GUESTS: Mindy Basi, County Star

CONVENED: 7:00 P.M.
ADJOURNED: 7:55 P.M.

1. CALL TO ORDER and ROLL CALL TAKEN

Chairman Brown called the monthly open and public Board of Trustees Study Session meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. Roll was called of President McCleary and the Trustees, with all answering present, and a quorum declared.

2. BUSINESS:

A. GRAHAM DRIVE PARKING SIGNS

Village Manager Dick Helton presented information regarding a Graham Drive parking sign issue regarding residents on Graham Drive petitioning to remove the “No Parking” signs on the south side of Graham Drive, said Petition being signed by 20 Savoy residents living on Graham Drive.

The consensus of the Trustees was to remove the “No Parking” signs on the south side of Graham Drive; thereby amending Section 10.8.30 “Parking prohibited on both sides of street” by deleting “G. On both sides of Graham Drive for its entire length.”; and amending Section 10.8.20 “Parking prohibited on one side of street” with the addition of a new Section adding “on the north side of Graham Drive for its entire length from the intersection of Wesley and Graham Drive thirty (30) feet west from the stop sign” and to direct Staff to bring an ordinance back to the Trustees amending these sections.

Trustee Niccum also suggested thinking about a proposed Four-Way Stop Sign at the corner of Wesley Ave., and Graham Drive and possibly a “Slow - Children at Play” sign on Graham Drive. Helton stated Staff would take these requests under advisement. Levi Kopmann stated that The Arbours HOA had installed such a “Children at Play” sign in that subdivision, but did not think it was appropriate for the Village to install such a sign on Graham Drive. Trustee Dykstra suggested that an individual homeowner could install such a sign on their own property, if they so choose to.

B. SANITARY SEWER RATES DISCUSSION

President McCleary stated that the Sewer Fund is dropping down in the Budget with total operating expenditures for FY 2016-2017 and will continue to with Savoy’s growth to the west along Curtis Road near Interstate 57, since Savoy will be having shared regional costs coming soon that will be borne by the Sewer Fund. McCleary stated that the Board of Trustees is going to have to make a decision on future costs to handle the issues of growth. Also, the Urbana-Champaign Sanitary District, who handles the sewer benefit tax billing from Savoy residents, will have to know by mid-December if Savoy’s rate changes, in order to get in on the January billing cycle.

Village Manager Dick Helton presented information on what the current sewer rate for Savoy is at \$.74 per 100 cu.ft. and gave some suggestions on how the Trustees can address the sewer rate increase issue.

Trustee Smith stated he was in favor of the second suggestion to initiate an annual percentage increase for a set period of time, say 5 years, that would phase in the increase to get a point of comfort that the Village could depend on to stay with costs. At the end of the 5 years, the percentage increase would stop and the rate stay constant from that time on.

Trustee Dykstra stated she was in favor of the first suggestion to increase the sewer rate from the current \$.74 per 100 cu.ft. which generates approximately \$175,000 this year, but keep the increase under \$1.00 per 100 cu. ft. and then reassess in 1 to 2 years.

Trustee Shonkwiler stated he was in favor of the first suggestions to increase the sewer rate from the current \$.75 per 100 cu. ft., but increase to \$ 1.00 per 100 cu. ft.

President McCleary stated he wanted an increase of \$.96 per 100 cu. ft. which would keep Savoy under Urbana's rate.

Trustee Brown stated the information provided clearly demonstrated a need to increase the rate, but he would prefer to make the increase at once.

Dick Helton and Levi Kopmann went over a list of upcoming costs the Village will share the cost pm, such as development west of I-57 for \$320,000 and East of I-57 for \$320,000.

Trustee Dykstra stated she would like to see a spread sheet of future and upcoming development costs Savoy will have to pay for and the different scenarios of increasing the sewer rate.

Dick Helton stated he and Levi Kopmann will prepare information showing what is the development coming up first, second and third and so on and how much of a cost Savoy will have to pay for each, and will try and have this information at the December 7 or December 14, 2016 Board of Trustees meeting, since the UCSD has to be notified in mid-December if Savoy is to have an increase and get it in their billing system.

3. ADJOURN

There being no further business to come before the open and public Board of Trustees Study Session meeting, Trustee Brown adjourned the meeting at 7:55 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Billie Jean Krueger

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**This meeting was recorded.
Approved 12-7-16**