

**August 7, 2018  
Board Meeting  
Village of Sugar Grove  
6:00 PM**

President Michels opened the meeting at 6:00 PM and asked that Trustee Koch lead the pledge lead the Pledge. The roll was then called.

**Present:** President Michels, Trustee Paluch, Trustee Lendi, Trustee Herron, Trustee Montalto, Trustee Koch and Trustee Johnson.

**Quorum Established.**

**Also Present:**

Administrator Eichelberger, Clerk Galbreath, Community Development Director Magdziarz, Finance Director Anastasia, Director of Public Works Speciale, Chief of Police Rollins and Utilities Supervisor Merkel.

**PUBLIC HEARINGS**

**Annexation Agreement Amendment**

President Michels opened the Public Hearing called for comments regarding the Annexation Agreement Amendment for the Crown Property. Hearing none, he then called for a motion to adjourn the public hearing to August 24, 2018 at 6:00 p.m. Motion made by Trustee Johnson and seconded by Trustee Montalto, all in attendance voted Aye in a voice vote.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS ON ITEMS SCHEDULED FOR ACTION**

President Michels called for any public comment. . No member of the audience stepped forward and this item was closed.

**CONSENT AGENDA**

- a. Approval: Minutes of the July 24 and 31, 2018 meetings
- b. Approval: Vouchers
- c. Resolution: Amending Financial Policies
- d. Resolution: Approving Purchase of a Replacement Truck w/plow
- e. Resolution: Approving Well 11 Rehabilitation

Trustee Herron **moved to Approve the Consent Agenda as presented.** Trustee Johnson seconded the motion. President Michels then called for a roll call vote.

AYE:	Herron	NAY:	None	ABSENT:	None
	Johnson				
	Montalto				
	Paluch				
	Lendi				
	Koch				

Motion Carried.

**GENERAL BUSINESS**

None.

**DISCUSSION ITEMS**

## **Backyard Chicken Policy**

Community Development Directed stated that on August 1, 2017, the Village Board passed Ordinance 2017-0801 which amended the Village Code to allow for residential chicken keeping within the Village. Recognizing that chicken keeping could have negative consequences, the Village Board decided to embark on a one (1) year pilot program to test the idea.

The following are staff findings related to the chicken keeping program:

- Staff received several inquiries about chicken keeping; however, only one (1) application was filed with the Village. This application was on behalf of the chickens residing on Chatsworth Avenue whose existence initiated the complaint that initiated the establishment of the program.
- No formal or informal complaints about the chickens residing on Chatsworth Avenue have been received by staff.
- No formal or informal complaints about unregistered chickens residing in the Village have been received by staff.

The pilot program was initiated with the understanding that the Village Board would re-examine the issue in one (1) year. Upon evaluation, the Village Board may take one (1) of two (2) actions:

1. If the Board determines that chicken keeping has had no negative impact on the community, the Municipal Code may remain as is.
2. If the Board determines that chicken keeping has had a negative impact on the community, Ordinance 2017-0801 may be repealed.

Option 1: Permanently allowing residential chicken keeping.

No action is required. Staff would like to remind the Village Board that the current code allows for a maximum of eight (8) valid chicken keeping permits at any one time throughout the Village (Sugar Grove Municipal Code 5-4-14-F). If the Village Board determines that there is no need for a limit on the number of chickens allowed within the Village, this section would need to be repealed. Due to the lack of participation in this initial pilot program, it is advisable to leave the permit limitation. If the practice becomes more popular and the limit is in place, we can prevent the Village being inundated with chickens.

Option 2: Prohibiting residential chicken keeping.

An ordinance which repeals Ordinance 2017-0801 would have to be prepared by staff. A public hearing before the Planning Commission/Zoning Board of Appeals would have to be noticed and held before the Village Board may consider the repealing ordinance. The chickens residing on Chatsworth Avenue would have to find a new home outside of the Village within six (6) months of the passage of the repealing ordinance.

The Board reviewed the information and felt that leaving the program in place was their desire. No changes will be made at this time.

## **Gordon Road Study Grant**

It was explained that in May of 2018 representatives of the Village of Sugar Grove, Village of Montgomery, Kane County, and Kendall County met to discuss potential master planning options for Gordon Road. Currently, Gordon Road south terminus is located approximately 3,100 feet north of Galena Road (in Montgomery) and the north terminus is located just south of the intersection with Julie Lane, approximately 6,800 feet south of US 30 (in Montgomery). The goal for this corridor would be to connect to Cannonball Trail on the south (to IL 47 in Yorkville) and Galena Road on the north (to I-88 Tollway in Sugar Grove). For reference, please see the attached map.

In addition to providing continuity of Gordon Road between communities, this corridor would create a logical terminus in Sugar Grove for potential multi-modal station such as a bus service west of Aurora, a

Park-and-Ride facility, and/or a Commuter Rail Service. As part of their Comprehensive Transportation Plan, the Village of Sugar Grove identified a potential multimodal station along Gordon Road, just south of the Burlington Northern Santa Fe (BNSF) Railroad.

The Statewide Planning and Research - Call for Projects in May 2018 had goals consistent with discussions of the meeting. No cost was associated with applying for such a grant, and therefore a grant application was submitted on behalf of the Village to determine eligibility. The Statewide Planning and Research – Call for Projects is a federally-funded grant opportunity to advance IDOT’s Long-Range Transportation Plan. This is a reimbursement program with a required 20% Local Match. For the Gordon Road application, a project cost of \$120,000 was submitted which included \$96,000 in federal funds with a \$24,000 local match. The project for the Statewide Planning and Research - Call for Projects submitted was for the preparation of a Gordon Road Corridor Study.

Such a study would identify a preferred alignment for the corridor and set recommended right-of-way dedication limits for future regional development along the proposed corridor. The study would include a review the existing roadway network, traffic patterns, drainage along the corridor, current and future land use plans, traffic projections and expected roadway and intersection capacities. This information will then be included in a Corridor Study Report that will provide the foundation for future planning and development. The Village of Sugar would work with other planning agencies such as the Village of Montgomery, Kane County, and Kendall County so that a Joint Transportation Plan for the Gordon Road Corridor could be adopted. This planning document would then be used by all the involved communities in future planning and development activities. The Gordon Road Corridor is a regional solution that spans across three (3) different communities and two (2) different counties. These roadways are partially constructed, but this study will ensure continuity in the route and design elements between the communities as the roads are further developed.

In July 2018, Village staff was informed that the Village was a chosen recipient of the grant for the Gordon Road Corridor Study. The Village has not yet agreed to accepting the grant at this time. The purpose of this report is to provide the Village Board information regarding a potential planning project for the Gordon Road Corridor and solicit feedback regarding performing such a project given the available grant money. If Village Board is in consensus with performing such a study, the Village will seek out other potential funding partners for the local match and present an engineering contract at future Village Board meeting for your consideration.

The Village Board gave staff the direction to proceed with securing the grant and moving forward with coordinating both grant award.

### **REPORTS**

Compliments were given on a successful Groovin’ in the Grove and another great Corn Boil.

### **PUBLIC COMMENTS**

Ms. Klingeberg stated that it was nice to hear great words about the library director.

### **ADJOURNMENT**

Motion to adjourn made at 6:30 p.m. by Trustee Johnson seconded by Trustee Herron.