

VILLAGE OF HOWARDS GROVE
PLAN COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES
TUESDAY, MARCH 9, 2010

Agenda for this meeting was posted at Howards Grove Village Hall, National Exchange Bank, Cleveland State Bank and Kohler Credit Union.

The meeting was called to order at 6:02 p.m. by Chairman Mike Stoeckigt. Present were Mike Stoeckigt, Kevin Jump, Diane VanMinsel and Jim Scheiber. Also present were Dave Wright, Jim Schuette, Mary Zore, Dan Binversie, Jim Raquet, Jeff Sixel, George Marthenze, Nathan Athorp and Al Loth.

Motion, second and carried 4-0 to approve the January 13th Commission meeting.

Due to health reasons, Jerry Dempski has resigned from the Commission. There are now two vacant spots. The two people who showed interest in the position, Radtke and Hinkfoss, will be invited to the next meeting. It is anticipated that they will be appointed to the positions.

Dave Wright, Wastewater Treatment Supervisor, discussed the performance of the wastewater plant. Upgrades were tentatively planned for 2010 but because the population of the Village has not grown as expected, the improvements will not be needed until approximately 2030. Estimated upgrades are \$4.5 million. Sewer rehabilitation may include grouting leaks and lining the inside of the pipes. Costs are anticipated to be covered with funds previously saved and possibly a slight increase in rates. Upgrades for changing State regulations regarding sludge storage, phosphorus, temperature, filter capacity and other parameters must be kept in mind when forecasting 20 years out.

VISITORS Town of Herman & Town of Herman Raquet spoke for Town of Herman. He said that the Town had decided to postpone the adoption of their updated zoning ordinance because of the uncertainty of the impact of the new Chapter 91 Farmland Preservation Program. They want to become more familiar with the new provisions and discuss them with the farmers to determine their interest in remaining eligible for tax credits through farmland preservation zoning. Also, Assembly Bill 260 would change the ability of a municipality to approve or deny land divisions in the extraterritorial area of the municipality (based on use). The Town will be contacting Jonathan Bartz, Martenson & Eisele, whenever they have a request for a rezoning or land division to help guide them with their Comprehensive Plan.

The Commission would like to have a joint meeting in May with the Towns.

The Commission briefly talked about the timeline for improvements. Schuette updated the Commission regarding some well problems. After the two vacant plan commission seats are filled, the timeline can be discussed in more detail.

Motion VanMinsel, second Jump and carried 4-0 to adjourn at 7:25 p.m.