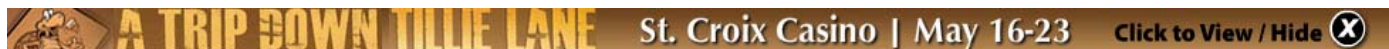




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The former owners of the house had paid an impact fee previously. The board did approve the request, on a 6-1 vote.

The board, however, discussed the amount and type of information that should be in future requests. They discussed that they would like to know in writing if an impact fee has been paid before, if the house is a foreclosure, how old it is, etc.

Trustee Chris Buckel said the main issue is if the property has had an impact fee paid on it or not. If it has, the new owners shouldn't have to pay another.

"That should be the golden standard," Buckel said.

In other news:

- The board met in closed session again, to discuss a village employee. However, because a letter delivered to the village employee cited a different section of ordinance than the meeting agenda, Village Attorney Tim Scott recommended that no final action on the issue be taken.

A May 24 meeting at 5:30 p.m., but it hasn't been determined if it will be open or closed session yet. The employee in question can decide.

- The BP Station filed a request to replace their large sign. Where the sign is currently placed does not meet village setback requirements.

Board members lightheartedly commented that the sign was installed already Monday, before they had a chance to vote.

Village President Vince Trudell said the company accidentally came early. Someone from the BP approached the village, asking if they should send the crew away. Trudell said he allowed them to continue with the work.

The new sign is smaller, and is installed on the same pillars as the old sign. It's also more energy efficient. The board unanimously approved its installation.

- The board approved the process to designate sidewalks as part of the "Safe Routes To School" route. Paths on that route will be maintained and have snow removed by the village.

No sidewalks have yet been designated by a board vote as Safe Routes To School.

- Words were struck from the police department ordinance that prevents officers from being eligible for bonuses. All other departments are eligible for bonuses. The intent of the change was to treat the police department the same as the others.

- The board voted 7-0 to repair sidewalks along Charlotte Street. Repairs are estimated to cost \$4,600. That money must come from the street department budget, the board stated.

- The board approved closing a section of Charlotte Street on Father's Day for the Yellowstone Trail celebration car show.

- The board established every other year rental housing inspection cycles, as opposed to yearly as it has been.

- The board approved changing the municipal court clerk term length from two years to four years. The term will now be the same as the municipal court judge's term.

Trustee Steve Peterson abstained from the vote.

- Temporary picnic licenses were approved for the Hammond Lions Softball Tournament June 18-20 and Hammond Heartland Days Aug. 12-15. Operator licenses were also approved for those events.

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