

SECTION 5 OF THE VILLAGE OF CHEVY CHASE
MINUTES OF THE COUNCIL MEETING

Date: December 12, 2006
Time: 7:30pm
Place: 5906 Connecticut Avenue, Chevy Chase Village Hall
Present: Margy Abbott; Peter Gray; Frances L. Higgins; Ira Rosenbaum;
Andrew Smith; Alan Beal; 4 Section 5 residents

1. Minutes

Andrew moved that the November 14, Council meeting minutes be approved as revised by email; Peter seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

2. Citizens' Concerns

A resident said that he is not opposed to the installation of speed bumps but the accompanying signs which must be posted. He suggested that the Council install a sign precluding motorists from entering the town from Connecticut Avenue onto Woodbine Street at designated hours. Margy said that such a sign would preclude residents from accessing the town's streets also. Andrew said the Council will not make a decision concerning speed bumps until it receives the report from the traffic company which is monitoring the volume and speed of traffic on the town's streets. This report is expected by December 20th.

A resident asked why the September and October Council meeting minutes are not on the web site. Andrew said that Farooq has been managing the web site and he is out of town. The manager will call Farooq and ask him to put the approved minutes on the web site. The manager will send copies of the September, October and November Council minutes to this resident. Margy asked if the minutes are sent with the newsletters. Presently, they are not sent with the newsletters.

A resident asked the Council if it has decided to allow basketball goals on the public strips. Andrew said that the Council has decided to notify the residents who have basketball goals on the public strip in front of their houses that these goals present some safety issues. The Council will also place a notice in the newsletters about the safety issues involved with children playing in the streets.

3. Alan Beal's Report

Peter suggested that an applicant list the type of building project and also, an estimated time for completion be listed on the application. Alan said that he has incorporated Peter's suggestions into his report. A fee schedule will be listed on the application also.

A resident suggested that the applicant certify on the application that the information which he/she provides is true. Alan said that if the town discovered that the information is false, it could simply revoke the permit. Andrew said that the new regulations will require the applicant, the builder, the architect and all the abutting

neighbors to meet before the construction begins. False information would be discovered at this meeting.

The Council decided on the following fee schedule:

Building Permit Fees

- \$100 fences and walls
- \$250 building projects under 500 sq. ft
- \$500 building projects over 500sq. ft. and new house construction
- \$250 demolition

Performance Bonds

- \$1,000 projects under 500 sq. ft. including accessory buildings, decks, porches, pools
- \$2,000 projects over 500 sq. ft.
- \$5,000 tear down and new house

The manager will ask John Higgins to write a proposed change to the section of the Charter which lists the building permit application fees; this change will remove the fees from the Charter . He will also write a proposed ordinance which will list the changes to the building permit application, a building site protocol and permit fees. He will provide these to the Council for review at the January meeting. Alan will also provide the Council a final copy of his recommendations for the building site protocol and the permit application form for review before the January meeting.

Alan said that other towns do not return the performance bond check until the applicant asks for it. The Council told the manager to deposit performance bond checks when they are given to the town. Ira suggested that Section 5 should notify the applicant when the project is complete and that he/she may ask the town to return the performance bond.

4. Treasurer's Report

Margy said that there were no unusual expenditures for this month; however, there was an unusually large revenue check for State income tax for \$184,000. She said that the town has received \$324,000 in State income tax in the past 5 months.

Andrew recommended that Section 5 contribute money to the B-CC Rescue Squad because they have suffered a deficit this last year. There was some discussion. Andrew moved that Section 5 contribute \$3,000 to the B-CC Rescue Squad this year and plan to donate the same amount for the next two years. Margy seconded the motion. There was some discussion. The motion passed unanimously.

5. Manager's Report

Andrew moved that Section 5 adopt a resolution granting a franchise to Verizon Maryland, Inc., to provide cable television service in Section 5; Peter seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.

The manager said a resident on Woodbine St. who has access to the rear of his house from an alley which belongs to the town installed a concrete pad on a section of this alley behind his house. He did this project two years ago. On Tuesday of this week the town has completely resurfaced this alley in conjunction with its Woodbine St. repair project. This resident who added this concrete pad is now asking the town to reimburse him. The manager said that the resident said that she does not expect the Council to pay for the concrete but to pay the cost of whatever it would cost to pave the area with macadam. There was some discussion. The Council decided not to pay the resident for the cost of installing concrete to this area.

Permits granted:

3600 Underwood St. - replace fence side yard

Andrew moved that the meeting adjourn; Margy seconded the motion and it passed unanimously. The next meeting will be Tuesday, January 9, 2006, at 7:30pm, at the Village Hall, 5906 Connecticut Avenue.