



VILLAGE OF ORLAND PARK

14700 Ravinia Avenue
Orland Park, IL 60462
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Meeting Minutes

Board of Trustees

Village President Daniel J. McLaughlin

Village Clerk David P. Maher

*Trustees Bernard A. Murphy, Kathleen M. Fenton, Brad S. O'Halloran,
James V. Dodge, Jr., Edward G. Schussler, and Patricia Gira*

Monday, November 16, 2009

7:00 PM

Village Hall

NON-SCHEDULED CITIZENS & VISITORS

Video Gambling

Resident Wendie Benton, 13941 Charleston came before the Board to speak regarding the video gambling. Ms. Benton asked for the Board to please support a ban on video gambling within our community.

Resident Reverend Ted Jones, 8549 West 144th Place and Pastor of Faith United Methodist Church, read a statement to the Board. He asked the Board to support an ordinance to ban video poker and video gambling in Orland Park.

President McLaughlin stated that both Reverend Jones and Wendie Benton have always been strong supporters of the Village on numerous issues. He appreciated both of them coming before the Board and sharing their comments.

President McLaughlin stated that whenever he receives information for or against video gambling, this information is always forwarded on to the Board. There has been a considerable amount of information on both sides.

President McLaughlin commented that the Board has never voted to allow video gambling in the Village. At the August 17, 2009 Village Board meeting, after discussion, the Trustee's unanimously voted to table the decision until the state guidelines are written on this issue.

Trustee Dodge requested this item be brought back before the Board at the December 7, 2009 Village Board meeting.

2009-0399 Video Gambling

I move to bring this item forward for reconsideration at the December 7, 2009 Village Board meeting.

A motion was made by Trustee James Dodge, Jr., seconded by Trustee Edward Schussler, that this matter be APPROVED. The motion CARRIED by the following vote:

Aye: 7 - Trustee Murphy, Trustee Fenton, Trustee O'Halloran, Trustee Dodge, Trustee Schussler, Trustee Gira, and Village President McLaughlin

Nay: 0



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2009-0399 Title 7 Chapter 18, Orland Park Video Gaming Prohibition

President McLaughlin reported that under the Video Gaming Act that Gov. Pat Quinn signed into law July 13th, up to 45,000 video gambling machines can be installed in bars, restaurants and clubs throughout Illinois. Counties and Municipalities have the right to prohibit video gambling by ordinance.

President McLaughlin stated that he requested this item be placed on the agenda tonight so that the Board can discuss this issue. He has heard from people on both sides of this issue.

President McLaughlin invited Mike Pappas - 14200 Aldwych Drive, Orland Park who is the owner of Fair Share Amusement Company and is on the Board of the Illinois Coin Machine Operators Association to speak before the Board.

An answer sheet was prepared by the Illinois Municipal League that was forwarded to the Board that indicated a municipality's share of the tax revenue would be \$2,250 per year per machine. Under the law, each venue can house a maximum of five machines, so each facility with fire would generate \$11,250.

Mr. Pappas requested that the Board table passing an ordinance to ban the machines in Orland Park at this time, and refer this to a committee meeting for further detailed discussion. He stated the guidelines on how to implement the law are still being written and it will be a year before the first machines are operating. Mr. Pappas stressed that Orland Park needs to consider the consequences if it bans the machines.

Mr. Pappas compared the Board's decision on this matter to the smoking ban. He stated if neighboring communities permit the gaming machines, then the Village and its businesses will lose revenue.

Trustee Gira stated that the Village needs to proceed carefully and cautiously on this issue.

After discussion the Trustee's unanimously voted to table the decision indefinitely. Once the state guidelines are written this issue would be reviewed and discussed

by the Finance and Public Safety committees.

I move to table this item indefinitely.

A motion was made by Trustee Edward Schussler, seconded by Trustee Kathleen Fenton, that this matter be TABLED. The motion CARRIED by the following vote:

Aye: 7 - Trustee Murphy, Trustee Fenton, Trustee O'Halloran, Trustee Dodge, Trustee Schussler, Trustee Gira, and Village President McLaughlin

Nay: 0

Respectfully Submitted,

/s/ David P. Maher

David P. Maher, Village Clerk