

September 13, 2016

A Joint Meeting of the Nunda Village Board of Trustees and Nunda Town Board of Councilmen was held on September 13, 2016, at the Nunda Government Center, in the Town/Village Court Room with the following present:

**Village Board: Mayor Robert Cox
Deputy Mayor Fritz Amrhein
Trustee Darren Snyder
Trustee Jack Morgan
Trustee Mel Allen**

Village Clerk-Treasurer: LeRoy Wood

**Town Board: Supervisor Merilee Walker
Councilperson Michael Hillier
Councilperson William Mann
Councilperson James Forrester**

Town Clerk: Cheyenne DeMarco

Trinity Church of Nunda: Juli Ann Severson, Vicki Amidon, Chad T. Snyder, Katelyn Gelser, Randy Morris, Julie Simone, Jack E. Morgan, Stephen Rapp, Patricia M. Foote, Christina Stoufer, Rev. Ron Duttweiler

CALL MEETING TO ORDER

Mayor Cox called the meeting to order at 6:00 PM.

WELCOME & OPENING REMARKS

Mayor Cox welcomed all in attendance for tonight's meeting. The topic of discussion of this meeting is the property known as the Village Park, property owned by Trinity Church of Nunda. Mayor Cox stated for the record that the property being discussed this evening was indeed owned by the Trinity Church of Nunda.

MEETING DIALOGUE

Mayor Cox stated that the Village of Nunda annually paid \$1 for the lease of the property known as the Village Park from Trinity Church of Nunda for the past fifteen years and that the Park is a very nice place and that everyone would like to keep it going. There were concerns this year with Agreement to Lease that was provided to the Village and so the Village Board voted to not enter into the Agreement to Lease at this time. This action however, does not close the door on negotiations. Mayor Cox then asked if there was a spokesperson present to speak for the Trinity Church of Nunda.

Reverend Duttweiler agreed to be a spokesperson for the Trinity Church of Nunda.

Reverend Duttweiler began reading Village Board Meeting Minutes from August 8, 2016 stating, once reading of minutes was completed, that the Church was delighted that people had the opportunity to use the Park. Also, stated was that the minutes read showed signs of animosity between the Village and the Trinity Church of Nunda for not recognizing the Village during certain events which took place at the Park. Reverend Duttweiler stated that at every event the Village was mentioned and how a great job they do with the Park. Also, stated was that with each piece of paper sent out for events in the Park - the Village was mentioned. Reverend Duttweiler stated it was true

the Village was not a sponsor of this years' Summer Concert Series because the Church spent \$3000.00 for the events. The Churches perspective is that if you do not contribute then you can't be a sponsor. Reverend Duttweiler asked why was Agreement to Lease rejected and what are the concerns? If the Village does not want to continue maintaining the Park, then the Trinity Church of Nunda would not be able to continue due to the liability.

Mayor Cox stated that the door is not closed to negotiations for the Park, this is a work in progress. No one wants to see the Park gone. However, there are concerns present that the Board did feel comfortable entering into the Agreement to Lease at this time.

Trustee Snyder asked about the Village Park sign, did the sign come down?

Trustee Morgan replied, the sign did come down due to liability reasons and that the Park is Private Property, meaning No Trespassing, or use at your own risk. The Park is an attractive nuisance.

Sheila Piper mentioned the Park is inviting and attractive nuisance.

Kaaren Smith stated the Park is an incredible place. Kaaren Smith asked about maintenance costs.

Mayor Cox stated approximately \$5000.00 annually, included are electric, security, and the summer concert series.

Deputy Mayor Amrhein stated the Park is not the property of the Village and that the Village has no authority to close the Park.

Isabelle Weir asked Trustee Morgan when you say "we" when speaking are you speaking on behalf of the Church or the Village Board?

Trustee Morgan stated I am wearing both hats I suppose.

Trustee Allen stated that if there is no lease in place then the Village should not be liable to pay for utilities and labor to maintain the Park. Trustee Allen stated that Trustee Morgan did state that the Church could pay for the mowing and electric.

Trustee Morgan stated he did say that, the Church could pay for mowing and electric.

Trustee Allen stated the Village has continued to maintain the Park up until August even after the lease expired in October 2015. Trustee Allen also stated that no one wants to see the Park go away.

Trustee Snyder stated that a couple of people from the Church and Village should get together and to discuss.

Joan Schumaker asked Reverend Duttweiler if the Church could sell the property to the Village?

Reverend Duttweiler stated the Church could not sell the property because the property is owned by the Presbyterian Church USA and is placed in Trust with the Trinity Church of Nunda.

Vicki Cox asked about when the Agreement to Lease expired why did the Church not provide a Lease at that time? Why was it not brought to the Village's attention at that time? Also, she stated she believes it is the landowners responsibility to inform the lessee of a new lease.

Vicki Cox also asked is it not a conflict of interest that Trustee Morgan is on the Village Board and is also speaking for the Church in reference to negotiations of an Agreement to Lease?

Trustee Morgan did state that when Board resolutions are brought to the table for discussion and vote that he does indeed *abstain* from casting a vote on any matters in which the Trinity Church of Nunda is a part of such resolution.

Mayor Cox stated that nothing would be able to be solved tonight and that the Church should develop a Parks Committee to meet with the Village's Park Committee to discuss and work together at resolving any concerns.

Sheila Piper stated it was nice to see the community come together to try and resolve this situation.

Pat Foote stated that both sides need to come together and figure this out.

Isabelle Weir stated she did not believe there was a conflict of interest with Trustee Morgan being on the Village Board and being Music Director for the Trinity Church of Nunda.

Mayor Cox thanked all for attending the meeting this night and encouraged folks to contact him either by telephone or stop in and see him to discuss the Park.

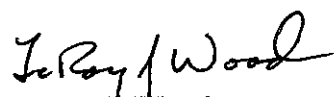
Note: A list of attendees at this Joint Meeting are attached to these meeting minutes

As requested by Trustee Snyder at the regularly schedule Village Board meeting on October 17, 2016, prior to approving these meeting minutes – include this additional information to these meeting minutes, *the Town of Nunda did attend this meeting with no input.*

ADJOURNMENT

With no further business to be discussed, the motion to adjourn was made by Trustee Allen, seconded by Deputy Mayor Amrhein at 6:35 PM. Carried 9-0.

Respectfully submitted,



LeRoy J. Wood

Village Clerk-Treasurer

**Town of Nunda
Sign in Sheet**

Village, Town & Trinity Church meeting 9/13/16

PERSONS PRESENT

PLEASE <u>PRINT</u> YOUR NAME (AND TITLE)	PHONE NUMBER
1. Rev. Ron Duttweiler Pastor - Trinity Ch.	468 2832
2. Jeff Wilcox	468-2363
3. Vicki Cox	468-5066
4. Jean Schumaker	476-2354
5. James	607-221-9521
6. John Mitchell	607-221-9521
7. Larry Leonard	} 468-2511
8. Pam Leonard	
9. Melane K. Macomber	(585) 354-4979
10. Monica Morris	585 519 7079
11. Lauren Negley	585-322-6371
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- 1 Russell G. Allen
- 2 Betty Adams
- 3 Deborah Boudry
- 4 ~~John~~ Mitchell
- 5 Jamie Bagan
- 6 Fritz Amrhein
- 7 RAOY MORRIS
- 8 Chad T Snyder
- 9 Larry Gunn
- 10 Pam Gunn
- 11 Tiffany Kibler
- 12 Vicki Amelion
- 13 Sheila Piper
- 14 Melanie K Macomber
- 15 Joan Schumaker
- 16 Jeff Wilcox
- 17 Vicky Cox
- 18 Monica Morris
- 19 Kathryn Gelber
- 20 Jack May
- 21 Kaaren Smith
- 22 Pat Foster
- 23 Marge Foster
- 24 Rita Quinn

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- 25 Cathryn A Ludwig
- 26 Sue Brooks
- 27 Diamond Billyard
- 28 Alex Pierce
- 29 Isabelle R Weir
- 30 Tom Cook
- 31 Tina Strafer
- 32 Jammy Sheuman
- 33 Phil Brooks
- 34 PAUL RANBERG
- 35 Julie M Simon
- 36 Jay Costello/Aidan Costello
- 37 Beverly Clark
- 38 Diane Jackson
- 39 Julie Swenson
- 40 Harry + Malober Mallaber
- 41 Hatter Hatt
- 42 Becka Weir
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