



Village of South Jacksonville ~ Whole Committee  
 Village Hall Board Room  
 301 Dewey Drive, South Jacksonville, Illinois  
**Tuesday, September 4, 2018**  
**6:00 p.m.**

TOPIC	DISCUSSION	ACTION
Call to Order	Mayor Harry Jennings called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.	Noted.
Roll Call	<p><b>Present:</b> Village President Harry Jennings; Village Clerk Megan Moore; Trustees: John Gotschall, Stacy Pinkerton, Paula Stewart, Chris Norton, Dick Samples and Greg Nelson.</p> <p><b>Also present,</b> Office Manager/Treasurer Tiffanee Peters, Chief of Police Tim Mann</p> <p><b>Absent:</b> Trustee John Gotschall.</p>	Noted.
Approval of Agenda	Mayor Jennings asked for a motion to approve the agenda, Stacy Pinkerton made the motion, Greg Nelson seconded, and the motion carried unanimously.	Motion carried.
Comments from the floor.	None.	Noted.
5k- South Jacksonville Celebration.	<p>Trustee Stacy Pinkerton notes there has been some confusion of the 5k and where the money from this is supposed to go to. Trustee Pinkerton asks Dani Glascock to address and explain where the Auxiliary has ever had anything to do with this. She noted they have not due to strict by laws and the money they make must go to the Fire Department. Glascock explains further to the board and all present.</p> <p>Discussion ensues on what was decided between the committee to do with this, although it was mentioned it was not 'voted' on but was a general consensus all agreed to give the money to Scot Fitzgeralds' children until they were age 18.</p> <p>Discussion ensues on when Amy Deeder oversaw this where she would have liked to send the money (prior to the death of Officer Fitzgerald) and could not beings it was not something related to the Village.</p> <p>Paula Stewart notes she was involved, as well as Attorney Rob Cross, Steve Waltrip and Kevin Eckoff with this as well and explained she was not a board member at the time and explains the process she knew happened. Dani Glascock was in agreeance with Stewart.</p> <p>Glascock questions why it was thought of to even go to the Drug Prevention Fund? Mayor Jennings explains by law and a memo saying this is a private purpose.</p> <p>Stewart notes to Dany Fitzgerald that the board was told she was not interested in this. Mrs. Fitzgerald assures that is false information and explains if that was correct it would go back to the Police and Fire Department like it did when Amy Deeder ran it.</p> <p>A question arose on where the board got that Mrs. Fitzgerald did not want the money? Trustee Stewart mentions Chief Mann mentioned it.</p>	Noted.

Mrs. Danny Fitzgerald spoke on behalf of this topic and what was promised to her children after the loss of their father, Officer Scot Fitzgerald. She feels as if they were just forgotten and everyone has moved on and what her children were promised was no longer true. She had to find out by the website that nothing was mentioned of Scot and it showed the money was going to the drug prevention fund. Felt she was slapped in the face and no one cares anymore. She felt she deserved a phone call if, for legal reasons, the money couldn't go to her children. She expressed she does not want Scot forgotten.

Chief Mann then explains his understanding of the conversations held with Mrs. Fitzgerald a year ago. Chief Mann apologizes and notes he feels he created a lot of the confusion of the board. He notes the Council, Village or the department as not for one day forgotten Scot Fitzgerald.

There was mentioning of Sarah at WJVO switching the grant and having the money resort back to the Fitzgerald children.

Paula Stewart-Trustee notes she was diligent in speaking with Dan Wright- Village Attorney at the time. The money was never in Village funds, they never cashed any checks. Any money handed over went straight to Mrs. Fitzgerald how it was given.

Tiffanee Peters mentions she knows the church has handled this both years.

Greg Nelson- Trustee noted the tourism grant was there and everything was on it and everyone had the chance to see it the last meeting however he would have no problem with someone calling Sarah and seeing if she would like to switch where the funds go if everything is legal. Nelson also explains that that there will be new people and a new board in the future, to have this in writing so that it will not be a confusion in the future. Mayor Jennings speaks up and notes that we can not because it is not the Villages responsibility-we are relying on a third-party entity. Mayor Jennings notes we can not promise what the party does with the money. Paula Stewart notes but the board does have the power to approve or not approve a tourism grant-as long as she is on the board she would not approve anything that did not have the money going to the Fitzgerald family.

Dani Glascock mentions why would we have a memorial for anyone and the money not go to that family? Stewart agrees.

Discussion ensues.


Discussion on Tax? Benefit? 501c3?

Scot Fitzgeralds' mother reads minutes from 4-7-16 Planning &B Public Facilities, stating the promise that was made. Mayor Jennings noted "still no action item". Dani Glascock noted but no one objected to this even though it was not voted on.

Trustee Stewart wanted to know where the Drug Fund was decided and it not benefiting the Fire Department at all? Mayor Jennings noted it is not our call where they chose to send the funds. Discussion ensues with Tiffanee Peters-Trustee and board.

	<p>It is decided to ask if WJVO would like to change the tourism grant application.</p> <p>Scot Fitzgerald's father questions what will happen next year with the upcoming board? Trustee Stewart noted she has no problem making a statement regarding this in the Board Meeting.</p> <p>Megan Moore-Village Clerk assured Mrs. Fitzgerald that it has been in meeting discussions about the 5k and the Fitzgerald family, the board was led to believe she did not want a part of this, but no one has forgotten Officer Fitzgerald. Stacy Pinkerton and Chief Mann apologized for not calling and asking Danny Fitzgerald herself recently. The council was trying to do what they thought she wanted for the sake of her children. -As we know now was just a miscommunication.</p> <p>Discussion was held on if one of the village employees can work on the 5k on Village time. Mayor Jennings and board understand that she should not.</p> <p>Dick Samples- trustee asks on behalf of the legality of the cookie walk. Dani Glascock explains it is perfectly legal and explains the process and the insurance they have for the event.</p> <p>Tiffanee Peters has questions on insurance on this event. Discussion ensued.</p> <p>To end- Trustee Pinkerton will contact WJVO in the morning and the Application can be changed if Sara agrees and it will be noted with the action item and it will be accessible for next year.</p>	
Old business	Trustee Samples asks about the water issue on Chilton, it is still running, have you sent a letter? Mayor Jennings assured yes, and he has received a response.	Noted.
New business	None.	
Adjournment	There being no further business for discussion, Stacy Pinkerton made a motion to adjourn at 7:16 p.m., Greg Nelson seconded; and the motion carried unanimously.	Motion carried.

  
Harry Jennings, Village President

  
Megan Moore, Village Clerk

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