

SPECIAL VILLAGE BOARD MEETING MINUTES
September 19, 2016 – 6:59PM
VILLAGE HALL

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CALL TO ORDER @ 6:59PM/PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE/ROLL CALL: Andres, Connolly, Karow, Knoll, and Skinner present. Bower and Fitzgerald absent. Village Administrator Jennifer Frederick, Police Captain Linn, Police Detective Hall, Village Attorney Elaine Ekes, and Clerk Laura Roesslein also present.

i. Hearing for consideration of an appeal by Craig Bezotte for an exemption to the sex offender residency restrictions that would allow him to reside at 626 Hickory Road.

President Skinner asked Craig Bezotte to tell the Village Board his background. Skinner noted that the Board will then discuss his appeal. Snow White Bezotte, 626 Hickory Road, indicated that Craig Besotte is difficult to understand and she will speak on his behalf. Skinner asked Snow White and Craig Bezotte to describe what they are asking the Board for tonight. Snow White Bezotte asked if she and Craig could live in the same house in Twin Lakes. Mrs. Bezotte noted that she and her husband have lived on Hickory Road for one year, and lived on Park Avenue ten years prior to their current address. The Bezotte's also lived on Lakeshore Drive for two years. Frederick asked if the Bezotte's were currently renting. Mrs. Bezotte confirmed. Elaine Ekes, Village Attorney, asked if the offense Bezotte was convicted of involved a child. Mrs. Bezotte answered no and specified that the victim was physically disabled. Mrs. Bezotte described that Bezotte and the victim were together at KAC. Bezotte has brain damage because of a car accident. Ekes asked if Bezotte served any time related to the incident he was charged with. Mrs. Bezotte answered that for the car accident Bezotte was sentenced to five years and served three and a half. Bezotte was on probation for ten years. The charge for the assault ran at the same time as the probation for the car crash. Ekes clarified that Bezotte completed his probation, and does not have any restrictions with the Department of Corrections currently. Mrs. Bezotte noted that Bezotte registers annually with the state.

Elaine Ekes, Village Attorney, asked the Village Board if they have any further questions to ask Bezotte. Ekes specified that the Village Board has background information on the appeal in their packet. Mrs. Bezotte asked the Village Board about the exemption under Village Code that outlines if Bezotte was under the care of a legal guardian that he would be able to live in the Village. Ekes confirmed. Ekes indicated that it could take Mrs. Bezotte a few months to a year to become legal guardian of her husband. Frederick reiterated to the Board that the decision they are making tonight is whether or not Bezotte can live in the Village. Skinner invited the public to make any comments on Bezotte's appeal. Mike Dennis, 40017 94th St, Powers Lake, has known Bezotte for 15 years and met Bezotte through church. Dennis clarified that he has never seen any behavior from Bezotte that has made him nervous or feel uncomfortable. Brian Perona, 3910th Ave, Burlington, indicated that he has known Bezotte for 24 years, and has been Bezotte's employer from time to time. Perona noted that Bezotte is a great Stepdad and Grandfather.

Motion by Skinner, Knoll, Carried to allow Craig Bezotte to reside within the Village and exempting him from the distance from school restriction, because Bezotte has had no police activity in 23 years, including at such time as Snow White Bezotte becomes his legal guardian.

Ekes clarified that this motion would be an exemption to the school distance requirement and an exception to the original sex offender residency restrictions.

Motion by Skinner, Karow, carried to adjourn at 7:20 p.m.

Laura Roesslein
Village Clerk

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