

Special Meeting
Chatfield-LoPresti
Building Committee
Thursday, September 25, 2008
Chatfield School Teachers' Room
7:00 p.m.

Present: Donald Smith, Bruce Baker, Gene Coppola, Yashu Putorti, Fred Stanek, Trisha Danko, Phyllis Jachimowski, Mark Thompson, Paul Roy

Absent: Sandra Gesek, Judy Legeza, Jay Hatfield, Frank Conroy, Kurt Miller, Peter Kubik, Ray Catlin

Antinozzi Architectural Firm Representative: Paul Antinozzi

Political Action Committee Representative: Joseph Teodosio

Mr. Smith called the special meeting to order at 7:05 p.m. and led those present in the pledge to the flag. He asked for any public comment and none was forthcoming at this meeting session.

Mr. Smith called for motions accepting the minutes of the September 2, and September 3, 2008 meetings as presented.

MOTION: (Mrs. Danko, sec., Mr. Putorti) to accept the minutes of the September 2, 2008 special meeting as presented.

So moved.

Affirmative: Mrs. Danko, Mr. Coppola, Mr. Smith, Mr. Roy, Mrs. Jachimowski

Opposed: None.

Abstentions: Mr. Thompson, Mr. Stanek, Mr. Baker, Mr. Putorti

MOTION: (Mr. Putorti, sec., Mrs. Danko) to accept the minutes of the special meeting of September 3, 2008 as presented.

So moved.

Affirmative: Mr. Putorti, Mrs. Danko, Mr. Smith, Mr. Coppola, Mr. Baker, Mr. Roy, Mrs. Jachimowski, Mr. Stanek

Opposed: None.

Abstentions: Mr. Thompson

Discussion with Architect and Review of Presentation

Mr. Antinozzi reviewed the packet his firm had prepared for presentation at the Town Meeting scheduled for Tuesday evening, September 30, 2008, at 7:00 p.m., at the Seymour Middle School. Committee members reviewed each page and added commentary and suggested deletions when necessary. The final draft was completed and will be used as a presentation to the public who will be in attendance at the Town Meeting scheduled for September 30, 2008.

A copy of the actual referendum verbiage was shown to the Committee membership. As per bonding issue regulations, the total number of \$32, 500,000 must appear on the ballot as the total cost of the project. Some Committee members felt that this number could be misleading to the voting public who may think that this amount would be the project cost to the taxpayers. Nowhere on the ballot is the actual cost of \$12,900,000 to the taxpayers shown. It was decided that this voting procedure would have to be thoroughly explained at the Town Meeting and constantly reinforced during future presentations. Press releases should also thoroughly explain the rationale for the referendum verbiage as well as explaining what the total cost of the project will be to the taxpayers.

Mr. Antinozzi stated also that he had met during the week with Town Fire Marshal Paul Wetowitz and Scott Andrews who approved the architectural plans for the renovation project.

Review of Presentation Schedule

Mr. Smith reviewed the remaining presentations that will be made by representatives of the Committee at the following scheduled events:

Sunday, September 28, 2008 - Seymour High School Football Game
Tuesday, September 30, 2008 – Town Meeting – Seymour Middle School
Friday, October 3, 2008 – Seymour High School Football Game – 6:00 p.m.
Saturday, October 4, 2008 – First Saturday Block Party – Downtown – 6:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.
Monday, October 6, 2008 – Seymour Senior Citizens Center – 1:30 p.m.

Invoices

There were no invoices submitted for payment at this meeting session.

Hearing nothing further:

MOTION: (Mr. Baker, sec., Mrs. Danka) to adjourn the meeting.

So moved.

Affirmative: Mr. Baker, Mrs. Danka, Mr. Smith, Mr. Coppola, Mr. Putorti, Mr. Stanek, Mr. Roy, Mrs. Jachimowski, Mr. Thompson

Opposed: None.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:45 p.m.

Submitted by: Eugene Coppola