

Golden Age Manor  
Governing Committee Minutes  
January 24, 2008

Members Present: Gary Bergstrom, Eugene Sollman, Rodney Littlefield, Arthur Gamache and Fred Grimm.

Other Present: Jeff Fuge, Malia Malone, Roxanne Malum, Gary Taxdahl, Wendy Johnson, members of the press and public.

G. Bergstrom called the meeting to order at 2:00 p.m.

Public Comments were given. Following public comments the board members reconvened to the Downstairs Conference room at 2:38 p.m.

G. Sollman made a motion to approve the agenda. F. Grimm seconded the motion. G. Sollman made a motion to amend the agenda, moving item A to the first item on the agenda. F. Grimm seconded the motion. Amended motion carried by voice vote.

Amery Regional Medical Center Proposal on Lease and Joint Access way Lease – Attorney Brian Byrnes addressed this issue. Attorney Byrnes stated that the old hospital is going to be a Commercial Condominium with the Amery Library, Amery Policy Department and ARMC. ARMC would like the lease to remain the same as the residents and the tenants from Evergreen would utilize the link for the use of the library. G. Sollman made a motion to have the lease remain status quo with ARMC and the Amery Housing Authority and to move this action forward to the Property Committee.

R. Littlefield made a motion to approve the minutes from December 20, 2007. G. Sollman seconded the motion. Motion carried by voice vote.

A. Gamache made a motion to approve the vouchers as presented. G. Sollman seconded the motion. Motion carried by voice vote.

Administrator, Department Head and Members reports were given.

Mission to Mexico – Gary Taxdahl stated that this is on hold for the time being. G. Sollman asked if there is a deadline for the next shipment? G. Taxdahl stated that they come periodically. J. Fuge stated that a list of items be given to Deb Peterson from the Parks Department and if she and the new owner give the okay to get rid of them the items can be disposed of.

Travel- G. Taxdahl informed the committee that he would be attending a conference in Madison on February 27<sup>th</sup> and 28<sup>th</sup>.

Computers – R. Malum stressed to the committee the need for the computers. Roxanne stated that this item needs to be brought up to the Finance Committee and acted upon.

G. Bergstrom that this item needs to be taken care of and he will talk to Tonya in regards to this item and get back to Roxanne with an answer.

Employee Recognition – F. Grimm asked for this item to be put on the agenda and felt that the employees need some sort of recognition for a job well done. The Committee discussed ideas. A. Jerrick stated that the Department Heads at the County were working on ways to thank you to employees. F. Grimm stated maybe having a fair well luncheon; staff members felt that it's a little to late and that it would be a slap in the face.

The committee took a 10 minute break, at 3:30 p.m.

Records for Broker – G. Taxdahl handed out a list of the cost of copies for the broker and for employees time. Some members of the committee felt that GAM should be reimbursed for the cost. G. Bergstrom stated that G. Taxdahl should get this item on the agenda for the Finance Committee to be considered. G. Bergstrom felt that the Finance Committee would feel that GAM should just eat the cost. F. Grimm made a motion for the GAM board recommends that the cost from the Broker be passed onto the County for any and all direct or indirect cost. G. Sollman seconded the motion. Motion carried by A. Gamache yes, R. Littlefield yes, G. Sollman yes, F. Grimm yes and G. Bergstrom no. Motion carried.

Multi County Collaborate for County Homes – dropped.

Expenditures to social and Community Organizations – J. Fuge responded to this issue and no action was needed from the committee.

G. Bergstrom made a motion to remove G. Sollman as Vice Chair due to the lawsuit that G. Sollman has against Polk County. R. Littlefield seconded the motion. Motion carried with A. Gamache yes, G. Bergstrom yes, R. Littlefield yes, F. Grimm no, G. Sollman no.

R. Littlefield made a motion for A. Gamache as Vice Chair and to cast a unanimous vote. F. Grimm seconded the motion. Motion carried by voice vote.

G. Sollman made a motion to go into Closed Session. F. Grimm seconded the vote. Motion carried by roll call vote.

F. Grimm made a motion to go into Open Session. A. Gamache seconded the motion. Motion carried by voice vote.

G. Sollman made a motion to approve the LOA as presented. R. Littlefield seconded the motion. Motion carried by voice vote.

R. Littlefield made a motion to move the February meeting to the courthouse instead of GAM. G. Bergstrom seconded the motion. After much discussion F. Grimm called for the question. Motion failed with G. Bergstrom yes, R. Littlefield yes, F. Grimm no, G. Sollman no, and A. Gamache no.

Next Governing Committee meeting will be February 21, 2008 at 3:00 p.m. at Golden Age Manor.

R. Littlefield made a motion for adjournment. G. Sollman seconded the motion. Motion carried by voice vote. Meeting adjourned at 7:00 p.m.