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**TRUSTEE REPORT:**

Trustee Liaison Hartweg reported on the Special Service Area agreements regarding funding for the EDC and Fire Company. The downtown Strategic Plan may be on the Board agenda on October 26 for approval; final plan refinements are being made. The Library Board will issue bonds to raise money for repairs to the building. The Library needs to increase their tax levy.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

Bike Plan Development – Deborah Fagan, Chief Planner and County Trail System Coordinator for the DuPage County Department of Economic Development and Planning spoke to the Commissioners about bike plan development in the County and for Glen Ellyn, in particular. Ms. Fagan distributed several documents and maps to Commissioners, and provided a general overview of the overall planning process for bike routes. She also brought copies of the county-wide plan for bike and pedestrian traffic. She suggested that in preparation for developing a plan the Village should look at its goals and objectives for non-motorized travel such as whether a pedestrian plan would be included as well. Ms. Fagan believes there are a lot of opportunities in Glen Ellyn, and the Village is in a great position to implement a plan.

She said an inventory of trails currently available, such as the Illinois Prairie Path and Great Western Trail, is important to the planning process. She envisions the County's plan as a highway system for bicycles and said many agencies are involved in the process. Almost 90 organizations – municipalities, park districts and others – have provided input to the plan.

Ms. Fagan talked about the East Branch DuPage River Greenway Trail and said that Glen Ellyn was in a good position to exercise leadership in implementing this plan. An application has been submitted for a federal grant to do some work to connect the Great Western Trail and the Prairie Path. This extension would involve working with the railroad, the Forest Preserve and the Village of Lombard. It is hoped that a response to the grant application might be received by the end of the year. Director Caracci mentioned an email received from the Glen Ellyn Village President who is very much in favor of completing the trail network.

Ms. Fagan pointed out the county's map of 'Roads Suitable for Bicycling,' and mentioned that these roads (often low-volume residential streets), are a good starting point for developing a bike path since off-road trails are much more expensive to construct. She said the County has a 'healthy roads policy' which encourages making road conditions friendlier to bikes and pedestrians. Nationally, she said, this policy is commonly known as "complete streets." Essentially, every time a roadway improvement is done planners will look at ways to make the road suitable for bikers at the same time. She said adding an extra foot or so of pavement along the road when doing the water main project at Hill Avenue, for example, would provide a safer roadway for bikers. Ms. Fagan said there are many user groups such as the League of Illinois Bicyclists, which could help the Village to create a bicycle plan. Consulting groups are also available to help with planning. Funding is an issue but there are a number of grant programs available. She said grant money is potentially available for the East Branch trail.

Commissioners had some questions on costs for constructing overpasses and underpasses. Ms. Fagan said they look at safety factors when assessing which alternative to use. She estimates a million dollars a mile to construct a bike path. A bridge can cost from \$1 to \$2 million to

construct. She said there are often ways to make it safe for cyclists other than building a bridge. Other questions about road widths and planning concepts for bike trails were discussed. Many employees would like to ride their bikes to work, and municipalities are investing in trying to improve the quality of life and help the environment while accommodating workers so they stay in the community. Ms. Fagan said striped lanes or bike signs are used to accommodate bikers on existing streets. Roadway width usually determines whether lanes can be marked. She said new criteria will soon come out regarding standards for street width to accommodate bike lanes.

**CONTINUING BUSINESS:**

Capital Plan Considerations and Possible Revisions – Director Caracci has discussed the Capital Plan with Village Manager Steve Jones. With the current economy, the Village is looking at another deficit and many department programs have been cut. For example, the Public Works tree pruning program has gone from a 5-year to a 6-year cycle, saving \$50,000 to \$60,000. The line striping program is being deferred at a saving of \$35,000.

Director Caracci presented two scenarios for Commissioners to consider for continuation of the Street Resurfacing and Reconstruction Program, and explained the options he considered to arrive at the plan presented in each scenario. He said that under the proposed 2011 plan in each scenario, funding has been set aside as an expense line item to give back from the Capital Fund to the General Fund if necessary.

Director Caracci explained that when the Village is successful in getting grant funding, projects that would not necessarily have been done are completed because the money is available, while other scheduled projects may have to be deferred. The Village has applied for two grants and it is hoped that at least one of the grants will be received next year. These are for projects that are beneficial to the community but would not get done without the grant funding. The Braeside area has two projects in this category – street lighting and drainage issues.

The Riford Road open channel flow project discussed earlier in the meeting and the Nicoll Avenue land bridge repair are two projects in the budget for next year because of need and opportunity. In addition, the Hill Avenue Bridge over the river needs to be reconstructed or it will have to be closed. The project is 80% federally funded and 20% locally funded. Village of Lombard officials have transmitted a letter saying they would like Glen Ellyn to take half of the ownership of the bridge and half the expense to keep the bridge open. These are all things that were not planned for a year ago.

Commissioners agreed it was very important for residents to understand that projects which receive grant funding have to be bid in a certain time frame or risk losing funding. These include Riford Road and the right turn lane on Lambert (using STP funds) and Park Boulevard resurfacing (using ARRA funds).

Director Caracci said that for each Scenario he tried to give an idea of what was expected for the coming year based on ‘real-time’ numbers. He explained that rather than shuffle projects back and forth from year to year, he concentrated on deferring projects based upon available funds and possible grants received. Back up sheets for each scenario list each project expected for years

FY10 through FY19. He said that he focused most on the next three years trying to get positive numbers for the bottom line.

The CBD street resurfacing project, originally scheduled for FY14, was discussed. This will probably be pushed back two years. There are many decisions to be made regarding the overall plan. It is possible that the downtown area roadway rehabilitation will be incorporated into the downtown Strategic Plan and will have its own funding mechanism instead of the Capital Budget. Discussion continued on the downtown Plan and how it would be funded.

Commissioners also discussed the project to bring water and sewer to the residents in the Glen Oak Country Club area. P. E. Minix said it could be another year before this project could be done. Many agencies and issues are involved that will take time to work through and resolve.

Director Caracci said some regrouping was done in Scenario #2 with the attempt to keep projects within two years from where they had been scheduled. Commissioners reviewed the scenarios and anticipated reactions from residents at the coming Public Hearing in November. They discussed Essex Ct., Grand and Lake, and also talked about splitting Hawthorne into a two or three year project. The use of skip patching on deferred projects was also discussed. Scheduling of construction projects, especially for projects around Lake Ellyn near the Fourth of July was a concern. Commissioner Colliander asked when an answer would be ready on FEMA funding possibilities for the Essex Court project.

Director Caracci asked Commissioners to continue to review the scenarios, consider which makes the most sense and which plan they were most comfortable with presenting to the residents. Residents will be invited to the meeting and a press release will be in the newspaper. Information will also be on the Glen Ellyn web site. Both scenarios will be presented in the 20 year plan format for the November Public Hearing and will include a narrative on the differences between the plans. Each scenario will be displayed on a map.

#### **PUBLIC WORKS DIRECTOR'S REPORT:**

Director Caracci reported that five Public Works team members were sent to the IPSI/MPSI program in Effingham this fall. This is a three year management/supervisor training program. The Village Forester went to the MSA (arborists) seminar in Savannah. Administration has implemented the Cartegraph software program. The tree inventory data is complete. Operations group is focusing on core functions; they have been tracking key performance indicators and productivity in Public Works has improved steadily. The Emerald Ash Borer Management Plan has been presented to the Board. Every ash tree in the Village will be inspected, categorized and treated in accordance with its rating. Commissioner Colliander mentioned that some residents may have issues with Ash Borer treatment affecting the environment.

Upgrades are being made to the water distribution SCADA system, and equipment upfits are being completed on the Public Works fleet. PW is gearing up for the snow operation conversion.

Director Caracci reported that there would be no ARRA funding for the St. Charles Road Lift Station project which will have a detrimental impact on the GWA budget. Very good bids have been received on this project but originally planned-for funding is not available.

The Village has a guaranteed price on salt for this winter for 2,000 tons. The overall cost will be approximately \$142,000. The same mixture used last year will be used again. Director Caracci would like to experiment with some other de-icing and anti-icing methods but said it is not feasible at this time due to cost factors.

**PROJECT STATUS REPORT:**

P. E. Minix reported that the Park/GE Place/Prairie project is near completion. There are some project completion date issues with this project that will likely lead to litigation. The Braeside Improvements project is also near completion. Some sewer lining work will be done in November. This is a block grant project and initial reimbursements have been received. The 2009 Street Improvements Project is moving along. The Dawes/Coolidge area north of the golf course is a few weeks away from completion. Some concrete work remains to be done prior to placement of asphalt. Some maintenance projects, including asphalt skip patching on streets and parking lots are taking place. Land acquisition, stormwater permit and IDOT scope-of-work issues are nearing resolution on the Riford Road project. This project will be bid in March.

The engineering work for the right turn lane on Lambert is complete and pre-final plans have been submitted to IDOT. IDOT has agreed to help with the land acquisition. Engineering is continuing on Bryant Avenue and Thain's subdivision. A proposal has been sent out for construction of a short storm sewer extension on Turner east of Main Street. New sidewalk is being considered for installation in a few sections of the Village but coordination with project stakeholders needs to take place before it can be constructed.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

Commissioner Pryde moved to adjourn the meeting; motion seconded by Commissioner Colliander. Motion carried unanimously. The meeting was adjourned at 10:27 p.m.

Submitted by Lori Lach, Recording Secretary  
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