

**Minutes**  
**Regular Village Board Workshop**  
**Glen Ellyn Village Board of Trustees**  
**March 8, 2010**

Time of Meeting: 7:00 P.M.

Present: President Pfefferman; Trustees Comerford, Cooper, Ladesic, Thorsell, Henninger; Village Clerk Connors; Attorney Diamond.  
Staff present: Village Manager Jones, Schrader, Batek, Caracci, Hulseberg, Holmer.

**1. Call to Order**

President Pfefferman called the Board Workshop to order at 7:00 P.M. with a roll call. Trustees Comerford, Cooper, Ladesic, Thorsell, and Henninger responded "Here." Trustee Henninger made a motion, seconded by Trustee Thorsell to allow Trustee Hartweg to attend all this evening's meetings electronically due to personal illness or disability. All voted "aye."

**2. Public Comments?**

Paula McGowen, 1N443 Park Blvd., Glen Ellyn, addressed the Village Board regarding the trapping of coyotes. She suggested information be added to the Village website. Elizabeth Cheever, 334 Schubert, Wheaton, spoke against culling/trapping of coyotes by the Village and suggested asking volunteers to help educate the public. Mike Kisnet, 670 Sheehan, Glen Ellyn, indicated he has talked to Wheaton and other organizations regarding coyote problems and was willing to volunteer to educate the public. The Village has a link on the website to the Willowbrook Wildlife Preserve which also provides information for the public. The Village encourages the public to call them with questions.

**3. Home Rule Sale Tax Discussion**

Jon Batek presented information regarding the current 1% home rule sales tax which must be reviewed annually by the Village Board. Mr. Batek reviewed the Village's financial situation and the monies for which the home rules sales tax funds were to be used – Police Pension and IMRF; cash reserve balance; and 15% of collections for downtown revitalization. The unfunded pensions are mandated by the State. He discussed the status of the Police Pension Fund; the Village's General Fund which is stretched, especially in the areas of personnel and deferred maintenance; that revenue continues to slide and pensions may very well increase. Glen Ellyn's share of sales tax from the state, not including the home rule sales tax, has remained about the same before and after the passage of the home rule sales tax. The Village has just learned that the State has recommended a 30% reduction in municipal share of income tax during the coming year. This would result in a loss of revenue of about \$630,000 to Glen Ellyn for next year. A letter to the governor expressing the Village's opposition to that reduction is being prepared. The Village budget would probably be adopted prior to any State action

went into effect so a decision regarding the home rule sales tax would have to be made without knowing the outcome of the State's proposal. The Village Board discussed the absence of negative comments regarding the additional 1% tax. Jim Meyers, 531 Stafford, spoke commenting that other communities seem to have come to the same tax level as Glen Ellyn. The Board continued discussion about what would have to be cut if the 1% home rule sale tax was not retained and the difficulty of having a long term plan for the budget at this time. Even experienced pension plans such as IMRF are having a difficult time maintaining accurate projections for multiple years. Village Manager Jones mentioned that he and Trustee Ladesic will be going down state to meet with legislators regarding the proposal to reduce the Village's share of the State's share of income tax.

**4. Downtown Strategic Plan Implementation**

Due to time constraints, this topic was not addressed.

**5. Other Items?**

None

**6. Adjournment**

At 8:00 p.m. the meeting was adjourned to the Regular Village Board Meeting in the Galligan Board Room.

Submitted by:

Suzanne R. Connors,  
Village Clerk