

Minutes
Regular Village Board Workshop
Glen Ellyn Village Board of Trustees
April 19, 2010

Time of Meeting: 7:00 P.M.

Present: President Pfefferman; Trustees Comerford, Cooper, Hartweg, Ladesic, Thorsell, Henninger; Village Clerk Connors.
Staff present: Village Manager Jones, Schrader, Batek, Caracci, Hulseberg, Norton, Minix, Drescher.

1. Call to Order

President Pfefferman called the Board Workshop to order at 7:00 P.M. with a roll call. Trustees Comerford, Cooper, Hartweg, Ladesic, Thorsell, and Henninger responded "Here."

2. Public Comments?

None.

3. April 26, 2010 Village Board Meeting Agenda Review

President Pfefferman announced that, in order to accommodate some members of the public, items may not be taken in order this evening. The first item for discussion will be #8 on the April 26, 2010 Draft Agenda.

8. The owners (Schoenfeld) of the property at 734 N. Main requested a variation to construct a 1-story screened porch addition at the rear of the house. The addition increases the lot coverage ratio. In response to questions, Mrs. Schoenfeld indicated that she did not think there would be a stormwater impact as a result of the addition. The Village Board indicated that they were in favor of allowing the addition 5-1 at this time.

4. Fence Policy Discussion - #5 On Workshop Agenda

Staci Hulseberg presented information regarding a request from the owners of 196 Brandon (at the corner of Greenfield). The owner (Iarrobino) asked to install a fence in the public parkway so the fence does not appear to be located in the middle of the corner-side yard. The sidewalk is about 5' toward the street from the property line instead of the usual 1'. The Public Works Department expressed concern regarding future work that might need to be done where the fence would be in the way. Staff recommends that the fence follow the existing fence guidelines. Ms. Iarrobino explained that she did not realize the impact of the fencing regulations when she bought the house. She intended to build a gate across the driveway. The Village Board discussed options available in light

of possible utility placements. It was agreed to consult Village Attorney Diamond as to what type of agreement might be available that would include indemnification, insurance, etc. that indicate the rights for both parties. The Village Board would then like to see some examples of such agreements, if they would be available, by next month.

5. April 26, 2010 Village Board Meeting Agenda Review - #3 on Workshop Agenda

6. Village Manager Jones reviewed some items on the Consent Agenda which were primarily administrative in nature.

6J. Public Works Director Joe Caracci reported that the bid for tree removal came in less than expected and that the tree pruning for FY2009/10 came in under budget (about \$50,000 will be returned to the General Fund). Mr. Caracci mentioned several contracts that came in under budget for FY 2009/10. In response to questions, the Public Works Department has not investigated combining services such as mowing other Village governmental entities. Public Works does do much of the landscaping work in-house because of staff reductions. An analysis was done 2 years ago and the cost was found to be about the same so a decision was made to hire outside contractors. Mr. Caracci explained the difference between the bidding and the proposal processes used by Public Works.

6R. Chief Norton contacted 37 municipalities and Glen Ellyn parking violation fees are below most others. The fees are not designed to discourage shoppers, but to encourage merchants, their employees, and commuters to park in appropriate places so there is ample parking for shoppers. Chief Norton recalled that on-street parking limits were extended a few years ago and that the Village has a mediation officer who can make fee adjustments as needed. The department's enforcement officer is able to identify many vehicles who are daily/weekly offenders.

Staff members answered questions from the Village Board concerning various items including a of Civiltech's poor performance when dealing with a resident.

1. The FY2010/11 Village Budget is ready for Village Board approval. President Pfefferman reminded everyone that the Village Board agreed to prioritize items in the order that they should be restored. The Village Board decided at their last meeting that they would wait and see what happens as the fiscal year progresses. Items will be restored as money becomes available. The Village Board wants to send a positive message to the community. All contracts can be cancelled, reduced or modified. Discussions between Public Works, the Village Links and the Village Board can be brought up-to-date.

9. Chief Norton explained two ordinance changes to the Village Code. One ordinance would allow the Village to adjudicate specific violations of the Village Code. A hearing officer would hold hearings to listen to the public's statements/challenges to violations to the Village Code. The hearing officer could make a judgment and a recommendation to the Village as to possible changes concerning the violation. The second ordinance - the seizure of private property - concerns civil not criminal violations. In both ordinances, it is meant to be more convenient for the individual since hearings will be held in the evening. It is better for the Village since the Village keeps the entire fine. The Village tow lot would be to the Haggeraty lot. Staff had addressed questions at a previous meeting and recommends approval of the two changes to the Village Code.

Chief Norton answered questions regarding BASSET training and volunteers serving alcohol. Volunteers who serve alcohol at functions such as Couples Night Out are expected to undergo training and will be issued armbands that indicate they are allowed to serve alcohol.

10. Village Professional Engineer Bob Minix presented a final change order for 2009 Street Improvements Project which involved 1 ¾ miles of streets. Funds were allocated from Water, Sanitary Sewer and Capital Project Funds. The total amount of increases are: \$478,054 for John Neri Construction bringing the final total to \$2,857,334 and \$51,147 for Civiltech Engineering for a total of \$316,147. Mr. Minix explained that, although 2008 projects were under budget, the cost of the 2009 project was approximately 20% over budget. This was due primarily to additional curb and gutter; driveways; and triple the number of sidewalk squares replaced. Sod and sidewalk work often run more than anticipated, but usually there is money in the project to pay the additional cost. On this project, it was not the case. The decision was made in the field to perform the extra work with the understanding that the Village would not revisit the area for another 20 years. The Village Board expressed their dissatisfaction with Civiltech's performance on this project. Civiltech's decisions were questioned as were everyone's communications with the Village. Mr. Minix apologized for the lack of communication and assured the Board that Civiltech has performed to the Village's satisfaction in the past. The Village Board expressed a desire to learn about the increase in cost prior to this time.

6. Emerald Ash Borer Management Plan - #4 on Workshop Agenda

Village Forester Peggy Drescher presented details of the proposed Emerald Ash Borer Management Plan which was revised and approved by the Environmental Commission in September 2009. There are about 1900 ash trees in the Village at this time. Ms. Drescher contacted several municipalities to inquire about how they were dealing with the Emerald Ash Borer problem. Some are clear cutting whole areas while some are

doing nothing at all. Ms. Drescher is keeping a detailed list of the condition of the ash trees in Glen Ellyn. Those that are too close together or in poor form will be marked for removal. Ash trees do not like shade and should be planted at least 40' apart. Those trees with 30% woodpecker damage or that are 50% dead cannot be saved and should be removed; other trees may be able to resist the Emerald Ash Borer for a time if properly treated. Her suggestion is to remove 25 trees per year and treat 200 trees per year. Every resident that has an ash tree in their parkway will receive a letter notifying them that their tree will be evaluated. If the tree will be removed, it will be marked with a red "x." If a resident wants to fund treatment, they may do so by contacting Public Works for information. A cost share program might be possible, but is not available at this time. No EAB Management Plan ordinance is in place at this time. The Village Board asked that an ordinance to adopt the EAB Management Plan be ready for consideration at the first Village Board meeting in May.

7. Other Items? - #6 on Workshop Agenda

Arbor Day celebration with the Boy Scouts at Summerdale Roundabout at 9 a.m. on Saturday, April 24, 2010. All are invited.

Village Manager Jones announced that the space shuttle is scheduled to fly close to or over Glen Ellyn at 6:15 a.m. tomorrow morning. It may be fiery and there may be a sonic boom.

Trustee Cooper reminded the Village Board that the Recreation Commission will meet on Wednesday, April 21, at 7:30 p.m. and asked for a sense of the Board regarding decreasing revenue and the use of the facilities including the restaurant. The Recreation Commission is exploring using private contractors for the use of the restaurant and some of the other facilities. The Village Board agreed that he was conveying the correct feelings that they wish to preserve this Village asset. It was expressed that the Recreation Commission should go forward and make a recommendation to which the Village Board could react.

8. Adjournment - #7 on Workshop Agenda

At 10:10 p.m. Trustee Comerford moved and Trustee Henninger seconded a motion to adjourn to Executive Session for purposes of discussing threatened or pending litigation, and the review and approval of Executive Session minutes, adjourning thereafter without returning to open session.

Submitted by:

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Village Clerk