

Minutes
Regular Village Board Workshop
Glen Ellyn Village Board of Trustees
May 24, 2010

Time of Meeting: 7:00 P.M.

Present: President Pfefferman; Trustees Comerford, Hartweg, Thorsell, Henninger; Village Clerk Connors; Attorney Krafthefer for Village Attorney Diamond. Trustee Ladesic arrived at 7:35. Trustee Cooper was excused. Staff present: Village Manager Jones, Schrader, Hulseberg, Norton, Noller, Minix.

1. Call to Order

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

2. Public Comments?

Deferred to later in the meeting if time allows.

3. Further Meeting Enhancements

The Village Board discussed a reduction in the number of newspaper articles especially those about different municipalities that are included in the Friday Information Packet. It was suggested that if information in the articles concern items that may be brought before a Village Board meeting, the articles should be separated from the FIP and printed and distributed or if short article, sent via e-mail.

At all 3rd Monday Workshops the Village has more time for public comment. The Workshops on the 2nd and 4th Mondays have a time constraint and in order to address everything, it was suggested that public comments on new topics should be at the end of the agenda and taken as time allows. The Village Board favored hearing non-agenda public comments at the beginning of the Village Board meetings and not during the pre-Board Workshops on the 2nd and 4th Mondays of the month.

President Pfefferman announced that the Village's Multimedia Specialist John Norton will be preparing a report, but as of now, it does not appear that it will be possible to properly televise the Village Board without using the dais. The question is whether residents prefer having the Workshops televised or whether they hesitate to speak in front of cameras and if televising workshops is necessary for transparency.

The Village Board discussed various options including a better seating arrangement for the 3rd Mondays' meetings; rules of engagement – speaking into microphones and

speaking up. John Norton will be asked to include points of microphone etiquette with his report.

Commissions have expressed appreciation of Trustee liaison roles, but have a desire to meet with the Village Board no more than once a year. President Pfefferman asked for ideas about being more proactive in the future. Could time be set aside during the first 30 minutes of the third Monday's Workshop meeting.

4. Hill Avenue Bridge

Village Manager Jones presented a background and update regarding the Village of Lombard request that Glen Ellyn participate in 50% of the cost to rehabilitate the Hill Avenue bridge. In the fall of 2009, Lombard asked if the Village of Glen Ellyn would participate. The total cost for the Village to participate is estimated to be about \$300,000. The Village of Glen Ellyn approached school districts 41 and 87 to request their assistance with a portion of the cost. Both districts declined to participate. Five area businesses along Hill Avenue were contacted – four were not responsive, one business would be interested in making a cash contribution after annexation to Glen Ellyn. Glen Oak Country Club is not interested in participating. Manager Jones then detailed the pros and cons given the rate of return based on property taxes to the Village of Glen Ellyn. Police Chief answered questions regarding possible traffic impact. The Village Board suggested asking for input via E-Blast, but information shows that although about 1,000 are sent out, only about 400 are opened. Administrative Analyst Schrader was asked to obtain public feed-back by any means she deemed appropriate.

5. Core Services Project Discussion

Village Manager Jones explained this report was prepared to show what the Village does on a day-to-day basis. Originally it was intended to help in putting together the FY2010/11 budget. It could also be used to determine what the essential duties necessary to the residents are, and what will be important to the strategic plan. Over 400 separate items done as a staff/team were identified and ranked as to what was most important as a core, but may not be essential. The Village Board was asked to identify in one of three ways everything that was done: life safety, essential, or important. A list was created using a weighted average technique. Manager Jones divided the list into essential and non-essential (mostly needs vs. wants). Manager Jones broke the list into 2/3-1/3 and highlighted in blue non-core items. The Village needs to fund core services and needs to determine what they are; this list was intended to assist in the process. Some items have direct costs, but some do not. This is a value judgment. This can be very difficult. The Recreation Department could probably be taken off the list since it is an Enterprise Fund. Department Managers have reviewed the list and made their comments. Village Board evaluation is the next step.

6. Downtown Strategic Plan Implementation

Deferred to a future meeting

7. Other Items?

None

8. Adjournment

At 7:59 p.m. the meeting was adjourned to the Regular Village Board Meeting in the Galligan Board Room.

Submitted by:

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