

Minutes
Regular Village Board Workshop
Glen Ellyn Village Board of Trustees
June 21, 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, Batek, Hulseberg, Norton, Caracci, 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. Storm Update

Village Manager Jones began by recalling that at approximately 4 p.m. on Friday, June 18, 2010, 70 m.p.h. winds accompanied a thunderstorm in Glen Ellyn that left about 1,200 residents without power. Approximately 100-200 residents were near the Taylor underpass. The ComEd map of outages report to the Village was delayed. There were numerous street closures from fallen trees that could not be removed until ComEd cut the power to those trees. ComEd concentrated first on restoring power to hospitals, water distribution, and other public safety areas.

Police Chief Norton commented that the Emergency Operation Center was set in motion to patrol dangerous and closed areas. It was also a very busy time for the department with other duties. He gave a few examples. For his department, this was the worst communication situation from ComEd they have ever experienced. Public Works and the Fire and Police Departments seemed to be able to keep up with what they had to do - ComEd seemed to be the only entity that was overwhelmed and unable to keep up. There were hours without communication from ComEd to the Village. This was not a disaster from the Village's point of view.

Public Works Director Joe Caracci explained the department's procedure for clearing roads. They barricaded and set up detours until ComEd shut off power to wires entangled in downed branches/trees. If brush is near a ComEd line, Public Works does not touch it. There were two Public Works crews working north and south from Hill Avenue. Public Works contacts ComEd if they see a line down.

At the Village's meeting with ComEd today, the Village was told that ComEd attempted to respond within 6-8 hours in a situation such as Friday. This did not happen and ComEd was informed of the Village's displeasure.

The Village Board acknowledged the assistance of Building Inspector Mike Morange in getting the Taylor Street underpass powered up during the outage there. In addition, the Village Board recognized the efforts of the members of the Police Department, Fire Department and Public Works Department.

3. Public Comments?

None

4. June 28, 2010 Village Board Meeting Agenda Review

6D. Due to the collapse of the recycling market, the cost to residents for solid waste collection will increase 5% as of August 1, 2010. In the past, income from recycling had been used to subsidize/ off-set some of the cost of solid waste. This is no longer the case.

6E. The ordinance concerning the change of the name of 22nd Street to Fawell Boulevard will be removed from the Consent Agenda and placed as a regular item on the June 28, 2010 meeting agenda. This formal process is necessary because DuPage County does not recognize 22nd Street as Fawell Boulevard.

6F. The Village Board will consider a time extension of the expiration date for lot coverage ratio, setbacks, and project class variations for the property at 450 Phillips. These extensions are not yet approved administratively, but still brought before the Village Board.

6G. There was no discussion regarding Amending the Budget to provide funds for various additional expenditures for the balancing of funds.

6H. There was no discussion regarding Amending the Budget to provide funds for prior year encumbrances and capital improvements.

7. Planning and Development Director Hulseberg presented information regarding a request by Advanced Cosmetics Spa at 557 Pennsylvania to erect a wall sign on the building they occupy just west of Park. The wall sign would be about the same size as the other two signs for businesses in the building. Usually only one sign would be allowed, but three different businesses occupy the building.

5. Potential Tree Replacement Cost Share Program

Public Works Director Joe Caracci presented information on various proposed Village tree cost programs. Since the tree replacement program is underfunded, about 250 trees have been removed and not replaced. The fall 2009 and spring 2010 plantings have been bypassed. He outlined four possible solutions: a Village funded replacement program; a 50/50 cost share replacement program; a resident fund replacement program; and a conservancy/donation program. The Village funded program requires 100% of the cost paid by the Village (current program); the 50/50 cost share program would ease the Village's budget burden, but residents may not want to participate; the resident funded program would only save the actual cost of the tree, but the Village would incur the cost to purchase, bill, and plant the tree, but once again residents may not want to participate. The downfall of a total conservancy program is that the program lacks resident participation. A number of options were presented, but the recommendation would be a combination of a 50/50 resident funded program and a new donation program. One time donations or on-going donations billed on the water bill was the first option. The 50/50 program would allow a resident to partially pay for a requested tree in front of their house as long as space was available. A downfall to the recommendation would be that if someone does not participate in the 50/50 portion, they may have to wait longer to have a tree planted in their parkway. To replace the 250 trees originally mentioned at the beginning of the presentation would cost about \$75,000. An amount to replace trees, to fill in all gaps due to existing space and removals in the future, would be about \$84,000 per year.

Village Forester Peggy Drescher explained that if residents purchase and plant trees themselves, they usually pay more for the tree; it was difficult to determine what is the right location for that particular tree; and whether there was enough room for the tree the resident chose. In addition, for proper planting time, there are only a few weeks in March to accomplish all that needs to be done. In response to questions, Director Caracci explained how fines for forestry violations were spent. There are about 15,500 parkway trees in Glen Ellyn.

If the Village Board approves the recommendation, Public Works would generate a list and begin to prepare for a fall 2010 planting depending on resident participation. The final plan will be brought to the Village Board for approval.

6. Other Items?

Trustee Comerford announced that the Bookstore celebrated its 50th anniversary by sponsoring a read-a-thon where teams were assembled and pledged to read at least 50 hours during the week to raise funds for the Glen Ellyn Children's Resource Center. The Village Board assembled a team including Polly Cooper and is still doing a final audit. It appears that they raised \$520 pledges. He thanked his fellow Board members for their participation.

7. Adjournment

At 8:34 p.m. Trustee Henninger moved and Trustee Cooper seconded a motion to adjourn to Executive Session for the purpose of discussing threatened or pending litigation, adjourning thereafter without returning to open session. All voted "Aye." Meeting adjourned.

Submitted by:

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Village Clerk