

**Minutes
Regular Village Board Workshop
Glen Ellyn Village Board of Trustees
December 6, 2010**

Time of Meeting: 7:25 p.m. Following Special Village Board Meeting

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

Call to Order

President Pfefferman called the Board Workshop to order at 7:25 P.M. with a roll call. Trustees Comerford, Cooper, Hartweg, Thorsell, Ladesic, and Henninger responded "Here."

Public Comments

The Village's first five-year financial forecast is scheduled for review by the Financial Commission on December 10 in Room 301 at 7 a.m. The meeting is open to the public.

December 6, 2010 Village Board Meeting Agenda Review

6c. Village Manager Jones discussed the acceptance of the improvements and bill of sale of the Prairie Arbor Subdivision.

6d. Village Manager Jones presented the acceptance of public improvements and bill of sale of the Glen Ellyn Crossings Shopping Center at the southwest corner of Roosevelt Road and Nicoll Way.

6e. The Village President is recommending the appointment of Lionel Whiston to the Plan Commission for a term ending December 31, 2013.

7. Second reading of the property tax levy and assessment of taxes for the Village of Glen Ellyn and the Glen Ellyn Library which was presented by Acting Finance Director Noller and discussed in depth at the time of the first reading. The public is invited to contact either the Village Manager or Acting Finance Director with questions.

8. Acting Finance Director Noller presented information regarding abating taxes for the 2010 year. The abatement relates to the \$3 million in Build America bonds issued on behalf of the Library last year. The bonds include a 35% Federal credit of the interest - the amount is \$45,122.12. This amount goes back into debt service fund to cover part of the payment due on the bonds.

9. Acting Finance Director Noller presented information on abatement of tax relating to the renovation of the Village Links golf course. The bonds were originally sold in 2003, but refinanced in 2010 at lower interest with Village bonds. The Village Links amount that was included in the 2010 refunding that is being returned to the Village is \$335,049.84. This is the 9th of 20 planned abatements to cover the Village Links.

10. Acting Finance Director Noller presented information regarding the five Special Service Areas – one in the Central Business District, three on Roosevelt Road, and one at Stacy's Corners. These SSA areas provide funding for the Economic Development Corporation. The Village is proposing a rate increase from 12½ ¢ to 15¢ per \$100 assessed valuation. The Village anticipates the assessed valuation may increase by 5% or slightly less. Examples were given showing the amount of dollar increase based on the rate increase for different assessed valuations. Discussion followed regarding the amount paid by the downtown SSA and allocation of SSA funds (specifically using Roosevelt Road SSA collection to fund downtown activities).

Janet Availa, 477 N. Main, and a member of the Downtown Organization, spoke about needing funding for the new Downtown Organization, but the organization has not yet come to a final determination. She was thanked for submitting their estimated budget. Neil Dishman, 396 Prospect, and president of the EDC board, spoke about what the EDC wants to do with the monies from the Village. He explained SSA funds go directly into the EDC operations.

Diane McGinley, 293 Abbottsford Ct., questioned the EDC representatives regarding the amount of grant monies issued in the last year. She was referred to the EDC's 2009 financial report that is posted on their website for exact numbers. The EDC director also offered to answer additional questions if she called the EDC office.

Following Village Board discussion, it was agreed that the SSA should remain at 12½¢. The next question was whether the Village Board wanted to indicate where they wanted to allocate the approximately \$55,000.

Carol White, 286 N. Park, and the temporary executive director of the Downtown Organization, commented that the past event was most successful. Dues requests have been sent out and responses have been coming in. Past dues have been \$250 per year and they usually average about 60 members.

The Village Board suggests that representatives of the Downtown Organization and the EDC meet with Village representatives to adopt a process to determine how the SSA monies are going to be allocated with the understanding that nothing will be final until the FY 2010/11 budget is approved.

Paramedic Service Evaluation

Village Manager Jones presented an overall history of ambulance/paramedic services in the Village. The process was examined in 2008 when it became apparent that the 1½ ambulances were not sufficient since the City of Wheaton was answering many of Glen Ellyn's calls. Wheaton indicated they did not want to respond to the Village of Glen Ellyn's mutual aid calls for paramedic services. An RFP was put out for the Village to manage its own service and three responses were received. Acting Finance Director Noller explained the analysis of current service from June 15, 2009 – June 14, 2010. There were approximately 1,500 calls generating \$1.5 million in charges. Of the \$1.5 million, not all can be collected because Medicare and Medicaid pay a reduced amount (53% of Glen Ellyn calls) and that must be written off as well as fees for some accounts that go to collections. Because of these collection amounts, expenses are approximately \$1.82 million. The net cost to the Village is approximately \$320,848. Monthly collections for the current fiscal year were presented. It is estimated that if collections continue as they have this fiscal year, they will be about \$70,000 below the current FY. Discussion followed regarding collection reporting and practices, mutual aid and overall calls answered, and the need for clarification of previous estimates of the cost of the service.

Diane McGinley, 293 Abbotsford Court, spoke about what appeared daily write-offs and that the write-offs are for Glen Ellyn residents. She will provide a copy of a memo indicating that Glen Ellyn residents' bill will not be sent to collection for non-payment. She also asked about increase in expenses exceeding revenue by year 4.

Other Items?

President Pfefferman announced that the Village is in the process of looking for a Finance Director and an interim Village Manager. Part of the process may depend on hiring a professional search firm to assist the Village Board.

Adjournment

At 9:10 p.m., Trustee Henninger moved and Trustee Cooper seconded a motion to adjourn. Upon a roll call, all voted "Aye." Meeting adjourned.

Submitted by:

Suzanne R. Connors,
Village Clerk