

**Minutes
Regular Village Board Workshop
Glen Ellyn Village Board of Trustees
January 17, 2011**

Time of Meeting: 7:00 p.m.

Present: President Pfefferman; Trustees Comerford, Hartweg, Ladesic, and Thorsell; Village Clerk Connors. Trustees Henninger and Cooper were excused.
Staff present: Interim Village Manager Burghard, Schrader, Hulseberg, Noller, Perrigo.

1. Call to Order

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

2. Public Comments

President Pfefferman encouraged all residents to take time to vote for the steam engine to make a stop in Glen Ellyn on its way from Iowa. Today is the last day to vote. To cast a vote, go to the Village website which will provide the link.

Carol White, Temporary Executive Director of the Temporary Downtown Glen Ellyn Alliance, spoke about the Spa Hop scheduled for Tuesday, February 8, from 9 a.m. until 6 p.m. Eleven Glen Ellyn spas are participating. Further information is available on the downtownglenellyn.com website.

3. Fire Sprinkler Discussion

Planning and Development Director Staci Hulseberg gave background information regarding proposed fire sprinkler regulations. In 1997 the Village began to evaluate the need for fire sprinklers in single-family homes. This evaluation concluded in 2001 with the adoption of detailed regulations effective in 2002. She explained the current Village Code that followed is based on the International Fire Code. The Village adopted the International Fire Code of 2009 and amended it in October 2010 to include the Village's sprinkler requirements which had been in place. A concern was expressed that \$200,000 in hard costs for the remodeled area was too low and that the amount should be raised. The Building Board of Appeals recommended the proposed amendment be \$300,000 in hard costs for just the remodeled area. Ms. Hulseberg gave examples of non-hard costs and surveys found that no recent remodeling projects in the Village would have exceeded the \$200,000 in hard costs. Four insurance companies in Glen Ellyn were contacted

regarding possible premium increases due to water damage, but none indicated that there would be an increase. Based on all information gathered, it is recommended that sprinklers be required only in the remodeled area of the home up to \$300,000 in hard costs. Once hard costs exceed \$300,000, sprinklers be required throughout the entire home.

Jay Simonize, BF Studio, spoke about the insurance coverage depending on the quality of the insurance policy's fine print.

Volunteer Fire Chief Raffensparger spoke in favor of fire sprinklers and the amount of water necessary to extinguish a fire – sprinklers vs fire department hose

Ret. Volunteer Fire Chief Stone spoke in favor of keeping the hard costs at \$200,000

Ken Kloss, 350 Ridgewood, spoke against sprinklers because possible mold remediation and long list of recalls

Chris Clark, Fire Marshall, Volunteer Fire Company, spoke regarding the size of water service for sprinkler systems and in favor of sprinkler systems.

Mark Simon, 690 Grand, spoke about the cost that was more than anticipated and a one time incident when a sprinkler did a lot of damage

John Wachter, 670 Kenilworth, spoke against sprinklers asking how many remodeling projects are over or under the \$200,000 and how often the fire department has to pull a hose into a residence.

Jamie Simoneit, 722 Hillside, spoke in favor of raising the hard costs to \$300,000, but thought it should include the cost of labor.

Robert Friedberg, 641 Pleasant, spoke in favor of increasing the hard costs to \$300,000.

After discussion and questions by the Village Board, it was agreed that staff would prepare an ordinance incorporating suggested changes for the January 24, 2011 meeting.

4. January 24, 2011 Village Board Meeting Agenda Review

7a. Staci Hulseberg, Planning and Development Director, presented information concerning homeowner request for variations for a gazebo, outdoor fireplace and a patio at their property at the NW corner of Scott & Oxford (980 Oxford). At their meeting on November 23, 2010, the Zoning Board of Appeals by a vote of 6 yes and 1 no, recommended approval. The Village Board was in favor.

8a. Joe Kvapil, Building and Zoning Official, presented information regarding a homeowner request for two variations at their property at 538 Prince Edward. They wish to construct a one-story addition which exceeds the lot coverage ratio and rear yard set back. At their meeting on December 14, 2010, the Zoning Board of Appeals unanimously recommended approval. The Village Board was in favor.

9a. Interim Public Works Director Jeff Perrigo presented information concerning a possible community development block grant available in the amount of \$570,000. The grant would assist in a project to relieve flooding by installing catch basins, storm sewers, and inlets in the Braeside Area. The Braeside Subdivision is north of Roosevelt Road

and east of I-355. This is in response to extensive flooding in 2008. The application is due January 31, 2011. Two resolutions necessary to complete the application will be prepared for the next Village Board meeting.

5. General Fund Update

Acting Finance Director Larry Noller gave a brief overview of the General Fund status. In the past two weeks he has been meeting with departments discussing the General Fund. The General Fund is one of 14 Village funds, but provides most of the services. Thus far for FY 10/11, revenues and expenses are very close to being on budget. Expenses are about 3% below budget for the third quarter. Overall, with the goal of balancing the budget this fiscal year, some items may have to be deferred. It is anticipated that a draft of the FY 11/12 budget will be ready for Village Board review by March 7 and that most of March 2 will be spent in budget review. The first Special Village Board Workshop is scheduled for March 7. Mr. Noller explained that the Special Programs Fund will be changed this year. At the recommendation of the Finance Committee last year, the Special Programs Fund will be merged with the General Fund. The Finance Committee thought the merger would be more efficient and allow the Village Board more time to concentrate on other parts of the budget. The Special Funds workshop will be eliminated and instead Special Funds will be considered with the General Fund. What would normally be the workshop for Special Funds will be a workshop set aside for other budget items such as water/sewer, refuse, and enterprise funds. Mr. Noller presented the preliminary budget meeting calendar. A second round of meetings with department managers will begin in the next week.

6. Other Items?

None

7. Adjournment

At 8:44 p.m., Trustee Comerford moved and Trustee Ladesic seconded a motion to adjourn to executive session for purposes of discussing the appointment, employment, compensation, discipline, performance, or dismissal of specific employees of the public body, adjournment thereafter without returning to open session. All voted "Aye." Meeting adjourned.

Submitted by:

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Village Clerk