

Minutes
Regular Village Board Workshop
Glen Ellyn Village Board of Trustees
February 14, 2011

Time of Meeting: 7:00 p.m.

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

1. Call to Order

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

2. Blizzard Recap

President Pfefferman introduced Interim Public Works Director Perrigo who presented a recap and analysis of the snow storm life cycle beginning January 31, 2011. He showed the effects of the storm including the white out conditions due to the high winds, gave the plowing sequence by Public Works operations, and the number of telephone calls (262) as well as the reasons for the calls and the locations where the calls originated. Plow drivers worked 12 hours on and 12 hours off. Some office personnel worked overnight Tuesday into Wednesday while others arrived by 4:30 a.m. Wednesday. Six staff were picked up by plow and brought to work. Mr. Perrigo provided Public Work's detailed response times and the results throughout the Village including the central business district and parking facilities (all functioning within 24 hours). Secondary streets were functioning within 48 hours. He provided the reasons for the success and some suggestions for future considerations for improvements. Schools requested assistance clearing key nearby sidewalks.

The total cost of storm has not been determined as yet, but the estimated cost of labor (\$32,000), salt (\$23,500), hauling (\$22,500) and fuel (\$2,500) is \$80,500. It is possible that the Village will be eligible for reimbursement through the DuPage Office of Emergency Management for approximately \$60,000. The snow removal cost will be applied to this current fiscal year. He showed the total impact of snow removal of this blizzard on the that portion of the budget.

President Pfefferman thanked the Public Works, Police, and Administration Departments for the effort extended. Village Board members mentioned compliments they received for a job well done and made suggestion for additional clean up areas.

Planning and Development Director Hulseberg reported that there were no reports of building damage due to the weight of the snow from this storm.

Police Chief Norton reported that during the storm, they used 2-man vehicles because it took longer for back-up to show up and spent a lot of time helping push cars out of snowdrifts. John Perkins came into the station and slept on the floor at the Civic Center; Sgt. Jim King and Deputy Chief Bill Holmer helped clear the Civic Center parking lot. Sgt Baki picked up and took home employees so that they would be able to get to work. There were 80 calls for help on Tuesday and Wednesday. It was so bad Tuesday night some roads needed to be closed. There was only one reported power outage. Rick Perez stayed in town and walked to work. The Police Department worked with schools to clear cross walks around the school so children would not walk in the streets and with the Public Works Department to clear the downtown.

Diane McGinley, 293 Abbotsford, asked if the Police Department could assist Public Works Department clear sidewalks around schools. Chief Norton first mentioned the wonderful job the group hired by the Temporary Downtown Organization did clearing the downtown sidewalks. Staci Hulseberg explained that this group charges a nominal fee and is paid by donations from business and property owners. Chief Norton continued that the blizzard was an unusual event, but on a regular basis, the schools should consider taking some responsibility to go beyond their boundaries to clear snow if they think it is necessary. The Police Department received very few calls following the storm on Thursday.

Village Links Director Matt Pekarek offered what little staff he had to the snow removal effort.

President Pfefferman and the Village Board offered thanks to the Police Department for their efforts.

3. Other Items?

None.

4. Adjournment

At 7:54p.m., the Workshop meeting adjourned to reconvene at 8:00 p.m. for the Regular Village Board Meeting in the Galligan Board Room. Meeting adjourned.

Submitted by:

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Village Clerk