

**Minutes
Regular Village Board Workshop
Glen Ellyn Village Board of Trustees
November 21, 2011**

Time of Meeting: 7:00 p.m.

Present: President Pfefferman; Trustees Hartweg, Ladesic, Henninger, Cooper, and Friedberg; Trustee McGinley arrived at 7:05 p.m. Village Clerk Connors. Village Attorney Diamond. Staff present: Village Manager Franz, Assistant to the Village Manager-Admin. Schrader, Interim Public Works Director Perrigo, Police Chief Norton, Finance Director Wachtel, Planning and Development Director Hulseberg, Assistant Finance Director Noller.

1. Call to Order

President Pfefferman called the Board Workshop to order at 7:00 p.m. with a roll call. Trustees Hartweg, Henninger, Cooper, Ladesic, and Friedberg, responded "Here." Trustee McGinley arrived at 7:05 p.m.

2. Public Comments

President Pfefferman displayed a plaque and read a letter the Village received from FEMA acknowledging the Village's Class 8 rating as part of their Community Rating System. The FEMA system is similar to the ISO rating received by the Fire Company rating. This allows reduced flood insurance premiums for Glen Ellyn residents. The letter and plaque were presented by President Pfefferman to Director Hulseberg for the Planning and Development's excellent work.

3. College of DuPage Discussion

President Pfefferman gave a recap of the November 8 court decision in layman's terms. He explained that Trustees Cooper and Henninger attended a College of DuPage Trustee Board meeting and invited the COD Board to come tonight, but they responded that they would not be able to do so on such short notice. He then reviewed the proposed Village of Glen Ellyn agenda if the two boards were able to meet and highlighted parts of the Village's Policy Statement.

President Pfefferman assessed the 2007 and 2011 Intergovernmental Agreements and the reasons for the Village Board's preference for the 2007 IGA which had been used for three years. The 2007 IGA agreement would also pass the court's three part test. He explained the strong partnership between COD and the Village until 2009. Also, that

COD had expressed a desire to disconnect from the Village, but the Village would not aid COD in that action.

Looking ahead, the Village will continue to meet its obligations. The Village expects building inspection fees that were agreed between COD and the Village to be paid. The liquor licenses for the Culinary Hospitality Center need to be picked up since they are ready. It is the Village's hope that an agreement can be reached and the units of government can move forward to get positive results.

4. Chicago/DuPage Water Commission Rate Discussion

Finance Director Kevin Wachtel introduced DuPage Water Commission General Manager John Spatz, Jr. who spoke about the Water Commission's response to the City of Chicago's recently announced water rate increase. The DWC had a sit-down meeting with Mayor Emanuel to express their dissatisfaction with the amount of the increase that goes into effect January 2012. He explained the terms of the agreement between the City and the DWC and the graduated percentage amounts the DWC charges the suburbs over what the City charges the DWC. The amount the City charges DWC can be used for any City purpose they choose and the percentage added by the DWC is used to operate the DWC system. The current contract runs until 2024 with an option for an additional 4 years.

Director Wachtel discussed the cost of the increase to the Village budget. He gave a number of alternatives available. He presented the amount of increase in dollars for each option based on 6,000 gallons per month usage. Assistant Finance Director Noller explained that based on the amount of the increase, the 3% increase from the FY11/12 budget is no longer accurate. The Village Board asked for a detailed comparison of what the DWC pays, what a Chicago customer pays, what a Glen Ellyn resident pays, and other models based on this evening's discussion. The Village attempts to retain 25% in reserves in the Water/Sewer Fund. The Village Board discussed reserves, variables, and the amount of the water rate increase that must be charged. The majority of the Village Board agreed that the increase should begin in January 2012.

5. Municipal Electric Aggregation

Assistant to the Village Manager-Admin. Kristen Schrader presented background information concerning electric aggregation which has been made possible due to deregulation. Twenty-three firms can provide electrical power using ComEd infrastructure. The Illinois Power Agency (IPA) buys electricity on the open market and sells it at a lower rate than what ComEd charges. She explained there are two ways for a municipality to offer the program to residents: "opt-in" or "opt-out." The advantages and disadvantages, the starting dates, and the savings for each program were discussed.

Leonore Neary, 697 Oak, Environmental Commission Chairman, spoke about supporting renewable energy and supporting the opt-in program.

The Village Board understood that it would be possible to recommend the “opt-in” program now and have a referendum for the “opt-out” program next year. It was agreed to recommend the “opt-in” program at this time.

6. 825 N. Main Street Property Presentation

Planning and Development Director Staci Hulseberg presented an update of the property. The building and other structures were demolished and the IEPA has provided the Village with a remediation letter. The property is now for sale. PPK Architects developed seven concept plans and an adjacent owner is interested in developing the property. The Plan Commission has reviewed the plans.

Staff recommends an RFP for development options for 825 N. Main alone and another for 825 and 817 together, but with minimum variations for the C2 Zoning District standards. Discussion followed regarding the sign for the property and possible uses under the C2 zoning. Additional information can be considered at a future meeting including what should be included in the RFP. A draft RFP will be put together for Village Board review.

7. Other Items?

President Pfefferman asked if there were any other items to come before the Village Board. Trustee Henninger indicated that the Finance Committee may make a recommendation that may have to be acted upon at the December 12, 2011 Village Board meeting. The material will be coming to Village Manager Mark Franz for distribution to the Village Board at the last moment. No one from the public indicated they had any items to present.

8. Adjournment

At 10:30 p.m., Trustee Cooper moved and Trustee Henninger seconded a motion to adjourn to Executive Session for the purpose of discussing threatened or pending litigation, adjourning thereafter without returning to open session. Upon roll call, all voted “Aye.” Meeting adjourned.

Submitted by:

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Village Clerk