

Minutes
Regular Village Board Workshop
Glen Ellyn Village Board of Trustees
June 18, 2012

Time of Meeting: 7:00 p.m.

Present: President Pfefferman; Trustees Hartweg, Cooper, McGinley, Friedberg, Ladesic, Henninger; Village Clerk Connors. Staff present: Village Manager Franz, Assistant to the Village Manager Schrader, Police Chief Norton and Administration Intern Strong.

1. Call to Order

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

2. Jazz in Glen Ellyn

Chamber of Commerce Co-Director Mike Formento spoke about the various aspects of the Jazz in Glen Ellyn planned for July 14 from 3p.m. to 10 p.m. Co-Director Georgia Koch spoke giving a list and the credentials of the performers who would be appearing at the Fest. Mr. Formento reported that Wheaton Nursery has contracted for the landscaping; food and beverage vendors have agreed to provide a variety of refreshments; and a production company has been hired to assist with lights and sound and other vendors as necessary. Chamber member will volunteer for all the tasks that need to be done, but if anyone wishes to help, please call the Chamber office.

3. Municipal Electric Aggregation

Assistant to the Village Manager-Admin. Schrader introduced Sharon Durling with Northern Illinois Municipal Electric Collaborative (NIMEC) who will be presenting new information concerning municipal electric aggregation. The Village Board had discussed the subject in November 2011 and May 2012 and the item is being brought back for Village Board consideration.

Ms. Durling gave NIMEC's background and explained electric deregulation. She described legislative changes and billing if residents have electricity provided by someone other than ComEd. The Village can bid for power cost for residents and small businesses unless those residents/small business owners opt-out and choose to stay with another electrical provider.

According to Ms. Durling, NIMEC has managed 50% of aggregations in the Chicago area. They have experience presenting bids for the best rates. After the Village signs a contract with another supplier, if the ComEd rate goes below that supplier's rate, the Village can be released to return to ComEd if it so desires. She explained the process the Village must follow to be able to go to bid, and presented the wording that would have to be used for a referendum.

In response to questions, the Village could combine with other municipalities, but most towns do not need to combine to receive a good rate. It is estimated that residents would save about \$420 per year per household based on the average residential footprint. The Illinois Commerce Commission has set up the pluginillinois.org website the public can use for information.

Jeff Gahris of Cool Cities Coalition asked if NIMEC found that people used more electricity when the rates were lower and whether "green" energy was considered. Usage did not seem to increase.

Assistant Schrader outlined the options available to the Village Board including the referendum process. Village Board discussion indicated that all were in favor of going ahead with aggregation, attempting to have a referenda on the November 2012 ballot, and using a consultant. It was understood that the commitment for the number of years of the contract and "green" requirements could be made after the bids were returned or at any time prior as the bids were being prepared.

Adam Kreuzer of the Environmental Commission will present tonight's information to the Environmental Commission at their next meeting so that they can make their recommendation to the Village Board.

4. Other Items?

There were no other items presented to the Village Board.

5. Adjournment

At 8:35p.m., Trustee Hartweg moved and Trustee Henninger seconded a motion to adjourn. All voted "Aye." Meeting adjourned.

Submitted by:

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Village Clerk