

**Minutes  
Village Board Workshop  
Glen Ellyn Village Board of Trustees  
October 8, 2012**

Time of Meeting: 7:00 p.m.

Present: President Pfefferman; Trustees Cooper, Hartweg, Henninger, Ladesic and McGinley. Deputy Village Clerk Solomon; Attorney Diamond; Staff present: Acting Village Manager Schrader, Police Chief Norton, Planning and Development Director Hulseberg and Economic Development Coordinator Corner.

**1. Call to Order**

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

**2. Elected Officials Discussion**

Trustee Henninger led a discussion around future Village President pay, term limits and a recall process for Elected Officials.

Trustee Henninger said in observing Village President Pfefferman and the enormous amount of time Village President Pfefferman puts into the position, Trustee Henninger thinks future Village Presidents should have a bigger salary as an acknowledgment of the time commitment to the position. Trustee Cooper agreed with this and would like to see former Village Presidents get together to discuss this salary question. Trustee McGinley said that every Village President is different and where Village President Pfefferman has made the role very visible, other Village Presidents may not put much time into the position. Trustee McGinley said the Village President is a voluntary role, as well as the Village Trustees, and the salary should remain the same. Village President Pfefferman said for future Village Presidents, an expense account for legitimate expenses might be a good thought instead of a salary bump. Attorney Diamond reminded the Village Board that if they want to take action on this, the decision needs to be 180 days before the term begins.

Trustee Henninger said he wondered if there should be a policy in place for term limits on the Village Board positions. Attorney Diamond said term limits can only be instituted by referendum. Some of the Trustees thought 1 term was good while other Trustees thought 2 terms are fine as a Trustee can then follow-up on plans made in the 1<sup>st</sup> term; however, all agreed a referendum is not needed at this time.

Trustee Henninger said that due to observances in another community, he thinks the Village Board should possibly explore putting legislation in place to possibly recall an Elected Official. Attorney Diamond said the methodology is available, and in another community, the Board passed an ordinance that would allow a citizen-created referendum to recall a particular Trustee. Trustee Cooper agreed with the process Attorney Diamond described. Trustee McGinley said there should be a process in place as you do not know what might happen.

### **3. Public Hearing: Electrical Aggregation**

At 7:30 p.m., Trustee Cooper moved and Trustee Hartweg seconded the motion to open the Public Hearing to receive comment on the Plan of Operation and Governance for the Village's proposed Electricity Aggregation Program. All voted "Aye."

Acting Village Manager Schrader said at the July 23, 2012 Village Board Meeting, the Village Board approved an ordinance allowing the Village to place the municipal aggregation referendum on the November 6, 2012 ballot. The Village has scheduled 2 public hearings to receive feedback from the residents on the Village's Draft Plan of Operation and Governance. She said the plan can also be found on the Village's website.

Dave Hoover, Executive Director of Northern Illinois Municipal Electric Collaborative (NIMEC), gave a short presentation on aggregation and the Village's Draft Plan of Operation and Governance. Some highlights from the draft Plan include terms, power mix, rate guarantee, billing, new accounts, moving accounts and no early termination fees. He said the average savings is 25 to 40% and about \$150 to \$300 annually.

A resident asked about the opt out period to which Mr. Hoover said residents have about a month period where they can opt out. A resident asked how the Village Board will choose a supplier to which Mr. Hoover said NIMEC will summarize the bids and give background on the bidders. A resident asked what happens at the end of the contract term to which Mr. Hoover said the referendum authorizes the Village Board to go back to NIMEC at the end of the contract and get more bids if they choose. A resident asked about ComEd's smart meter to which Mr. Hoover said this is separate from the aggregation as this is unique to ComEd. A resident asked how many companies are approved to sell power in Illinois to which Mr. Hoover said there are about 45 companies. A resident asked what the cost was to the Village to which Mr. Hoover said there are some legal fees, but NIMEC is compensated by the power suppliers. A resident asked if there are penalty fees if a resident chooses to go back to ComEd to which Mr. Hoover said there is not.

Mr. Hoover encouraged the residents to go to [www.pluginillinois.org](http://www.pluginillinois.org) which is the Illinois Commerce Commission's (ICC) website and contains information about electrical aggregation and a comparison of choices

At 8:05 p.m., Trustee Cooper moved and Trustee Hartweg seconded the motion to close the Public Hearing to receive comment on the Plan of Operation and Governance for the Village's proposed Electricity Aggregation Program. All voted "Aye."

### **4. Board & Commission Discussion**

Due to the time, this subject will be discussed at a future meeting.

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## **5. Adjournment**

At 8:05 p.m., Trustee Hartweg moved and Trustee McGinley seconded the motion to adjourn to the regular Village Board Meeting in the Galligan Board Room. All voted “Aye.” Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Debbie Solomon,  
Deputy Village Clerk

Reviewed by,  
Patti Underhill  
Acting Village Clerk