

**Minutes
Village Board Workshop
Glen Ellyn Village Board of Trustees
October 22, 2012**

Time of Meeting: 7:00 p.m.

Present: President Pfefferman; Trustees Cooper, Friedberg, Hartweg and Ladesic. Deputy Village Clerk Solomon; Attorney Diamond; Staff present: Village Manager Franz, Assistant to the Village Manager Schrader, Deputy Police Chief Acton, Finance Director Wachtel and Assistant Finance Director Coyle. Planning and Development Director Hulseberg at 7:03 p.m. Public Works Director Hansen at 7:45 p.m.

1. Call to Order

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

2. Public Hearing: Electrical Aggregation

At 7:01 p.m., Trustee Cooper moved and Trustee Ladesic 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."

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 possibility of a condominium association taking advantage of this electrical aggregation to which Mr. Hoover said a condominium association would be considered a commercial account due to the wattage usage on an annual basis. A resident asked if there is a preferred supplier to which Mr. Hoover said there is one supplier that is used more than most. 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 about the cost of reusable energy to which Mr. Hoover said there is different pricing for the different levels of being green and about 25 to 30 municipalities have gone 100% green. 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. Trustee Ladesic 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 what happens if the resident has already left ComEd for an individual company to which Mr. Hoover said these residents will be excluded from the aggregation. A resident asked why it is better to have the aggregation to which Mr. Hoover said it is hard to match rates when you do it on an individual basis. A resident asked if all the risks of this possible aggregation have been identified to which Mr. Hoover said they have and many communities have already done this aggregation. A resident asked what happens if ComEd lowers their rates to under the aggregated rate to which Mr. Hoover said there is a Minutes

price-match guarantee provision, and the supplier would have to match the lower ComEd rate or return all the customers to ComEd.

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

At 7:43 p.m., Trustee Cooper moved and Trustee Ladesic 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."

3. Preliminary Review of Tax Levy

Finance Director Wachtel presented information on the preliminary figures to prepare for discussions the Village Board will have to the levy. A few key facts on the levy are the Village is not subject to tax caps, but abides by them since becoming home rule in 1994, tax cap growth includes 3.0% for CPI-U and 1.0% for new growth, total Village levy is projected to increase by 3.3%, one bond issue is being retired and reallocated for capital projects, the Village has statutory responsibility to levy for the Glen Ellyn Public Library and the total levy for the Village and Library is proposed to increase by 3.3%. Finance Director Wachtel showed a snapshot of a typical property tax bill and an example of the 2012 tax levy.

As the total operating increase of 17.2% in the Village's proposed combined Village and Library operating levy, there will be a Truth in Taxation Hearing on Tuesday, October 13, 2012, as to maximize the opportunity for public information and input into the levy process. The 1st reading of the tax levy ordinances will occur on October 13, 2012 also. Village President Pfefferman asked if the Finance Commission had seen this proposal yet to which Finance Director Wachtel said they would share this with the Commission before the public hearing.

4. Comprehensive Annual Financial Report

Due to the time, this subject will be discussed during the Audience Participation portion of the Village Board Meeting.

5. Adjournment

At 7:58 p.m., Trustee Cooper moved and Trustee Ladesic 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