

**Minutes  
Village Board Workshop  
Glen Ellyn Village Board of Trustees  
April 22, 2013**

Time of Meeting: 7:00 p.m.

Present: President Pfefferman; Trustees Cooper, Friedberg, Hartweg, Henninger and Ladesic; Deputy Village Clerk Solomon; Village Attorney Diamond; Staff present: Village Manager Franz, Assistant Village Manager Stonitsch; Assistant to the Village Manager Schrader, Police Chief Norton, Planning and Development Director Hulseberg, Public Works Director Hansen, Finance Director Wachtel, Recreation Director Pekarek and Engineer Minix. IT Director Binkerd at 7:30 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, Henninger and Ladesic responded "Present." Trustee McGinley was excused.

**2. April Flood Event Update**

Village President Pfefferman said the Board's thoughts are with those who were hurt by the storm and thanked the responders who did an outstanding job. He said in his opinion, the Village and Park District did not have a final executable plan.

Public Works Director Hansen said this was a monumental rain storm with 6 inches of rain falling on the Village. He said the Public Works Department worked with the Police Department as they knew Lake Ellyn would overflow, which it did. The Police Department and the Park District warned residents of the pending overflow, and the Public Works Department secured the area around the lake. He said there were sandbags along the berm of the lake, and they were concerned about the velocity of water due to possible bank erosion. He said the Public Works team did put up barricades around the Village especially in low areas, and there were sandbags at Montclair that the residents could pick up. The Public Works Department and the Police Department worked closely during this storm to minimize as much loss as possible. He said there were at least 100 calls from residents for water in basements or sewer back-ups. He said the Library basement was under 4 feet of water, and Public Works pumped out the water over 30 hours. All the books in the basement were saved.

Recreation Director Pekarek said the flood level was equal to the highest water mark ever which was recorded in August 1972. About 20 storm pipes empty into the Village Links' stormwater system, and 50 million gallons of water flooded the 70 acres of the golf course. He said by Saturday morning, the water levels were back to normal, and the golf course was open for play. The system is 100% automatic and operates on gravity and hydraulic flow, and the key components of the system were maintained and are in good condition. He said the golf course suffered no lasting damage, and the construction project was delayed, but did not suffer damage either. Village President Pfefferman asked if the level in the lakes can be lowered in anticipation of a storm event to which Recreation Director Pekarek said this would only give a minimal amount of assistance and could only be done on the golf course lakes and not Panfish or Lambert.

Village Engineer Minix said this is the 3<sup>rd</sup> time in 5 years that Lake Ellyn has overflowed. This overflow happened about 5:30 a.m. Thursday and finished about 4 hours later. He said the newly rehabilitated outlet channel between 717 and 725 Riford Road was damaged, and the north side took most of the damage. He said there was a 20 foot section of the retaining wall that toppled into the creek due to erosion of the areas behind the wall. By Friday, they had begun the repair process and began to seek a way to stabilize the damage zone right away while pursuing a permanent solution. He said the recently completed Lake Ellyn drainage study contains various recommendations to improve the discharge capabilities from Lake Ellyn, and all options will be considered again with the Park District. He said the primary take-aways were that the retaining wall did not topple due to excessive flow in the channel itself and that the Essex-Lake-Oak-Grand (ELOG) project did work

Fire Chief Bodony said the Fire Company did partner with the Police Department during this event. The Fire Company was notified about 3am Thursday that DuComm could not handle the call load and was switching to storm dispatch, in which the fire stations have to dispatch their own vehicles. There were 25 volunteers who were called to staff the stations at this time, and the Fire Company received about 40 calls. He said they responded to Elmhurst and Lisle with the rescue boat to perform rescues, and they sent an engine company to staff Lisle's Station 5 as the entire Lisle fire force was tied up. He said the total cost to the Village for fire operations during this period was \$1040.

Assistant Village Manager Stonitsch said the Village is working on a FEMA reimbursement and is seeking the residents' assistance. He said the residents can use a special email address on the home page of the Village's website to send in their damage assessments, including a resident's address, water in the basement, any structural damage, etc. He said there were special refuse pickups on Saturday and Monday, and the landscape waste collection will be postponed for now. He said the Village is working with DuPage County and the American Red Cross to have some clean-up kits available.

Police Chief Norton said the sandbag delivery was a cooperative effort with the Public Works Department, and one of his officers helped bag sand all day. He said the Police Department spent their time assisting Public Works with closing roads and helping the Fire Department where appropriate.

Village Manager Franz said Glenbard Wastewater Authority did a reported 130 million gallons, which is the highest total on record for one day. He said the Park District did lower Lake Ellyn 6 inches on Wednesday afternoon in anticipation of the storm.

Village President Pfefferman left at 7:30 p.m.

President Pro Tem Cooper said public comments about this storm event are welcome during the Audience Participation time of the Board Meeting.

### **3. Downtown National Register Nomination Presentation**

Lara Ramsey, Survey Coordinator for Granacki Historic Consultants, gave a brief overview of the project and said they have worked to complete the Village's 2-district nomination application for the National Register of Historic Places (NRHP) Downtown District. She said based on the recommendation of the Illinois

Historic Preservation Agency (IHPA), the downtown was divided into 2 districts due to the railroad tracks. She showed a map of the north district and said it includes 28 contributing buildings (82%) and 6 non-contributing buildings to the historic character of the district. She showed a map of the south district and said it includes 18 contributing buildings (90%) and 2 non-contributing buildings. She said the criteria for the nomination include commerce, community planning and development and architecture. She reviewed a history of the Village in pictures and said the architecture in both districts include buildings that are 2-Part Commerce Block, 1-part Commerce Block, Arcaded Block and Transportation-related.

Vicki Granacki, principal with Granacki Historic Consultants, said the nomination will be submitted to the IHPA at the end of April and will go before the Illinois Historic Sites Advisory Council (IHSAC) at their June 28, 2013 meeting. She said if IHSAC approves this, a prepared package will then be sent to the National Park Service and hopefully the Village will be listed on the NHRP in August.

President Pro Tem Cooper thanked Granacki Historic Consultants and the Historic Preservation Commission for their work on this. He suggested that the staff see if this presentation could be added to the curriculum of the Village's school districts.

Trustee Ladesic asked how this would affect the downtown businesses to which Ms. Granacki said the property owners would be eligible for federal income tax incentives, but there are not any restrictions on the property.

### **4. Adjournment**

At 7:59 p.m. Trustee Hartweg moved and Trustee Henninger 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