

**Minutes
Regular Meeting
Glen Ellyn Village Board of Trustees
February 12, 2007**

Call to Order

Village President Hase called the meeting to order at 8:01 p.m.

Roll Call

Upon roll call by Village Clerk Draths, Village President Hase and Trustees Armstrong, Chapman, Gardner, Lee, Norton and Pfefferman answered, "Present."

Pledge of Allegiance

Village President Hase led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Correspondence

February 5, 2007 e-mail from Kenneth Menzel tendering his resignation from the Building Board of Appeals effective immediately.

Audience Participation

- a. President Hase presented Eagle Scout Brian Cleary with a proclamation recognizing the improvements he made to the landscape at Spicely Park.

Annual State of the Village Report

In her State of the Village address, given at the February 12 Village Board Meeting, Village President Vicky Hase said that the year 2006 was marked by change.

In July of 2006, Robin Weaver took over as Village Manager for Gary Webster who retired after 21 years, Hase said. Weaver had been Roselle's Village Administrator for 15 years. Other notable changes for 2006 included:

- The formation of the Downtown Business Alliance, with a goal of publicizing the downtown as a destination for shoppers and to organize new events.
- The institution of new parking regulations in the Central Business District (CBD), providing alternative parking for CBD employees to free up more convenient shopper parking on the street.
- Zoning Code modifications to assist retailers in marketing their businesses.
- Changes to the Holiday Walk celebration resulting in record attendance.

- Completion of the planned streetscape improvements and reconstruction of the Five Corners intersection to enhance this northern gateway to the community and to speed traffic flow.

Although the Village has experienced business vacancies as part of the economic cycle, Hase said that the Economic Development Corp. is continuing its efforts to recruit new businesses and several new leases are currently in negotiation. She reminded residents to support the Glen Ellyn business community to reduce the reliance on property taxes to fund essential services.

Milestone Anniversaries

This year will see the celebration of many milestone anniversaries, according to Hase. The Glen Ellyn Volunteer Fire Company was established in 1907 and today has 63 volunteer members. Because of their generous volunteer spirit, the Volunteer Fire Company was chosen as the theme for the Village's 2007 Calendar. Hase encouraged the members of the community to donate to the Volunteer Fire Company.

The Glen Ellyn Public Library, chartered in 1907, is also celebrating its centennial anniversary. A newly published book details the library's history, while many events at the library this year will mark the anniversary.

Commercial Development

Approximately \$79 million in building construction occurred in Glen Ellyn in 2006. These developments represent a significant investment in the community and attest to the viability of the Village, Hase said.

- On the northwest corner of Nicoll Way and Roosevelt Rd., a 31,000 sq. ft. commercial development was approved in 2006 with construction underway.
- At the southwest corner of Nicoll and Roosevelt Road, the "Crossings of Glen Ellyn" commercial development also broke ground in 2006 and today some businesses have already opened there.
- The DuPage Medical Group was approved for construction of a new 92,000 sq. ft., \$23.5 million medical building on the current Glen Ellyn Clinic site on Pennsylvania Ave.

Infrastructure Improvements

Hase also pointed out that many significant improvements to the community's infrastructure took place in 2006.

Approximately \$7.3 million was spent on various roadway projects, including Prospect Ave., Sunset Ave., Glen Ellyn Manor and the Five Corners area. These projects included extensive watermain, sanitary sewer and storm sewer upgrades, as well as street rehabilitation. This program, approved by voters in the 2000 referendum, focused on drainage improvements and street rehabilitation.

Village beautification projects included the undergrounding of utility wires at the Five Corners area and along Pennsylvania Ave. between Prospect and Glenwood. Construction of these projects was partially funded through an anonymous donation given to the Village in 2001 for this purpose.

Residential Development

Residential development activity continues, but at a slower pace than in previous years, according to Hase. Requests for building permits for additions or alterations were also down.

Upcoming Projects

Planning for new projects in Glen Ellyn will begin on several fronts in 2007:

- The review of the College of DuPage Master Plan, with anticipated work to include demolition of temporary facilities, construction of several new buildings and reconstruction of parking lots and the college's internal roadways.
- The completion of the 17 major Storm Sewer Improvement projects funded by bonds approved in the November 2000 referendum. Estimated total cost of these improvements, which spanned six years, is \$22 million.
- Roadway projects for 2007 will include the Hawthorne/Park Improvements Project and complete reconstruction of Duane Street between Forest and Taylor Ave.

Clean Sweep Day

The 2006 Clean Sweep Day enabled residents to dispose of an unlimited amount of refuse at no extra charge and resulted in the disposal of 795 tons of trash. At the 2006 Household Hazardous Waste Collection, residents disposed of approximately 445 fifty-five gallon drums of material. At the same time, the Glen Ellyn Environmental Commission conducted a successful recycling extravaganza.

Glen Ellyn Officer Honored

The Glen Ellyn Police Department continues its tradition of providing excellent service to the residents of Glen Ellyn. A Glen Ellyn officer was recognized with the "Valor Award" for heroism from the DuPage County One Hundred Club for rescuing a one-year-old boy from a man who was trying to drown him. The same officer was recognized by the Village for pulling a man from a burning vehicle.

Conservative Fiscal Responsibility

Conservative fiscal responsibility has allowed the Village to weather difficult economic times, while maintaining service levels, Hase continued. The Village reduced full-time staff by two employee positions this past year. Since 1992, about 16 percent of the full-time staff has been eliminated.

In 2006 the Village Board abated or canceled property taxes for the 19th consecutive year by \$500,000 or more, reflecting a pledge made by the 1987 Village Board to pay off \$10 million of capital improvement bonds using other available funds instead of property taxes. With moderate gains in revenue and controls on expenditure, the Village Board was also able to cancel an additional \$200,000 of property taxes earmarked for daily Village

operations. This was the second consecutive year in which property owners received a small reduction in their Village property tax bill.

In concluding, Hase said that the state of the Village of Glen Ellyn is strong and that the Village Board of Trustees will maintain its commitment to provide essential public services in a fiscally prudent manner.

- b. Tom DiCarlo, 22W416 Tamarack Drive, Boy Scout Troop 45 asked President Hase about the Village budget. Finance Director Jon Batek informed Tom that the Village budget for 2007 annual budget is approximately \$47 million with current revenues of \$42 million and using some cash reserves for capital projects of \$5,000.

Consent Agenda

Village Manager Weaver presented the Consent Agenda; Village President Hase called for questions and/or discussion on the items on the Consent Agenda.

Trustee Gardner moved, Trustee Armstrong seconded the motion that items regarding pruning of parkway trees and removal of parkway trees be removed from the Consent Agenda and be placed on the Regular Agenda and that the following items included on the Consent Agenda be approved:

- a. **Minutes** of the following Village Board Meetings:
 - Workshop
January 15, 2007

 - Pre-Board Workshop
January 22, 2007

 - Regular Board Meeting
January 22, 2007

 - Special Board Meetings
January 30 and 31, 2007
- b. Total **Expenditures** (Payroll and Vouchers) - \$2,189,260.04. The vouchers were reviewed by Trustee Gardner prior to the meeting.
- c. Recommendation of Village President Hase that Gerald A. Perkins be **appointed** to the Historic Preservation Commission for a term ending December 31, 2009.
- d. **Ordinance No. 5544**, an Ordinance Approving the Vacation of a Utility Easement on the Site of the **Kingsbrook Glen Townhouse Development** Located at the Southwest Corner of Taft Avenue and Nicoll Way.

This action approves a request by Kingsland Development for the vacation of a utility easement on the site of the new Kingsbrook Glen townhouse development. This easement is no longer needed, as other easements have been established to accommodate the construction of the development.

- e. **Ordinance No. 5545**, an Ordinance Approving an Amendment to the Sample Surveyor's Signature Block in Exhibit 1 of the **Subdivision Regulations Code**.

This action approves changes to the sample surveyor's signature block contained in Exhibit 1 of the Subdivision Regulations Code necessary to be in compliance with the requirements of the DuPage County Recorder's Office. The Plan Commission reviewed these proposed changes at their January 25, 2007 meeting voting 9-0 to recommend approval.

- f. **Ordinance No. 5546**, an Ordinance Changing the Name of a Portion of Eddie Road in the **Arboretum Estates East Subdivision** to Ahlstrand Road.

This action changes the street name of the recently annexed Eddie Road to Ahlstrand Road in the Arboretum Estates East Subdivision. On this short section of street, only two homes have Eddie Road as an address and it has caused confusion for residents. The street is named Ahlstrand Road to the east and west of the subject section of roadway; thus changing the name would make the street name consistent along the entire stretch of right-of-way.

- g. Agreement with RHMG, Inc., of Libertyville for detailed design engineering services associated with the **Essex Court Drainage Improvement Project** in a not-to-exceed amount of \$40,000 (including a 15-percent contingency), to be expensed to the FY 06-07 Capital Projects Fund.

This action retains the consulting firm of Rezek, Henry, Meisenheimer, and Gende of Libertyville to provide detailed design engineering services for addressing serious flooding problems in the Essex Court area. Essex Court is located north of Lake Ellyn Park and is situated in a natural bowl area that is subject to periodic inundation. Significant structure flooding occurred in the area during both the October 2001 and October 2006 major storm events.

- h. **Ordinance No. 5547-VC**, an Ordinance to Amend Section 9-5-7 (schedule G; Parking Prohibited During Certain Times) of the Village Code of the Village of Glen Ellyn, Illinois Regarding **Parking on a Portion of Williamsburg Road**.

This action creates a no-parking zone on Williamsburg Road by Park View School during school hours to prevent line-of-sight dangers for pedestrians.

- i. Contract with Achievement Associates Inc., of St. Louis, Missouri to provide **management training** in the not-to-exceed amount of \$39,000, to be expensed to the FY 07 General Fund.

Upon roll call on the Consent Agenda, Trustees Gardner, Armstrong, Chapman, Lee, Norton and Pfefferman voted "Aye". Motion carried.

Ordinance – Zoning Code Text Amendments - Tabled

Trustee Chapman moved, Trustee Lee seconded the motion that the ordinance to approve remaining Zoning Text Amendments be tabled and to be discussed at the February 26, 2007 Regular Village Board Meeting.

Upon roll call, Trustees Chapman, Lee, Armstrong, Gardner, Norton and Pfefferman voted "Aye." Motion carried.

Ordinance No. 5548 – HealthTrack Sports & Wellness Center (875 Roosevelt Road) – Sign Code Variation

Planning and Development Director Staci Hulseberg presented information on the Sign Code variation request by Roger Benson, President and Henry Stillwell of Rathje & Woodward, LLC, Wheaton representing HealthTrack Sports & Wellness Center. The Village Board approved Ordinance No. 4439 and Ordinance No. 5085, which authorized the development of the site including: Approval of a Planned Unit Development, Plat of Subdivision, Sign Variations, and Exterior Appearance. This ordinance requests variations from the Glen Ellyn Sign Code Ordinance to allow the addition of an Electronic Variable Message (EVM) sign. At the Architectural Review Commission's January 10, 2007 meeting, a motion to recommend the Village Board approve the request failed to carry by a 4-4 split vote.

Trustee Armstrong moved, Trustee Gardner seconded the motion that Ordinance No. 5548 be passed, an Ordinance Approving a Sign Code Variation for 875 Roosevelt Road, HealthTrack Sports & Wellness Center.

Upon roll call, Trustees Armstrong, Gardner, Lee, Norton and Pfefferman voted "Aye." Trustee Chapman voted "Nay." Motion carried.

Parkway Tree Pruning

Acting Public Works Director Joe Caracci presented information on the annual parkway tree-pruning contract. Each year the Village contracts out pruning of parkway trees 7 inches or greater in diameter. Next winter trees would be pruned in the area north of the train tracks and west of Main Street, which includes approximately 1,600 trees. B. Haney and Sons was the lowest of four bids accepted.

Trustee Lee moved, Trustee Pfefferman seconded the motion to approve a one-year contract with the option to extend the contract two additional years to B. Haney and Sons of Naperville, Illinois for the pruning of parkway trees 7-inches DBH and greater, in the not-to-exceed amount of \$91,000 (including a 12-percent contingency), to be expensed to the FY 07-08 General Fund.

Upon roll call, Trustees Lee, Pfefferman, Armstrong, Chapman, Gardner and Norton voted "Aye." Motion carried.

Parkway Tree Removal

Acting Public Works Director Joe Caracci presented information on the annual parkway tree removal contract, which outsources the removal of trees 15-inches DBH and greater, while Village staff removes parkway trees 14 inches and less. Steve Piper and Sons, Inc. submitted the lowest of six bids for the removal of an estimated 115 trees.

Trustee Norton moved, Trustee Gardner seconded the motion to approve a one-year contract, with the option to extend the contract two additional years, to Steve Piper and Sons, Inc., of Naperville, Illinois for the removal of parkway trees in the not-to-exceed amount of \$80,000, to be expensed to the FY 07-08 General Fund.

Trustee Chapman mentioned the importance of trees to the Village and that significant dollars are spent on the pruning, removal, maintenance and replacement of trees in Glen Ellyn.

Upon roll call, Trustees Norton, Gardner, Armstrong, Chapman, Lee and Pfefferman voted "Aye." Motion carried.

Reminder

The next Regular Village Board Meeting is scheduled for Monday, February 26, 2007 beginning at 8 p.m. in the Galligan Board Room of the Glen Ellyn Civic Center.

Other Business

- a. Village President Hase acknowledged that the Illinois Fire Inspectors Association and Northwest Building Officials and Code Administrators have recognized Glen Ellyn for steps taken to follow standards requiring fire sprinkler systems and the Village's overall commitment towards a fire-safe community.
- b. Trustees Gardner and Chapman reminded the boy scouts in the audience and our residents that prior to Village Board meetings they read packets of information regarding agenda items and also discuss agenda items at length at various meetings open to the public before issues are voted on at Village Board meetings.

Adjournment

At 8:39 p.m., Trustee Norton moved, Trustee Gardner seconded the motion to **recess to executive session** for purposes of discussing personnel matters, adjourning thereafter without reconvening into open session. Upon roll call, Trustees Norton, Gardner, Armstrong, Chapman, Lee and Pfefferman voted “Aye.” Motion carried.

Respectfully Submitted,

Andrea Draths
Village Clerk