



**AGENDA**  
**WINFIELD VILLAGE BOARD OF TRUSTEES**  
**THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 4, 2010**  
**7:00 P.M. – VILLAGE HALL**

1. Call to Order 7:p.m.
2. Roll Call  
>> President, Village Manager, Village Clerk, Attorney present. All Trustees present except Trustee Bajor who was excused
3. Pledge of Allegiance
4. Correspondence
  - A. E-mail from a resident on Washington thanking Public Works for shoveling clear a large culvert on their street by hand during the recent thaw to keep water from backing up onto private property.  
>> The E-mail was read aloud and was thanked by the Council
5. Audience Participation  
>> Mr. Richard Bysina announced that this year and day is the 35th anniversary of the Winfield Chamber of Commerce. He stated that the Chamber will hold a State of the Union luncheon on Feb. 16, with Village President Birutis as the featured speaker.  
  
A citizen stated his opposition to the possibility of the Village turning over police functions to the County, citing rumors to that effect.
  - A. Union Pacific Railroad Representative Dan Corcoran will present information on a new train signal system that will require installation of a signal structure in downtown Winfield.  
>> Two officials of the Union Pacific railroad spoke of the contemplated changes in its operation that are designed to reduce the gate down time crossing on Winfield Road by 10%, safely increasing the speed of the trains on the West Line and increasing the safety of vehicular traffic by installing a signal that would signal the simultaneous coming of a train in the opposite direction of the train that triggered the gates to close. These changes they said would reduce the stalling of vehicular traffic by two hours per 24 hour period. To do this, train signals would be placed closer together and a tall steel signal structure would be built at the east end of Winfield Road adjacent to the downtown area. President Birutis and Trustee Olson noted that these plans would likely reduce gate down time to only half of the time mentioned and that the “industrial strength” signal tower that would be built could be a barrier to the inducement of private industry to construct apartments near the structure which would be in their direct sight line and close to them. Furthermore, according to several Trustees agreed with Trustee Martschinke that building it would be unsightly and is not expected to be done in a downtown area in other localities on the West Line. President Birutis urged that this structure be moved further away from the downtown if possible. Trustee Olson stated that the configuration of this plan was done for the railroad by a third party which will not reveal its mathematical constructs.
6. Consent Agenda  
>> All payments A through E were approved unanimously by the Trustees.
  - A. Payment of bills for February 4, 2010.

- B. An Ordinance amending the Village Code, Title 2 – Boards and Commissions – creating the Traffic & Public Safety Committee. This action merges the Traffic and Transportation Commission with the Public Safety & Safe Routes to School Committee.
- C. Motion approving a change order to the pedestrian underpass contract in the amount of \$16,101 to provide for installation by contractor Herlihy of a snowmelt system for the south ramp entrance which is not covered by a canopy.
- D. Motion approving the following appointment recommended by the Village President:
  - Bruce Welch to the Bikeways Planning Group
- E. Motion approving meeting minutes from the Regular Village Board Meeting and Committee of the Whole held January 21, 2010.

Non-Consent Agenda (Items 7-8)

- 7. Motion to approve a contract with Pipe-View LLC of La Porte, IN, for sanitary sewer televising services in the not-to-exceed amount of \$80,810.

Village Engineer Dan Watson will present information on 11 competitive bids received for sanitary sewer televising in 2010. Pipe-View was evaluated as the lowest responsive bidder. >> A motion by Trustee Kunesh was approved unanimously by the Trustees after Mr. Watson noted that the company had a good reputation, has done good work in other localities and its price was the most attractive of these bids to the needs of the Village.

Trustee Olson suggested that future contracts be carefully evaluated for best cost and value.

- 8. Motion to approve a contract with Gaskill and Walton Construction Company, of South Chicago Heights, IL, for replacement of the Klein Creek booster pump and drive, in the not-to-exceed amount of \$141,868.

Village Engineer Dan Watson will present information on this project, paid for by Illinois American Water, which by terms of an agreement with the Village shares use of the Village-owned Klein Creek water tower from which they supply unincorporated residents of the Liberty Ridge service area with Lake Michigan water. Gaskill and Walton was evaluated as the lowest responsive bid of 11 received.

>> The motion was approved unanimously by the Trustees.

- 9. Village Trustee Reports of Boards and Commissions
  - A. Communication & Technology - VadeBonCoeur
    - >> Trustee VadeBonCoeur stated that the group is working well, set timelines for submission of monthly articles, and has suggested an improved format and readability for the Village newsletter. He thanked Deputy Clerk Kathy Grand on behalf of the Board for her diligent and difficult work.
  - B. Riverwalk - VadeBonCoeur
    - >> The State has not yet met its funding obligations to the Village and is presently providing no grants, and in fact is three years behind in its promised payments. Manager Barrett reported that a brochure describing the Riverwalk proposal has been printed and is available for all to read.
  - C. Administration & Finance - VadeBonCoeur

- >> A workshop is planned for the end of February
- D. Environmental Concerns - Bajor
  - >> No report
- E. Stormwater - Bajor
  - >> No report
- F. Public Works - Bajor
  - >> No report
- G. Planning - Olson
  - >> A proposed new sign ordinance will be presented to the Board at its March 3rd meeting
- H. Zoning - Olson
  - >> A new zoning code has been worked out and will be shown to the Committee of the Whole the results of which will be presented to the Board for consideration. A Planning Committee meeting and a public meeting will be held prior to Board action.
- I. Marketing & Development Taskforce - Olson
  - >> No report
- J. Traffic & Public Safety - Kunesh
  - >> No report
- K. Bikeways Planning Group - Martschinke
  - >> The group is seeking funding for its bike rack proposal and will suggest new signage on roads generally used by bikers
- 10. Other Village Officials' Reports and Comments
  - A. Village President
    - >> On Feb 27th at 11 a.m a public meeting will be held explaining the plans of the Town Center proposal and plans to improve the roads now in unsatisfactory shape
  - B. Village Attorney
    - >> No report
  - C. Village Clerk
    - >> No report
  - D. Village Manager
    - >> The Village residents should know that the Winfield Police Dept is active in charities such as the Special Olympics
  - E. Village Treasurer
    - >> No report
- 11. Pending Future Business
  - >> None announced
- 12. Adjournment
  - >> 8 p.m.

### **COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE**

- 1. Review plans for restoration of the Winfield Road Bridge
  - >> Mr. Watson reported that the deck needs repair resulting from aging, flooding and rusting. Trustee Martschinke asked if the bridge could be raised to reduce or eliminate flooding on it. Mr. Watson replied that

such a venture would cost at least \$200,000 and moving the pedestrian sidewalk further east would also be very costly. Trustee VadeBonCoeur asked if funding can be secured for bridge repairs. Pres. Birutis stated that IDOT would be asked for funding.

This summer Winfield Road will be closed for a time to permit deck repairs.

2. Consider proposal to implement a backflow preventer testing program

>> Mr. Barrett reported that the system of preventing the pollution of drinking water by backflow must, by regulation, be tested annually. Property owners who use a secondary source of water for special non-drinking purposes such as yard sprinklers are responsible for payment of such testing by private contractors as is true in all other Illinois municipalities. A letter to all such residents will be sent to these owners apprising them of recommended contractors and the relevant laws and issues. The few owners who had been allowed to buy meters in the past that measured water not going into the Village water system and were not charged for the water used will be grandfathered in to some extent when a new Village code is written regarding water charges. They may have some of their expenses for the purchase of meters refunded that were incurred in the past under the old ordinance code. The new code will charge for all water used for any purpose since the Village must pay for all water use. This is a policy that is in effect for all other municipalities.

3. Consider policy on irrigation water meters

>> See item 3, above.

4. Review Winfield Park District electronic signboard request

>> Electric signboards for County Farm Road are proposed by the Park District to enhance safety for cars and trucks. The current Village Code does not permit the installation and use of lighted or changeable signs. Trustees Martschinke and Mrugacz agree that signs should be readable quickly but neither brightly lit nor lighted at night or have clicking sounds when their message changes. The Zoning Board will meet in March to discuss their concerns after seeing the Park District plans.

5. Review CDH Riverwalk proposal

>> Manager Barrett stated that we are now in the fundraising phase and that the brochure that explains the proposal will be helpful in attracting interest. Several property owners will be affected by the need of the proposal to have property easements in some cases. These owners are a Winfield flower shop, an oncology doctors' office and Central DuPage Hospital. All have stated they are supportive. However, the Hospital has submitted a Memorandum of Understanding which has some debatable provisions. Of the seven issues raised, the four relate to protecting its private property rights in the easements. Three relate to the issues in the Hospital's declared willingness to cede to the Village these three properties under certain stipulations rather than agree to an easement for each of them while retaining ownership by the Hospital.

Pres. Birutis and Trustee Olson suggested that the Hospital and the Village divide the Memorandum of Understanding into two parts, thereby discussing the issues raised with two memoranda. The first would deal with the easement issues. The second would deal with the three properties the Hospital wishes to cede to the Village. Also, they state that the five year deadline that the Hospital wishes to impose upon the Village to complete securing funding for the Town Center or else the ceded properties would be returned to Hospital ownership is much too short given the complexity of the Town Center plan and the need to raise perhaps \$5 million dollars to complete it. The Hospital's representative, Mr. Bell, stated that the time frame issue is not important. He did state that with regard to the properties the Hospital is willing to cede to the Village, the Village should agree not to allow a retail store to purchase a property and then sell it for a large profit to others by not permitting a third party to develop these properties. The Hospital he said also want to do what it will to the properties for which easements are wanted to maintain the aesthetic quality of the Hospital grounds and not to allow changes that would interfere with the Hospital's desire to have people in vehicles approaching the Hospital see it as a pleasing and inviting site. Trustee Olson and Pres. Birutis pointed out that the Town Center plan has already been approved by the Board and it does retain and promote the right to have third party commercial and residential buyers purchase properties in the Town Center and to have landscaping on its property as it and the citizens desire. They also suggested that the Hospital clarify and

provide substance to its plans to develop the properties on which it would have easements so that the Village and its residents would know more about those plans.

Pres. Birutis designated Village Manager Curt Barrett to enter negotiations with the Hospital on all relevant issues.

6. Public comments

>> A citizen backed the need to have the Village protected by its own police force since the police men and women are known to the residents and do a good job of protecting them.

7. Village Board comments

>> Pres. Birutis and Trustee Martschinke reported on agreements made with PACE to ease the burden of cutbacks on bus routes by re-routing Bus # 747 and having citizens call a “call and ride” vehicle to get transportation to Bus # 747. The transfer would be without cost to the citizens, although the “Call and Ride” vehicle would charge a small fee.

Trustee VadeBonCoeur stated that Com Ed will begin repair work on electric leads in the Chartwell and Churchill street area shortly. He also stated that a number of Village residents have applied for the grants given to charitable organizations to do their work and that this Village is blessed with many unsung heroes in these charitable endeavors.

8. Motion to adjourn to Executive Session for purposes of discussing personnel matters  
Adjournment

>> 9:15 p.m.