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**AGENDA - REVISED
VILLAGE BOARD MEETING,
COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MEETING
THURSDAY, MAY 15, 2008 - 7:00 P.M.**

REGULAR MEETING

I. Call to Order

II. Pledge of Allegiance

III. Roll Call

>> Village Manger Barlow not present.

IV. Consent Agenda

A. Payment of Bills

B. Approval of Minutes

1. Regular Village Board Meeting of May 1, 2008

2. Committee of the Whole Meeting of May 1, 2008

C. Award of contract for the performance of site work for the Public Works Building Site Improvement Project

D. Approval of change order for 2007 Water Main Project

E. Pay request #1 for the Public Works Project

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G. Award of contract for the performance of outstanding site development work for the Winfield Commons Shopping Center with use of Letter of Credit proceeds

>> There were two corrections to items listed above.. Trustees Birutis and Bajor pointed out the needed corrections. With these then the Consent Agenda was passed unanimously.

V. Open Forum

A. Public Comments

>> John Norman, back from winter in Florida, noted the now closed Heidi's and pointed out once again that Winfield needs a good bakery. Mr. Norman gave each trustee a slice of cake and some cookies from one of his favorite bakeries in Chicago.

Jeff David, speaking in opposition to the ER zoning proposal, complained of the inaccuracy of the numbers used by those in favor of the proposal. He did not care for the tendency to be somewhat loose in terminology and made the point that an acre is 43,560 sq. ft. not the 40,000 square foot so called builder's acre which is used by various entities including some of the county agencies. Jeff complained that the whole debate over ER zoning had been conducted with a lack of facts and a lot of fear. Proper procedures had not been followed he felt.

John Radcliffer wholeheartedly supported what Jeff David had said but added that he thought that if the board had not got involved then everything would have remained at ½ acre lots.

Bob Hall pleaded with the Board to follow the Comprehensive Plan when making up their minds. He reminded them that the quality of the decision was better in 1984 when the comprehensive plan was last changed. At that time everyone worked diligently with and outside, independent planning organization. He spoke of communication with an attorney whose advice was that there would be no longterm benefit to the village and they should develop a plan along the lines of sound principles.

Karen Skillmaan spoke in favor of the proposed ER zoning. She asked the board to listen to the will of the people. There are at least 83% of the owners concerned who want this change. You Trustees actually have the overwhelming support of the public in this instance. Look at the several developments under previous administrations that were done with too small lots provided, like Garfield Court and others. This will prevent and protect against the kind of overdevelopment seen in previous administrations. Which means it will also protect property values.

Dennis Clark spoke in defense of his proposal and to correct the criticism of Bob Hall and his supporters. Dennis explains the tendency to use the numbers loosely and the admission of some people who recognized that they might have had some things wrong. There clearly are places where people differ, like Bob Hall claiming there were letters from two lawyers whereas Dennis pointed out that he only had a letter from one. And Deb Birutis mentions that she found a difference in the number of people affected who said that they were in favor of the proposal. She found there were 85%, not 83%..

There was more back and forth between the parties in the middle of which Viv Rockett stood up to speak saying they had been in search of such a place as Marion Lane and had waited until there was a house for sale and bought it. They moved from Naperville and came here particularly to take advantage of the large lots, the extensive woods with their very old trees and the privacy and quiet, only to find themselves in the middle of several fights to preserve the things they moved here for, like Rebecca Lane, the efforts to subdivide Marion Lane properties, Starfliff, etc. They moved here but have ended up putting a lot of energy in to the fights to keep the area from being changed drastically.

There were several others who also spoke in support like, Terry Cooper and Beth Svensen who actually admitted she was not in favor at first but came to change her mind and now supports the proposal, Jed Skillman who said it doesn't hurt to live in a non-conforming lot. The important point was made that in the past all the changes/variances that were passed had the effect of increasing the density of people/houses in an area whereas this change will have the effect of making things less dense and preserving the openness which everyone thinks is a good thing.

Next the Board took a time to discuss their own feelings about the issue. Joel Kunesh said this zoning would be good for Winfield.

Jack Bajor felt that diversity was a good thing even diversity of lot size!

Glenn Vade Bon Coeur argued for the principles involved saying that the objective was good but the process to achieve the objective was flawed and that they ought to correct the process first.

Christine Pettiti also approved the diversity of lot sizes along with the diversity of houses. She was a part of the group who made the effort to get this zoning instituted and so was glad to see it come before the board for a vote.

The vote, finally taken, was 5-1-1 to pass. One trustee who lives in an area that will be affected, abstained. Trustee Vade Bon Coeur voted no on the principles he described previously.

VI. New Business

>> None

VII. Reports of General Business

A. Planning and Zoning

1. Ordinance rezoning certain properties from R-1 and R-1B Single Family Residence to Estate Residential 3 – Single Family Zoning District

>> Passed 5-1-1

2. Ordinance amending Title 10 – Zoning, Chapter 4 –Single Family Residence Districts, Article A1 –Estate Residential -2, Single Family Residential, and rezoning certain property R-1A and R-1B Single Family Residence to Estate Residential 2 – Single Family Zoning District

>> Passed 5-1-1

B. Administration and Finance

1. Ordinance amending Title 2 –Boards and Commission, Chapter 4 – Emergency Management Agency of the Winfield Village Code

>> Passed 6-0

VIII. Reports of Temporary Committees

A. *Downtown Riverwalk Initiative Task Force* – **Trustee VadeBonCouer**

>> *Advocates of the Riverwalk are sponsoring a bike parking area for the Criterium.*

B. *Fire Sprinkler Regulations* – **Trustee Petitti**

>> *The fire codes are being reviewed.*

Town Center Marketing and Capacity Study

C. *Safe Routes to School* – **Trustee Birutis**

>> *Still working on them*

IX. Future Business

A. Active

>> *None*

B. Forthcoming

1. General Development Plan - Key Development Areas 1a, 1b, and 2/ St. Charles Road area annexation initiative –Recommendation from the Plan Commission anticipated in the near future.

>> *No change.*

2. Policy on maintenance of stormwater maintenance facilities – Work has begun on the inventory; policy will be deliberated first by Public Works Committee.

>> *No change.*

3. Policy on distribution of impact fees – Matter has been referred to the Administration and Finance Committee.

>> *No change.*

4. Best means to fund street maintenance for the Village streets – Matter been referred to Public Works Committee

>> *No change.*

X. Village Board Comments

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XI. Other Village Official's Reports and Comments

A. Village President

1. Appointment of Acting Treasurer

>> *Nadine Aletto named Acting Treasurer*

2. Appointment of Acting Deputy Clerk

>> *Village President Czech was stopped by Trustee Birutis as he was about to appoint a Deputy Clerk. Trustee Birutis pointed out that it was not Pres. Czech's prerogative to appoint the Deputy Clerk but rather it was the power given to the Clerk. Mr. Czech was not pleased and asked why he had not been informed of this prior to the meeting.*

3. Appointment of Mayor Pro Tem

>> *Jack Bajor nominated to be Mayor Pro Tem.*

B. Village Attorney

>> *No report*

C. Village Treasurer

1. Treasurer's Report – April 2008

>> *Nadine gave report showing where the Village has had to cut back but indicating that there is belt tightening going on and there is a \$40k deficit in the general fund.*

D. Village Manager

>> *Not present.*

E. Village Clerk

>> *None*

XII. Other Business

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XIII. Adjournment

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

I. Old Business

A. Plan Commission

1. Special Use Permit for Recreational Vehicle Parking - 0S700 Cleveland Street

>> Jerry Belli and his wife appeared to plead their case for a special use permit to allow the presence of both their boat and their camper in their driveway. They got caught by the new RV ordinance and as a retired couple on fixed income they find it is too expensive for them to pay for storing their boat for the winter. Based on the fact of having been given an ok to keep the boat on the drive at a previous time they were asking for the same privilege now.

II. New Business - None

III. Requests for Future Committee of the Whole Agenda Items from the Trustees (*Requests Require the Concurrence of at Least Two Members of the Village Board*)

>> None

IV. Public Comments

>> None

V. Village Board Comments

>> Each spoke sympathetically about the boat problem. It will be moved out of the Committee of the Whole and voted upon at a future meeting of the Board.

VI. Executive Session – Collective Bargaining Strategy

VII. Adjournment