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**AGENDA
VILLAGE BOARD MEETING,
COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MEETING
THURSDAY, JULY 17, 2008 - 7:00 P.M.**

NOTE: THE VILLAGE BOARD IS EXPECTED TO ATTEND A DEMONSTRATION OF THE RESIDENTIAL FIRE SPRINKLER SYSTEM BEING PROPOSED FOR WINFIELD, BEGINNING AT 6:00 P.M. IN FRONT OF THE VILLAGE HALL

REGULAR MEETING

- I. Call to Order
- II. Pledge of Allegiance
- III. Roll Call
 >> Trustee Birutis absent
- IV. Consent Agenda
 - A. Payment of Bills
 1. Approval of Pay Request #2 – 2007 Water Main Replacement
 2. Approval of Pay Request #3 – Public Works Expansion Project
 - B. Approval of Minutes
 1. Regular Village Board Meeting of July 3, 2008
 2. Committee of the Whole Meeting of July 3, 2008
 >> Approved
- V. Open Forum
 - A. Public Comments

 >> A citizen had questions about C.D.H.'s bid to get approval for a cancer treatment center. He had heard that the center was to be located in Warrenville and urged the Village to do what it could to get the facility in Winfield. He also indicated that he was a proponent of an overpass with parking garages north and south of the tracks, connected by an overpass. He felt there was a very real need for more parking at the Metra lot since there are more commuters and we are trying to attract people to use the town center. He had strong feelings about an underpass, listing some negatives. He stated that he would be a vocal opponent of an underpass project if approved.

 Winfield Chamber of Commerce rep Rich Bysina reminded the board and the audience of 2 Winfield summer events. Cruizin' Winfield and the Wednesday morning Farmers' Market. He mentioned a new vendor featuring frozen meat.

 A representative from Union Pacific Railroad was present to voice support for the underpass project and to assure the Board that U.P. had committed to filling the \$300,000.00 shortfall in the project funding proposal. He stated that both Metra and U.P have supported the concept of the project since 2001. He went on to explain that he personally felt the underpass would save lives. The removal of the current pedestrian crossing would force everyone to use the Winfield Road crossing. He said that if the project was not approved, U.P. would close the pedestrian crossing by the station, "...shortly after this meeting."

 A citizen spoke as one with experience using a pedestrian underpass in another town. She felt it

was clean and safe --- she and her family used it often. She went on to comment that if the Village indeed had total funding for the project, she was very much in favor.

1. Presentation by Central DuPage Hospital regarding proposed demolition activity for off-campus properties to improve parking availability
 - >> A representative of C.D.H. presented an overview map of the two sites under consideration. One is on the S.E. corner of Church and High Lake. (The old funeral home) The second is a residential site, now vacant, just west of the first site. The first property is slated to be demolished, and the pad and current parking lot repaved for an additional 10 parking spaces. No additional impervious surface would be added to what is currently there. Parking would be for the medical offices and the hospital. Trustee Bajor asked about the need for more parking and had concerns about run-off. Engineering will look at impervious surface and the impact on run-off at the time of permit. The item will go to the Plan Commission. It will require a P.O.D. for each site.

VI. New Business

- A. Houseal and Lavigne proposal to study alternate locations for the pedestrian underpass
 - >> The study would involve a proposed expenditure of \$21,500 which is not currently budgeted. The current plan has the approval of D.O.T. but there could possibly be additional under or overpasses built in the Town Center. If the Village wants to proceed with the study, they must direct staff to find funds for it. The firm won't tie the underpass study with the Downtown Marketability Study. If approved, a 30 day study will be done. Steps would include meeting with staff to see why the project has caused such community polarization, meet with the railroad, conduct on-site field analysis, explore right-of-way issues, and do pedestrian circulation monitoring. If the current location is found to be okay, the firm would stop there. Cost would be \$11,400.00. If not, the firm would continue with steps 4 and 5 of the study for the total cost mentioned originally. Trustee Bajor had questions about the cost of the pedestrian monitoring. He felt they would probably have high school interns doing the job and felt the cost was high. The rep. said that they are a smaller firm and feel it is important to have their professionals do the on-site work and do not use interns for that type of task. The cost and the issue of postponing the project made the new study unappealing. Trustee Bajor added that he felt that many of the things listed to be done in the new study had already been done and paid for. In addition, the Town Center plan will also include additional pedestrian circulation studies.

VII. Reports of General Business

A. Administration and Finance

1. An ordinance to amend Title Three – Business and License Regulations, Chapter One – General License and Permit Provisions; Chapter 3 – Liquor Control; and Title 8 – Water and Sewer Regulations, Chapter 2 - Combined Waterworks and Sewerage System Rates and Charges.
 - >> passed

B. Public Works

1. Ordinance amending the annual budget for the Village of Winfield for the fiscal year commencing May 1, 2008 and ending April 30, 2009 for the purpose of appropriating funds for the Church Street Pedestrian Grade Separation project at the Union Pacific Railroad.
 - >>>> Village Manager Bill Barlow spoke in regards to the budget for the pedestrian underpass, as well as reasons for the current site choice. It is close to the current school walking route, close to the train station and parking lots. He also mentioned that the money we are getting from the mass transit grant might not be available if the crossing was moved. The grade difference at the current site makes the tunnel not as deep and thus cheaper to build. There is enough depth there to allow the railroad to keep operating safely during construction. One end of the tunnel would be at grade, allowing for air and sunshine. It would also reduce the need for as much air moving equipment. The land in question has already been purchased. The police station is close to the current site and would help prevent any unsafe or unlawful activity. The Village can't just choose another site because of the need for the property owners' permission.

He went on to explain that with the additional U.P./Metra money, if the pedestrian underpass is built at the current estimated costs, the cost to the Village would be \$0. The Village has already paid engineering so far, but they needed that information in order to get the other funding. At this point the Village needs to be able to go to bid to get the real numbers. Mr. Barlow also addressed the issues of cleanliness and safety raised by the citizen in Public comments. There would be cameras in the underpass. It would be well lit, and this would make the pictures taken by the cameras very clear. It will be constructed of very hard surfaces materials which are easier to keep clean. There would also be listening devices in the tunnel. He felt we could make this project unique to Winfield with attractive landscaping and perhaps art work. It could be a point of pride.

A representative from Peter Roskam's office was in attendance and said that the Federal funds for the project are there and immediately available. They were secured through Henry Hyde's office before he resigned.

Trustee Kunesh had a question about getting a more "legal" commitment from U.P. They said they would be willing to provide whatever type of formal commitment the Village required. The letter they presented was just a beginning.

The I.C.C. is helping because this is seen as a safety issue.

The vote was taken. Bajor, Petitti, Mortenson and Czech voted for. Vade Bon Coeur and Kunesh against. Since the issue needed 5 votes to pass it was not passed.

President Czech was worried that the funds would now go to other towns since we did not move to accept them. Bill Barlow asked if staff should be directed to write to the agencies offering funds to tell them we couldn't proceed. Rudy suggested waiting until the next Board meeting to make that decision.

2. Resolution authorizing the execution of a revised Local Agency Agreement with the Illinois Department of Transportation and submittal of a grant application for the Illinois Transportation Enhancement Program for the Church Street Pedestrian Grade Separation at Union Pacific Railroad.
>> Unable to act on since previous amendment not passed

VIII. Reports of Temporary Committees

A. *Town Center Marketing and Capacity Study* – **Trustee Birutis**

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

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IX. Future Business

A. Active

1. Discussion on the possible nuisance problems at OS257 Summit Drive
2. Village costs associated with special events – policy
3. Review of nuisance ordinances for possible improvements
 - a. Elimination of nuisance vermin/trapping program
 - b. Dead and dying trees on adjacent properties
 - c. Sump pump and down spout discharges

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.
2. Anti-monotony ordinance for new housing projects – Matter has been referred to Plan Commission.
3. Policy on maintenance of stormwater maintenance facilities – Work has begun on the inventory; policy will be deliberated first by Public Works Committee.
4. Policy on distribution of impact fees – Matter has been referred to the Administration and Finance Committee.
5. Best means to fund street maintenance for the Village streets – Matter been referred to Public Works Committee

>> No change to any of the above

X. Village Board Comments

>> President Czech announced a coffee with the Board for Saturday August 2 at 9a.m. Citizens can interact informally with the Board members and President at the event. Rudy hadn't checked the date with other Board members, but said he would in the future.

Trustee Mortenson remarked that he had learned from past commission presidents that it is not necessary to explain a vote. Just vote! He also said that votes should not be taken personally.

Trustee Bajor commented that he felt that the Board had dealt successfully with many contentious issues over the years. He said he did not understand why two Trustees voted against the underpass project

Trustee Vade Bon Coeur explained that he felt each trustee had researched the issue and based their vote on the facts they had.

XI. Other Village Official's Reports and Comments

A. Village President

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B. Village Attorney

>> No report

C. Village Treasurer

1. 4th Quarter Report

>> Detailed report presented

D. Village Manager

>> Introduced his new secretary Kathy Grant who came from the Wheaton Park District.

Update on the water main project. The final switch-overs causing Winfield Road to be closed should be done by the end of the week. Next week the curb and gutter restoration work will be done. Restoration work is in progress on the East St., Robbins, and Barnes portions of the project. Work being done on the Public Works Building by the general contractors is almost done. The next step will be proposals for paving there as well as other places around town.

E. Village Clerk

>> The clerk commented that she was disappointed that she couldn't vote on the underpass issue. As a mother of young children, she felt strongly that the safety issue was very important.

XII. Other Business

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XIII. Adjournment

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

I. Old Business

A. Fire Suppression Sprinkler Ordinance

>> There was a demonstration of the devices and their effectiveness outside the Village Hall prior to the meeting. A possible ordinance was outlined. Bill Barlow explained that it has taken so long to bring this forward because of the research involved in talking to surrounding towns about what they have proposed. This ordinance was based on Fire Protection Association standards. Earlier this year the Village adopted fire code regulations affecting single family, 2 family and apartment buildings. This would affect all new townhomes and accessory structures. There must be a fire sprinkler option presented with a building permit, so the consumer knows the option is available. The issue will be put on the August 7 agenda for adoption. Trustee Mortenson got the sprinkler demo and taping arranged. A question was raised about whether the ordinance was just for new construction or did it include new additions to existing structures. Bill Barlow explained that that part was not addressed yet because there was discussion about how extensive the addition would have to be to qualify.

B. Letter of Credit for HSA Town Center Phase I

>> There were numerous problems with the site improvements. The brick pavers on the East side of the building have not been installed the way they should be. They are not on concrete and are uneven. The colors do not meet the Town Center guidelines. The landscape has things that are not in compliance. Plants have been substituted without permission, and plants have not been maintained. Winfield L.L.C.

has offered to guarantee the proper completion of the work if the remainder of the bond is returned to them. Mr. Barlow doubts if they will indeed do the work as required. Staff recommends that the Letter of Credit be maintained. The Village could get bids for the proper completion of the work and draw that amount from the Letter of Credit. It was felt that the deadline for the Letter of Credit should be extended. If Winfield L.L.C. doesn't extend, the Village should draw on the Letter of Credit.

II. New Business

A. Plan Commission

1. Special Use Permit to allow a recreational vehicle to be parked in a corner front yard at 26W384 Jewell Road

>> A resident voiced her opinion that the variance should not be granted. Plan Commission felt this particular situation was deserving of a variance since the Village was in effect correcting a mistake the Village had made in regards to this particular property in the past. Health issues and a probable short term requirement for the variance were cited. The matter will be voted on at the next meeting.

2. Preliminary Planned Unit Development for Central DuPage Hospital - proposed new five story Bed Pavilion and Emergency Department expansion

>> This project had gone to the Plan Commission and was ready to go back to the Board. The C.D.H. rep was present, but didn't realize that a presentation to the Board was needed before they could proceed. Arrangements will be made for a presentation at a future Board meeting.

B. Administration and Finance

1. Amendment to policy statement on the application for and administration of grants, donations, and other outside funding for village related operations and purchases.

>> put on Aug 7 agenda

B. Other

1. Creation of regulations to permit Sidewalk Cafés

>> At present alcohol is not allowed in any public place such as a sidewalk. Caliendo's has outside service established. The ordinance is needed to regulate Sidewalk Cafes. Staff has surveyed surrounding towns' regulations in drafting Winfield's ordinance. It will be in the Code section pertaining to liquor. The liquor commissioner will have judgment on many aspects of the issue. The issue was moved to the August 7 meeting.

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)

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IV. Public Comments

>> A resident thanked the Board on behalf of the U.P. rep. who had to leave before the meeting was over. She also expressed disappointment that the Underpass project had not passed.

Another resident commented on the issue of smoking in a sidewalk café area. She has been to many neighboring towns where smoking is permitted in these areas after food is no longer being served.

A resident asked for some safety improvements at the bus stop on Peter and Parkway Dr. She requested traffic cones or a concrete "bib" where students leave the bus.

V. Village Board Comments

>> President Czech reiterated that the Village's cost for the pedestrian underpass would be \$0 – not counting the money already spent.

Trustee Bajor addressed the underpass issue. He felt the Trustees should vote their hearts and minds and not vote for popular opinion because it is safer politically.

Trustee Petitti read a letter of resignation effective as of noon on Friday. She cited work schedule and family obligations as the reasons for her resignation.

President Czech accepted her resignation with regret.

Trustee Bajor thanked Trustee Petitti for her years of work and enumerated the many projects and committees she had worked on.

[Adjourned to Executive Session at 9:44 p.m.](#)

VI. Executive Session – Review of Executive Session meeting minutes

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VII. Adjournment

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