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**REVISED AGENDA  
VILLAGE BOARD MEETING,  
COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MEETING  
THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 6, 2008 - 7:00 P.M.**

**REGULAR MEETING**

I. Call to Order

II. Pledge of Allegiance

Following the pledge, President Czech called for a moment of silence in honor of Army Sgt. Kevin D. Grieco, of Bartlett who lost his life in Afghanistan as a result of a suicide bomb. Sgt. Grieco grew up in Winfield.

III. Roll Call

All present except Trustee VadeBonCoeur.

IV. Consent Agenda

A. Payment of Bills

1. List of Bills

2. 2007 Watermain Replacement Pay Request #4, partial

Trustee Bajor asked if sufficient funds were being withheld to pay for expenses incurred by Village to clean up messes left by the contractor. Village Engineer Dan Watson assured that the 10% hold back was sufficient.

3. 2008 Stormwater Projects Pay Request #2, partial

B. Approval of Minutes

Some minor revisions were called for by Trustees Bajor and Birutis

1. Regular Village Board Meeting of October 16, 2008

2. Committee of the Whole Meeting of October 16, 2008

C. Public Works Committee

1. Authorization of participation in Suburban Purchasing Consortium joint purchasing program for the acquisition of a replacement one ton dump truck for Public Works Department

D. Other

1. An ordinance authorizing the disposal of property owned by the Village of Winfield (1<sup>st</sup> reading)  
Trustee Bajor questioned disposal of plotter used to print engineering drawings. Village Manager Barlow explained that plotter was no longer used due to change in format to 11"x17" that permits drawings to be printed by the Village general use printer. It was decided to postpone a decision on this item until it could be discussed at the Public Works Committee.

2. Temporary use permit – Miseracordia Candy Days, April 24-25, 2009

All remaining consent agenda items were approved unanimously

V. Open Forum

A. Public Hearing – Pedestrian Underpass Project

The public hearing is required by IDOT in conjunction with ongoing negotiations regarding funds and Village liability.

Thirteen Winfield residents spoke with ten expressing strong support, emphasizing safety, especially for children. In addition a non-resident, Diane Cody superintendent of Winfield school district, spoke in strong support. One resident stated support for the concept but believes the process is taking too long and stated that the Village should either do it or drop it soon. Two residents expressed concern about costs and did not believe that the Village would actually receive all of the funds promised leaving the Village liable for a large expenditure it could not handle.

Trustee Oakley, who does not commute by train, spent time observing activity around the train station and Winfield Road train crossing. She witnessed an adult pedestrian run across the tracks in front of an on coming freight train. She also observed a freight train stopped for about 20 minutes and, although it did not occur this time, she believes it is likely some teenagers would cut through the train under these circumstances. She supports the underpass and is interested in knowing why a vehicle underpass is not being proposed. Belmont received 53 million dollars for a vehicular underpass and it cost Belmont nothing.

Trustee Bajor stated that this is a large project for Winfield and other large projects considered by previous Boards such as Lake Michigan water and the Butterfly Garden were politically damaging. He has supported an underpass since ex-president Kirschbaum initiated the project. He would like to move quickly but, since the project is so large, he believes the Village should move forward in incremental steps. He said he was working for Belmont when they initiated their vehicular underpass project in 2003. He cited as an example that projects like this take considerable time.

Trustee Mortenson stated he is part of the negotiating team and is working hard to get this done.

Trustee Birutis made it clear that she would like to have the underpass installed but she is concerned about Village liability in situations such as bids are higher than expected, all promised funds not delivered and/or cost overruns. She is negotiating to reduce, or eliminate if possible, such liabilities.

#### B. Audience Comments

A representative of M & I Homes requested that agenda item VII A 3 be moved to Committee of the Whole because M & I had modified their request based upon Board feedback and wished to discuss this matter further before it comes up for a vote. For example, M& I is no longer requesting lower impact fees. After Board discussion and advise from Village Attorney about the best way to proceed, it was decided that the Village Staff and two Trustees should negotiate in private meetings the aspects that do not need to go to the Plan Commission. This is intended to result in a vote on such aspects at the next Village Board meeting.

### VI. New Business

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### VII. Reports of General Business

#### A. Plan Commission

1. Ordinance approving a variance for Title 10 – Zoning, Chapter 4 – Residence Districts, Article D. R-3 Single-Family Residence District, Section 7 – lot coverage of the village code for a residence at 26W393 Pinehurst Drive.  
Passed unanimously
2. Ordinance approving the preliminary plans for a planned unit development for the demolition of an existing building and construction of additional parking spaces at 27W365 Jewell Road  
Trustee Kunesh abstained. All other Trustees voted in favor.
3. Ordinance to amend an annexation agreement between the Village of Winfield and M & I Homes (Shelburne Farms Project).  
Removed from Agenda per decision to further negotiate as noted above.

B. Other

1. Authorizing the execution of a collective bargaining agreement between the Village of Winfield and Teamsters Local 714, representing the Winfield Police Sergeants  
Initially Trustee Bajor requested a discussion in executive session prior to voting but after Manager Barlow explained the agreement is based on long standing Board direction, Trustee Bajor agreed to a vote and it passed unanimously.

VIII. Reports of Temporary Committees

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

Expect to be ready to summarize the 140 page final report at the Nov. 20 Village meeting.

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

At the request of the school administration, the proposed carriage sidewalk has been moved from west to the east side of Park Street. This fits better with pick-up and drop-off patterns. Trustee Kunesh stated that based on his discussion with residents, he believes this plan will be acceptable to the neighborhood. This will result in a curb on the east side of street and the street will be about four feet wider than it is now.

IX. Future Business

A. Active

1. Discussion on the possible nuisance problems at 0S257 Summit Drive

B. Forthcoming

1. General Development Plan - Key Development Areas 1a, 1b, and 2 St. Charles Road– Matter has been referred to Plan Commission.
2. Anti-monotony ordinance for new housing projects – Matter has been referred to Plan Commission.
3. Policy on maintenance of stormwater 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. Sign Ordinance – referred to staff
6. Examination of need for the use of certified mail for public hearings before the Zoning Board of Appeals, Plan Commission, and Village Board
7. Pro-forma review of the Village's finances at the 6 month time period

X. Village Board Comments

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XI. Other Village Official's Reports and Comments

A. Village President

1. Re-appointment of Dennis Clark and appointment of Tim Allen to Plan Commission  
Trustee Bajor indicated his support for nomination of Tim Allen indicating he has served previously. Passed unanimously.

Denis Clark nomination passed unanimously.

President Czech acknowledged he has received criticism for his letter of support for Peter Roskam. He explained that he was one of twenty mayors to give such support for congressman Roskam's reelection. The Roskam Campaign Committee sent all of the supporting letters. President Czech has consulted with Roskam Campaign Committee Chief of Staff and with Winfield Village Attorney to be certain his actions in this matter were appropriate. The Village Attorney confirmed there was no election code violation as charged by at least one resident.

B. Village Attorney

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C. Village Treasurer

>>. Interim Treasurer was not present so no reports were given.

1. Annual Treasurer's report for the year ended April 30, 2008
2. September 2008 Treasurer's Report

D. Village Manager

Live broadcast of Village Meetings is moving forward. The Village needs to obtain the interface software to achieve communication between the Village equipment and that of channel 10.

Paving work by public works is mostly complete.

Website improvements are implemented. Manager encouraged all to view the changes at the Village website and comment.

Manager Barlow expressed sympathy for Nadine Alletto for the loss of her mother and on behalf of Ms Alletto thanked those that attended the service.

E. Village Clerk

Election packets are available for anyone interested in running for office in the next election.

XII. Other Business

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XIII. Adjournment

**COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE**

I. Old Business

A. Plan Commission

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B. Public Works Committee

1. Report of financing options for the maintenance and improvement of Village streets

Manager Barlow gave a detailed presentation outlining the lack of current revenue to meet street repair and maintenance needs. The combination of reduced revenue due to the slump in the general economy and the increase in police retirement benefits funding has eliminated the availability of cash from the General Fund for street repair and maintenance. Historically, significant cash from the General Fund was needed to supplement that available from motor fuel tax receipts to keep Village streets in good repair. With this general fund supplement gone there is a large short fall in available revenue for street repair and maintenance.

About 45% of Winfield streets need some maintenance or repair. About 20% of the streets are in dire need of attention. Heavy refuse trucks that weekly collect residents' trash are significant contributors to the wear and tear on Village streets. It may be desirable to place load limits on refuse trucks. This would require more frequent disposal at the transfer station.

Up to now there have been few resident complaints about the quality of Winfield streets but this will likely change if additional funding cannot be found.

Unlike most surrounding communities, Winfield has not required annual stickers for resident's vehicles for over 20 years. An annual sticker priced at about \$30 per vehicle, which is typical for the area, would provide about \$230,000 in net annual revenue. Combining this sticker revenue with up to \$150,000 available from motor fuel tax falls short by about \$470,000 for needed street repair and maintenance. In addition some streets need to be entirely replaced, further increasing the shortfall.

Other options for increased revenue such as tax increases, bonds, and special services fees all require voter approval, which is unlikely to be granted. Manager Barlow closed his presentation with the question of how to proceed.

The board concluded that communication to Village residents is an important next step. A town meeting will be scheduled for this purpose. Trustee Kunesh recommended enacting a sticker program immediately to be effective January 1, 2009. There were not strong objections or support for this proposal. Apparently a decision will await results from the Town Meeting. Trustee Bajor pointed out that grinding existing asphalt and using as aggregate could save over half the cost of resurfacing. He suggested that this technique should at least be tested for proof of concept. Village Engineer Watson agrees that this approach could be attractive for streets without curbs.

#### C. Administration and Finance Committee

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### II. New Business

#### A. Administration and Finance

1. Miscellaneous financial policies  
Postponed due to absence of Nadine Alletto.

#### B. Safe Routes to School Committee

1. Potential grant applications  
New rules for grants call for no more than 3 projects for a total of \$250,000. Winfield will propose sidewalks on Park and Manchester as two separate projects for \$260,000 and 310,000 respectively. The dead line for submitting proposals is 12/1/08. As noted earlier, the sidewalk design for Park Street is being moved from west side to east side. Peter Krumins is preparing the proposal in conjunction with Trustee Birutis.

#### C. Public Works

1. Amendments to the intergovernmental agreement with the City of West Chicago regarding the Village's assumption of responsibility for the Winfield Pump Station and force main to the West Chicago Waste Water Treatment Plant

If this facility goes down Winfield residents in some low areas can be impacted so Winfield has a stronger interest ensuring continuous operation than does West Chicago. Currently there are good working relationships between Winfield and West Chicago so this is a good time to complete this intergovernmental agreement. Trustee Birutis questioned how the Village could determine the quality of the equipment and maintenance status of the equipment prior to purchase. The Village Engineer pointed out that under the current arrangement Winfield is fully responsible for the cost of repair and maintenance of these facilities. When asked if additional staff was required if Winfield purchased the facilities, Manager Barlow said no additional staff was needed because staff already monitors the facilities closely due to its critical importance to the Village.

2. Acceptance of a proposal for south side drainage improvement project from Rempe-Sharpe  
This proposal concerns additional water detention to help reduce flooding of Winfield Creek. The funds are available in the Sewer and Water Fund. Trustee Birutis said the proposal wording should be improved. All Trustees agreed to move this to the next Board Meeting for a vote.

The Board passed a motion to continue the meeting after 10 PM.

#### D. Other

1. Ordinance to combine Public Safety Committee, Traffic and Transportation Commission and ad hoc Safe Routes to School Committee  
Trustee Kunesh disagreed with combining Public Safety Committee with Traffic and Transportation Committee. He believes the traffic experts will quit if they have to be involved with safety issues in which they are not interested. Trustee Birutis did not object but she questioned

why it was necessary to change the ad hoc Safe Routes to School Committee when it was expected to end after next year. President Czech who initiated this proposal because he had heard complaints from committee members, suggested that this matter be delayed until the Trustee Liaisons had a chance to discuss the matter with various committee members.

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

Four Village residents spoke.

- The first commended Trustee Bajor for his innovative suggestion regarding grinding existing street asphalt to use as aggregate during resurfacing, stated it was a good idea to inform the public in town meeting about shortfall in street maintenance and repair funds, and he expressed support for increasing sales tax to obtain additional revenue for street repair and maintenance.
- The next resident suggested a special tax or fee on CDH and Cantigny of say one dollar per visitor.
- The next suggested an increase in utility tax so that CDH would pay more of their share and establish commercial zoning on Roosevelt Road to increase sales and real-estate taxes.
- The last resident suggested applying for more grants and seeking endorsement from influential politicians in support of the grants and he suggested more public forums.

V. Village Board Comments

Trustee Bajor congratulated Derk Enger, who was present, for his recent election to the County Board and he congratulated all other candidate that won in last Tuesday's election.

VI. Executive Session

Adjourned to Executive Session about 10:30 PM.

A. Pending Litigation

VII. Adjournment