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AGENDA WINFIELD VILLAGE BOARD OF TRUSTEES THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 19, 2009 7:00 P.M. – VILLAGE HALL

1. Call to Order 7:00pm
2. Roll Call: Present: President Birutis, Trustees Olson, Bajor, Martschinke, Kunesh, Mrugacz
Clerk Mareachen, Attorney David Freeman and Village Manager Barrett and staff department heads.
Absent: Trustee Vade Bon Coeur
3. Pledge of Allegiance
4. Correspondence
 - A. Letter from Union Pacific Public Affairs Representative Paul Corcoran informing the Village of planned system signaling improvements expected to reduce train gate closure time on Winfield Road by over two hours per day.
Letter was read by Clerk Mareachen
5. Audience Participation
 - A. President Birutis will present a Letter of Commendation to Roger E. Bohn and Dan McCarthy with Company E, 1st Michigan Engineers and Mechanics Regiment of the Chicago Civil War Round Table, for their contributions providing historical perspective to the dedication ceremony held for the new General Winfield Scott Park on Winfield Road.
Trustee Bajor introduced Mr. Bohn who gratefully accepted the commendation, he mentioned that “Winfield” means friendly field.
 - B. Public Comments
Two residents spoke: a regular train rider thanked the village for efforts to clear the east bound platform of clutter. Another resident inquired about the Winfield District 34 school parking lot along Winfield Rd and possible changes regarding left hand turns from the north bound lanes. That item is scheduled on the forthcoming agenda.
6. Consent Agenda
 - All items passed unanimously via voice vote.
 - A. Motion approving meeting minutes from the Regular Village Board Meeting and Committee of the Whole held November 5, 2009.
 - B. Motion approving and releasing meeting minutes from executive session meetings held by the Village Board on the following dates in 2008: February 7, March 6, April 3, April 17, May 15, June 5, July 17, and August 7; and dates in 2009: March 5 and June 4. Corresponding

audio tapes of those meetings held at least 18 months ago will also be destroyed in accordance with state law.

- C. Payment of bills for November 19, 2009.

Non-Consent Agenda Items 7 - 8

- 7. Motion to approve an Ordinance providing for and requiring the submission of the proposition of issuing General Obligation Library Bonds to the voters of the Village of Winfield, DuPage County, Illinois, at the general primary election to be held on the 2nd day of February.

Winfield Library Executive Director Matthew Suddarth will present information on the Library's request to place a referendum question regarding proposed Library expansion on the February 2, 2010 election ballot. Illinois State law requires the Library to obtain Village permission to proceed with referendum questions.

Library director stated that the library is seeking 1.8 million in bonds for necessary improvements to the library building. Motion passed unanimously

- 8. Motion to approve prioritized goals identified through the Village's 2009 strategic planning effort.

Village Manager Curt Barrett will present information on the process undertaken this past summer by the Village Board and management team to identify and prioritize goals for the Village. The eventual list of 51 objectives range from short to long-term, and provide staff with direction and priority for use of Village resources.

Trustees in agreement that the goals stated are of value to the village; these goals will play an important role in the upcoming budget process. An amendment was offered by Trustee Olson (approved unanimously) to the motion to require an annual review of short and long term goals.

- 9. Village Trustee Reports of Boards and Commissions
 - A. Communication & Technology - VadeBonCoeur

No Report

- B. Riverwalk - VadeBonCoeur

No Report

- C. Administration & Finance - VadeBonCoeur

Trustee Mrugacz reported that the flushing of fire hydrants has been approved by the Winfield Fire Protection District. An audit of personnel and cell tower contract procedures is underway.

- D. Environmental Concerns – Bajor; presentation of the Commission's annual report

Trustee Bajor reported on the commissions Clean Air counts participation; on the involvement in the bikeway committee, and efforts toward General Winfield Scott park.

- E. Stormwater - Bajor

Trustee Bajor reported that the stormwater committee met, plans are moving along with each member evaluating criteria for future projects and order of importance.

- F. Public Works - Bajor

Trustee Bajor reported that DPW director Tye Loomis has been using a watch list of trouble spots throughout the village to keep the board apprised of complaints and repairs. DPW also accepted input from the bikeways committee regarding road resurfacing.

- G. Planning - Olson

Trustee Olson reported that the next meeting will be December 2nd at 7pm and the commission will be presented a revised sign ordinance, and the commission will be taking on the role of the Zoning Commission. The flag lot ordinance and driveway set backs were also reviewed.

H. Zoning - Olson

No scheduled meeting

I. Marketing & Development Taskforce – Olson

The next meeting is December 14th at 7pm, the taskforce will be looking into “Choose DuPage” to promote Winfield within an already organized group in DuPage County

J. Public Safety & Safe Routes to School - Kunesh

No report

K. Traffic & Transportation – Kunesh

Trustee Kunesh reported that the committee has been reviewing ordinances: see committee of the whole notes below.

L. Bikeways Planning Group - Martschinke

Trustee Martschinke reported that committee member Erik Spande will be communicating with DPW to coordinate road improvements for biking. Mr. Spande presented a map of primary and secondary bike routes through Winfield to DPW.

10. Other Village Officials’ Reports and Comments

A. Village President

President Birutis reported: A successful coffee with the board last Saturday; review of road funding will be discussed in December along with information about “Building America” bonds; the village Christmas tree lighting ceremony will be Dec 4th at 4:30pm. She received an email from CDH regarding a matching program to fund the Riverwalk; CDH will match dollar for dollar the 1st \$163,000 that the Riverwalk committee can raise.

B. Village Attorney

No Report

C. Village Clerk

No Report

D. Village Manager

Manager Barrett reported on discussions with Commonwealth Edison for easement agreements for grid upgrades in the area of Fred Farm-work should be in Dec. and about talks with the water commission regarding bids for a 2nd connection to Lake Water for the south side.

E. Village Treasurer – Treasurer’s Report for October 2009, 2nd Quarter Financial Report

Treasure reported on cash balance of \$472,449.00

11. Pending Future Business

A. Road Funding Discussion

Coming up in December

B. Review of ComEd response to electrical outages

Working with ComEd to upgrade grid in the area of Fred Farm and parts to the north.

12. Adjournment 7:35pm

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

1. Review Public Safety Committee recommendations for traffic control
Chief Bellisario reported that the committee has been reviewing ordinances and correcting errors. For example there was still an ordinance allowing parking on Winfield Rd in front of the school. Ordinances have been rewritten to reflect current signage and directional driving on Church Street, Sunnyside, Beecher and Jewel Roads. The Union Pacific Railroad safety signage has been updated.

The committee recommends new turning restrictions at Winfield Elementary school limiting left hand turns into the school lot on Winfield Rd from the north bound lanes. Heavy backup there has caused serious traffic congestion.

2. Consider adjustments to the Village Liquor Control Code
Trustee Martschinke has been reviewing the liquor ordinances. He recommends eliminating restrictions on minimum square footage of stores. He finds it cumbersome and non essential. Regarding special use liquor permits he suggests making police surveillance part of the permit rather than part of the ordinance and requiring 50% of the cost for police at the time of permit. He also recommends streamlining the actual application. He suggested a new class of special event permit for specialty drinks and changes to allow liquor consumption on closed public ways like the Chamber Cruisin' Nights.

3. Review the Plan Commission update on research regarding flag lots
Trustee Olson asked that this be deferred to the next meeting.

4. Consider participation through an intergovernmental agreement in a natural gas franchise consortium to negotiate a model franchise agreement with Nicor Gas.
Manage Barrett initiated discussion to bring Winfield into a gas purchasing consortium with Nicor in DuPage County. So far 70 municipalities have joined; there is a \$500 fee to join. He has some questions for legal and he states that the village can opt out at any time. It has been 50 years since the franchise has been negotiated, which was the standard practice.

5. Review employee health coverage renewals.
Finance director Nadine Alletto gave a presentation about the health coverage renewals. Her department surveyed the staff who agreed to a 20% increase in their premium contribution to keep the cost increase down to 9.25% The initial renewal rate came it at 11.25%. December is renewal time so the decision needs to be made soon.

6. Public Comments
None

7. Village Board Comments
Trustees Bajor and Kunesh will be attending the 37th annual prayer breakfast in DuPage County of elected officials.

8. Adjournment
8:20pm