



## VILLAGE OF WINFIELD

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### **AGENDA WINFIELD VILLAGE BOARD OF TRUSTEES THURSDAY, DECEMBER 16, 2010 7:00 P.M. – VILLAGE HALL**

1. Call to Order
2. Roll Call
  - Present: President Birutis, Trustees Olson, Bajor, VadeBonCoeur, Martschinke, Mortenson. Clerk Mareachen, Manager Curt Barrett, Attorney David Freeman.
  - Absent: Due to illness-Trustee Kunesh.
  - Village Staff all department heads and treasurer.
3. Pledge of Allegiance
4. Correspondence
  - None
5. Audience Participation

The opportunity to speak to the Village Board is provided for those who have a question or comment on an agenda item or Village of Winfield issue that will stimulate thought so as to make the Village Board deliberations more productive and meaningful. The Village Board appreciates hearing from our residents and your thoughts and questions are valued. The Village Board strives to make the best decisions for the Village and public input is very helpful.

Respect for the duties of the Village Board and for the democratic process will be adhered to – in this regard, civility and a sense of decorum will be strictly followed. All speakers must address their comments to the Board. Comments that are personally condescending will not be permitted. Therefore, speakers shall be courteous and should not make statements that are personally disrespectful to members of the Village Board.

Please use the microphone when speaking as the proceedings are being videotaped. Please state your name and address before commenting – all comments under Audience Participation are limited to five (5) minutes and each citizen will only be permitted to speak once.

- A resident thanked the village for allowing the Knights of Columbus fish fry sign to hang over Winfield Road in the Town Center, he said this was a very successful event for the Knights. He also announced himself as a candidate for trustee and presented “for show”, a

document signed by himself and two other candidates for office, pledging to run a “clean” election. He challenged the other candidates to sign the document during the meeting.

- A resident thanked the Winfield Juniors for an enjoyable Snacks with Santa event. As a member of the committee, she reported on the efforts of the Riverwalk Committee to promote Winfield businesses and the fund raising efforts of the participants in the Taste of Winfield.
- A resident and fellow member of the Riverwalk Committee reported that the committee was awarded \$15,000.00 from CDH’s Community Foundation Grant
- A resident expressed dismay at the political stunt from the above mentioned candidate for trustee. He said he personally knew the aforementioned candidates and found them to be honorable men, he saw no reason in our village for the disreputable political stunt.
- Mr. Rich Bysina of the Chamber of Commerce reminded us of the 90th Anniversary contest of the 90 Most Unique things about Winfield. He announced that in January the Chamber will hold its annual inaugural dinner at John’s Buffet.
- A resident read an impromptu poem he wrote about the Holiday Season and life in Winfield.

6. Consent Agenda

Passed Unanimously.

- A. Motion approving meeting minutes from the Regular Village Board Meeting and Committee of the Whole held December 2, 2010.
- B. Motion approving payment of bills for December 16, 2010.
- C. Motion approving a change order to the pedestrian underpass construction engineering contract with Rempe-Sharpe, of Geneva, Illinois, in the amount of \$29,000 for a revised total contract of \$219,385.

This action addresses additional hours requested by the Village for assistance with grant administration requirements for six grants funding the underpass.

Non-Consent Agenda (Items 7-10)

- 7. Finance Director Nadine Alletto will present information on the property tax levy extensions proposed by the Village and Library for 2010. Per state law, a public hearing on the levy extensions was held at the Village Board meeting on December 2, 2010. Also included is an abatement, or forgiveness, of additional property taxes as previously committed to by the Board.
  - A. Ordinance levying taxes for corporate purposes of the Village of Winfield for the current fiscal year commencing on May 1, 2010 and ending on April 30, 2011, and
  - B. Ordinance abating the taxes heretofore levied to pay principal and interest on \$6,500,000 general obligation refunding bonds (alternate revenue source), series 2003, of the Village of Winfield, DuPage County, Illinois.

Passed Unanimously

8. Motion to approve an ordinance prohibiting of video gaming in the Village of Winfield.

Village Attorney David Freeman will present information on the Village Board's option under state law to ban video gaming within village establishments. Based on concerns and feedback from the community in 2009, the Village Board voted on October 15, 2009 to temporarily ban video gaming through the end of 2010. At the Committee of the Whole meeting held on December 2, 2010, the Village Board reviewed the status of video gaming and directed staff to prepare an ordinance continuing the ban indefinitely until more information, including future state regulations, becomes available.

Passed Unanimously-The discussion here focused mainly on the ambiguous direction from the state legislature. The state has not established guidelines or rules concerning the governing or regulation of video gaming. Winfield has to abide by state statute and without clear rules from the state, the board was not willing to set policy. The promise of revenue was discussed as being something the village should not depend on.

9. Motion to approve an ordinance authorizing a first amendment to the TIF Redevelopment Agreement between the Village of Winfield and Wilkening Court LLC (restaurant amendment).

Village Attorney David Freeman will present information on the restaurant incentive agreement proposed between the Village and Town Center I property ownership group which will utilize Tax Increment Financing funds to assist a new restaurant with remodeling costs associated with opening.

Passed Unanimously—The TIF incentive allows a maximum of \$50,000.00 toward the interior remodel of the old Heidi's restaurant to the new owners to be paid in installments. The restaurant is required to remain at the location for 5 years.

10. Motion to approve a resolution authorizing the bill of sale and acceptance of public improvements to Shelburne Farms Drive.

Village Engineer Dan Watson will present information on acceptance of this public street.

Passed Unanimously

11. Village Trustee Reports of Boards and Commissions

- A. Communication & Technology - VadeBonCoeur

No report

- B. Riverwalk - VadeBonCoeur

Trustee VadeBonCoeur commended the Riverwalk Committee on their submission of application for the CDH grant money.

- C. Administration & Finance - VadeBonCoeur

Treasurer report and 2<sup>nd</sup> quarter report coming in committee of the whole.

- D. Environmental Concerns - Bajor

Committee is near completion of a report on the emerald ash borer.

- E. Stormwater - Bajor

- No report
- F. Public Works – Bajor  
No report
  - G. Winfield Park District - Bajor  
No report
  - H. Planning - Olson  
Next meeting January 5, 2011
  - I. Zoning - Olson  
No scheduled meeting, meetings are scheduled as needed.
  - J. Community Consolidated School District 200 - Olson  
No report
  - K. Traffic & Public Safety - Kunesh  
Trustee Martschinke reporting for Trustee Kunesh: committee addressing signage on dead end streets, and discussion of DuComm Central system and WEMA.
  - L. Winfield Public Library - Kunesh  
No report
  - M. Bikeways Planning Group - Martschinke  
Group meeting to combine efforts of Safe Routes to School. Committee looking at grants for bike racks on Church Street, St John's helped in the efforts.
  - N. Economic Development Task Force- Martschinke  
Committee reviewing marketing letters and business invitation letters to attract new business. Marketing letters helped committee to determine on what type of business to focus.
  - O. Winfield Chamber of Commerce - Martschinke  
Trustee Martschinke echoed Rich Bysina's comments of chamber events.
  - P. Winfield School District 34 – Martschinke  
School district working on strategic plan and still looking for public input.
  - Q. Winfield Fire Protection District - Mortenson  
District working on sprinkler ordinance.
12. Other Village Officials' Reports and Comments
- A. Village President  
President Birutis congratulated the Riverwalk Committee for their Taste of Winfield; she reported that Winfield has issued the most building permits for housing starts in the Chicago area and highlighted Trustee VadeBoneCoeur and the Deputy Assistant Stacy for their work in the Shop with a Cop program.
  - B. Village Attorney  
Mr David Freeman, attorney, addressed the recent problem with the nominating petitions distributed by the village clerk to prospective candidates for office. The paperwork distributed were the forms for non-partisan candidates, which were used in the 2009 election; the

independent candidate form is the customarily accepted nominating petitions. The clerk is not required to distribute packets and does so only as a courtesy. All documents state that candidates should seek the advice of an attorney, as do all documents distributed by the county and the state. It is the responsibility of each candidate to verify the documents for accuracy. The clerk and two members of the village board would be called upon to act as an electoral board in the event that the petitions are challenged; therefore he has advised the board not to make public statements regarding the issuance of a candidate packet. The village manager's office received a letter from the attorney of a candidate for office suggesting a conspiracy to keep him from circulating the correct petitions, however, all candidates received the same packet from the clerk and the clerk had no communication with the county regarding the petitions. The clerk cannot know which petitions any candidate is circulating until the petitions are submitted. The clerk does not pass judgment on the petitions, her job is to accept and certify the receipt of the petitions. The petitions are only scrutinized if challenged during the required objection period. The village electoral board will only get involved if the petitions are challenged.

C. Village Clerk

The clerk will be accepting nomination petitions until Monday, 12/20/10 at 5pm.

D. Village Manager

Mr. Barrett commented about "the letter of outrage" he received from a candidates attorney regarding the nomination petitions. He confirmed that there was no conspiracy between the clerk's office, the manager's office and the county to keep specific candidates from turning in the correct petition forms.

The village was awarded recognition from the American Public Works Association for the pedestrian underpass.

The meeting scheduled for January 6, 2011 will be cancelled per recent custom.

E. Village Treasurer – Monthly Report for November

Beginning cash balance as of Novemeber 2010 was 6,335,661.00. Money is in local banks and in Illinois funds. Investments are in CDs and Illinois Metro Investment funds.

13. Pending Future Business

- Zoning amendments on bulk regulations
- Review of Village boundary agreements
- Rules for outdoor seating and temporary tents

None discussed

14. Adjournment

7:50 pm

**COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE**

1. Review 2<sup>nd</sup> Quarter Financial Report

41% of village assets are in CDs. Interest rates are at or about 1%, some banks are not interested in handling the village's money. Earnings average 2.32%. Budget is on target at this time.

2. Review the 2010 Strategic Plan Update

Strategic plan is a 51 goal plan accepted November of 2009. 23 of the items are ready to be removed as completed. Completed items include the pedestrian underpass, development of relationship with CDH and sanitary improvements. Board was asked to combine remaining goals into 3 groups: Road funding, Riverwalk, and general improvements. Also added were boundary agreements, sanitary improvements, development and communications.

3. Consider installation of bar screen technology at the main wastewater pump station  
Bar screen technology is used to screen out large solids from pumping station system, trustees agreed to send this for vote at next meeting.
4. Consider Rempe-Sharpe proposal for 2011 schedule of engineering charges  
Rempe-Sharpe presented a new rate schedule reflecting an average 2% increase. They included a summary of scope of work. Discussion about the quality work from Rempe-Sharpe; all thought the increase was fair and reasonable.
5. Public comments  
None
6. Village Board comments  
Trustee Mortenson gave his reasons for signing the pledge to run a clean campaign; he apologized to Trustee Vade BonCoeur for the political stunt during the public comments, he didn't expect the document to lead to that. He stated his dismay at the problem with the petitions and thanked all of the people who helped him with his petitions.  
  
Trustee Bajor commended the work of the clerk who must remain above any political influence.  
Trustee VadeBonCoeur expressed his delight at the small town Christmas festivities in Winfield.
7. Adjourn to executive session for purposes of discussing personnel matters and the potential purchase or sale of property.