



## VILLAGE OF WINFIELD

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### **AGENDA WINFIELD VILLAGE BOARD OF TRUSTEES THURSDAY, MAY 19, 2011 7:00 P.M. – VILLAGE HALL**

1. Call to Order
2. Roll Call  
>> All trustees and Village staff present.
3. Pledge of Allegiance
4. Correspondence  
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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.

[Rich Bysina, Executive Director of the Winfield Chamber of Commerce](#) noted that this was National Small Business week. Also, he stated that Good Old Days will be a celebration of the 90th anniversary year for the Village of Winfield with the theme “Remember When”. He reminded the audience that the Chamber had prepared a list of 90 things that makes Winfield unique. A Winfield

wide treasure hunt is being planned and he asked people to contact the Chamber website for suggestions of distinctive items to include.

A resident living near Town Center stated he was pleasantly surprised that Trustee Allen came to his door to ask what he thought about expanding Town Center zoning. He also mentioned he did not believe Winfield should be restricting people from gardening on their own property and he also said he thought the RV/Camper parking ordinance is too restrictive.

A member of the Plan Commission stated Trustee Reyes' e-mail on the garden topic was inaccurate, similar to his e-mail on the subject of gypsy moth spraying a couple of years ago. Plan Commission proposed ordinance amendment separates landscaping from agriculture and farming. Asked that the Board support this proposal and pass the amendment. Also commented on Board members having private contact with developers as a matter of ethics. Need to be concerned about Trustees representing developers interests rather than the residents interests.

Member of River Walk Committee noted River Sweep on Saturday morning. Participating in Winfield Run in conjunction with CDH. Look for future announcements of participation in Criterium and Tour de Winfield. Also planning special event for Good Old Days.

Resident near corner of Roosevelt road and Winfield Road is concerned about blanket rezoning of corner without a developer coming forward with a plan. Winfield already has empty stores along Geneva Road and this Village Board is not working to get businesses there. Get these filled first before creating more commercial property without a plan. There are federally protected birds thriving in this wet lands that should be considered in conjunction with future development of this area.

6. Consent Agenda

>> Trustee Reyes asked that payment of bills be removed for comment. The rest were approved unanimously.

- A. Motion approving meeting minutes from the Regular Village Board Meeting and Committee of the Whole held May 5, 2011.
- B. Motion approving payment of bills for May 19, 2011.
- C. Motion approving a temporary use permit and waiving applicable sections of the Village Code associated with Cruzin' Winfield events coordinated by the Chamber of Commerce on Monday nights June through August in downtown Winfield.
- D. Motion approving a temporary special use permit for the American Diabetes Tour De Cure Cycling event to be held on streets in the Village on June 12, 2011.
- E. Motion approving a temporary special use permit for the Central DuPage Hospital Bed Pavilion Grand Opening event to be held at Central DuPage Hospital on June 23-25, 2011.
- F. Motion approving a request from the Salvation Army Metropolitan Division to conduct "Tag Day" fundraising events in Winfield on June 3-4 and November 18 - December 24, 2011.

- G. Motion approving a temporary use permit and waiving applicable sections of the Village Code associated with the 2011 Farmer's Market coordinated by the Winfield Chamber of Commerce on Wednesdays from June 1 through October 26 in the Prairie Trail Shopping Center located at Geneva and County Farm Roads.
- H. Motion approving a resolution appointing Finance Director Nadine Alletto to act as the Village's authorized agent for the Illinois Municipal Retirement Fund (IMRF).

This action allows the Finance Director to work with IMRF on employee issues.

>> Trustee Reyes asked about a few of the bills for which he could find no budget money. The Finance Director stated that all but one of these was to be paid out of last year's budget and one was a typo.

Non-Consent Agenda (Items 7-8)

- 7. Ordinance amending Title 10 – zoning regarding regulations for gardens, community gardens, and neighborhood gardens.

Community Development Coordinator Peter Krumins will be prepared to present information on proposed regulations permitting gardening as a primary use on vacant residential lots. This item was referred to the Plan Commission by the Village Board on October 21, 2010 following concerns voiced by a number of residents. The Plan Commission held several discussions on the topic before concluding a public hearing process on April 6, 2011, and voting 5-0 on April 6, 2011, to recommend Village Board approval of zoning text amendments addressing the issue.

Trustee Olson proposed a motion to approve the ordinance amendment recommended by the Planning Commission. This topic drew considerable discussion with Trustees Reyes, Allen, and Hughes believing that there was no need for an ordinance controlling gardening on private property. They stated their belief that this is a fundamental property right that should not be infringed upon. Trustee Bajor stated he needed more information to clarify the issue and Trustees Olson and Spande felt the current ordinance needed to be changed or else neighborhood gardening would be illegal if done without a special use permit based on existing Winfield Code. Trustee Allen moved to postpone a vote indefinitely but this was rejected by President Birutis stating indefinite postponement is not acceptable and that a specific reason is needed to table an item until the following meeting. In the end the proposed zoning change was defeated with Trustees Olson and Spande voting in favor, Trustees Allen, Hughes, and Reyes voting against and Trustee Bajor abstaining.

- 8. Motion to approve the emergency repair of the Village's wastewater lift station debris grinder by JWC Environmental of Buford, Georgia, in the not-to-exceed amount of \$17,310, to be expensed to the FY11-12 Water & Sewer Fund.

Village Engineer Dan Watson will be prepared to present information on the recent failure of the Village's grinder, which removes debris from the waste water sent from Winfield to the treatment plant in West Chicago. The unit has reached the end of its useful lifespan and is scheduled for replacement with a modern system later this year.

However, repair of the grinder will provide a back-up, and until a grinder is available, a 2-man Public Works team is required to descend into the lift station twice daily to manually remove debris from a bar screen system, also on weekends creating overtime.

The payment for this item comes from an existing maintenance fund established jointly by Winfield and West Chicago so no funds from the Winfield budget are needed. This was approved unanimously.

9. Village Trustee Reports of Boards and Commissions

Trustee Reyes met with District 34 foundation president to begin a discussion of how the Village can help the district. He also plans to meet with the superintendent to discuss this topic.

A fundraiser is planned to support the after school program.

- A. Administration & Finance - Bajor  
>> Meeting planned for Saturday at 9 AM. Topic will be road-funding options.
- B. Winfield Park District  
>> Missed the last meeting due to it being held a day earlier than the original schedule.
- C. Winfield School District 34 – Bajor Nothing to report  
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- D. Planning Olson  
>> Next meeting June 1. Public hearing for home occupations on this date.
- E. Zoning – Olson  
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- F. Community Consolidated School District 200 – Olson >>  
>> Was interviewed by two students as part of class project. Thanks to Winfield police department for use of “drunk goggles” in demonstrating the danger of drunk driving to 5<sup>th</sup> graders.
- G. Environmental Concerns - Spande  
>> One opening.
- H. Stormwater Spande  
>> Did not meet.
- I. Public Works – Spande  
>> Special service areas have been suggested for giving resident responsibility for street maintenance decisions and payment. If this should be adopted by the Board this is major change for Public Works so want to decide this before Public Works wastes time on options that are rendered useless by the adoption of Special Service areas.
- J. Traffic & Public Safety – Allen  
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- K. Winfield Chamber of Commerce - Allen  
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- L. Communication & Technology - Hughes

The Committee is working on contributions to Village Word publication as well as developing a Facebook site for the Village and guidelines for social media in general. This committee also has some openings.

M. Riverwalk & Bikeways - Hughes

Bikeways Committee invited by Village of Elgin Industrial Committee to panel discussion on bike and pedestrian issues in Chicagoland area on June 10. This is an opportunity to share and learn from other communities that are promoting biking. Place more bike racks around Winfield this summer. Openings on Bikeways Committee and volunteers are welcome. Riverwalk Committee is participating in River Clean Up this Saturday beginning at 9AM. Participating in the Winfield Run on July 17. Looking forward to beginning of bid process for the urban center portion of the River Walk. The Committee has some open positions due to two members leaving to join the Winfield Board.

N. Economic Development Task Force- Hughes

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O. Winfield Fire Protection District - Hughes

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P. Winfield Public Library – Hughes

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10. Other Village Officials' Reports and Comments

A. Village President

During the last election received obscene and defamatory phone calls. After the election still have Trustees attacking residents and slandering each other. Enough! Need to move forward in a positive manner. Quote from Babe Ruth "The way a team plays as a whole determines its success...."

B. Village Attorney

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C. Village Clerk

>> Police Department Special Olympics fund raiser Saturday

D. Village Manager

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E. Village Treasurer – Treasurer's report for April

Balance as of April 1 was \$5,107,329. Balance as of April 30 was \$4,916,517. State of Illinois payments are about three months late. The State is threatening to reduce payments to municipalities. Winfield is joining other communities in adopting resolutions and writing letters to the Governor and legislators against this possible reduction.

11. Pending Future Business

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

- Districting

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## 12. Adjournment

### **COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE**

#### 1. Winfield Fuel and Materials request for TIF assistance

Peter Krumins updated the Board on this subject. Under a 2007 redevelopment agreement with Winfield Fuel and Material (WF&M), the company Jacob and Hefner (J&H) was engaged to conduct surveys of the Town Center Phase 2 (consisting of property North of Highlake Road and that South of the railroad tracks). J&H completed a majority of the work before the project was put on hold in 2007. WF&M is asking that the work be completed. Mr. Krumins asked the Board for guidance on whether to complete the study and if so for just the WF&M site or for the larger Town Center Phase 2. In response Trustee Olson proposed a motion to have the Economic Development Committee study how to move forward. The items that need to be done include: communicate the proposed rezoning to all stakeholders, determine whether or not to rezone the property to permit the use of TIF funds for the survey work, make the Comprehensive Plan consistent with the Town Center Plan, renegotiate the initial agreement with WF&M to clarify obligations of both parties. Trustee Olson expects the to-do list will expand as the work proceeds. At this point President Birutis stated that no motions are in order under Committee of the Whole. Trustee Allen objected and stated that Robert's Rules of Order does permit motions and this is the best way to move items forward with clarity. The Village attorney confirmed president Birutis position. All Trustees agreed with Trustee Olson's proposal with some wanting to proceed with his motion and some believing motions in Committee of the Whole are not needed. Trustee Allen appealed the chairs position on motions and his appeal was defeated 4 to 3 with Trustees Hughes, Bajor, Spande and President Birutis voting in the majority to reject the appeal. President Birutis stated the Board should consider possible changes to Committee of the Whole procedures as a future agenda item. A resident asked how to obtain information about TIF boundaries and budget. The boundary information is available from Village Hall and the annual report is posted in Village Hall and the Village Website.

#### 2. Wheaton Christian Grammar School request for waiver of water connection fees

The connection fee based on estimated water use was established to be \$102,600 under the fee structure established in 2006. This fee was mistakenly not collected when the water connection was made and the school is appealing its collection at this time because the estimated water use used in establishing the fee is much higher than the actual use. The Village Finance Committee agreed to reduce the fee to \$43,700 according to the fee structure in place before 2006 since the annexation of the school was approved in 2003. However, the school says actual water use is far below the estimate used in the fee calculation and based on actual use per water bills the fee should be on the order of \$6,000. Trustees Bajor, Hughes, and Spande support fee of \$43,700. Trustee Reyes, Allen, and Olson want to waive the fee. Trustee Allen wanted a motion in this regard. The Finance Committee proposal to reduce the fee to \$43,700 will be voted on at the next Board meeting.

#### 3. Review bids for rehabilitation of well number 2

The Village maintains two wells as backup to Lake Michigan water. Some Trustees questioned the need for this expense since they consider the need to be small. However, having these pumps available

permits the Village to collect rent on a Village water tower that more than offsets the maintenance expense for the well pumps.

The rest of the items were deferred to the next meeting because it was after 10 PM.

4. Utility tax audit

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5. Riverwalk intergovernmental agreement with the DuPage Forest Preserve District

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6. Property zoning at 27W572 Roosevelt Road (Marathon Gas Station)

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7. Ethics ordinance updates

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8. Banner regulations

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9. Public comments

Two residents asked how the neighborhood garden issue would be handled in the future. President Birutis indicated community gardens have the option of property owner participation or special use permit, both satisfy the existing ordinances.

A resident made the point that Robert's Rules of Order has evolved over time. So there are differences depending on publication date.

A resident stated that differences of opinion are good but the Board needs to work together.

10. Village Board comments

Trustees Reyes, Bajor, Hughes and Spande emphasized the need to work together. Trustee Allen agreed with the need to work together but wants to follow Robert's Rules of Order more closely. Trustee Olson had no comment.

11. Adjournment 10:21PM