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REVISED AGENDA  
EXECUTIVE SESSION  
THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 7, 2008 6:00 P.M.

VILLAGE BOARD MEETING  
THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 7, 2008 7:00 P.M.  
WINFIELD CENTRAL SCHOOL

**EXECUTIVE SESSION** – 6:00 p.m.; The executive session will be convened at the Winfield Central School, 0S150 Park Street; no business is expected to take place following the end of the executive session.

- A. Pending Litigation
  - B. Collective Bargaining
  - C. Personnel Matters

[No Public Report](#)

**REGULAR MEETING**

- I. Call to Order [7PM](#)
- II. Pledge of Allegiance
- III. Roll Call

[All Present: President Czech; Trustees Glenn Vade Bon Couer, Jack Bajor, Christine Petitti, Joel Kunesh, Cliff Mortenson, Deborah Birutis. Clerk Anne Mareachen; Manager William Barlow; Attorney Kathy Elliott, Community Develop Director Peter Krumins and Village Engineer Dan Watson](#)

VI. Consent Agenda

- A. Payment of Bills
  - 1. 2006 Water Main Pay Request #4
- B. Approval of Minutes
  - 1. Regular Village Board Meeting of January 17, 2008
  - 2. Committee of the Whole Meeting of January 17, 2008 [Minutes approved with one correction](#)
- C. Reduction of Letter of Credit – Airhart Construction, Fisher Farms
- D. An ordinance authorizing the disposal of property owned by the Village of Winfield – Surplus Equipment (2<sup>nd</sup> reading)
- E. Award of bid for 2008 Water Main Contract

[Consent agenda passed unanimously](#)

#### IV. Open Forum

##### A. Public Comments

President Czech stated that he removed the Committee of the Whole from the agenda to allow time for the discussion of the railroad underpass. Time at the school is limited to approx 9pm. He asked the people present for comments to keep remarks short, remain polite and do not repeat. Trustee Kunesh asked if the representative from the Union Pacific was present for questions. Mr. Tom Zapler stepped to the podium. Trustee Kunesh asked Mr. Zapler how closing the pedestrian crossing on March 1<sup>st</sup> makes the crossing safer. Mr. Zapata stated that his experience shows the pedestrian crossings are unsafe and closing will be safer; building the underpass will alleviate fears and prevent accidents. The Union Pacific is in the process of closing all pedestrian crossings. Later in the comment session Trustee Birutis asked Mr. Zapler about the agreement between the UP and the village that stated that the crossing will remain open until the underpass is built and if the village proceeds with the underpass does that mean the crossing will not close March 1<sup>st</sup>. Mr. Zapler was not familiar with the agreement and will check if there is such an agreement the UP will abide by the agreement. (see: 12/20/07 board meeting for vote on agreement)

Public comment was interspersed with remarks by Manager Barlow, President Czech and the engineer from Rempe Sharp.

The Rempe Sharp engineer stated that stairs were recently added to the plan for the north side of the tracks. The initial thought was that the stairs would take too much room away from parking but the plan has now been modified. HVAC, air circulation, the tunnel opening and lighting will all be state of the art engineering.

For over an hour, 22 residents of Winfield came to the podium to express opinions. About one half of the people asked the board to pass the resolution for the underpass without reservation; about 5 people asked the board not to pass the resolution and the rest had questions and concerns.

The comments are summarized as follows: The members of the school board and parents of children who attend the 2 schools south of the tracks spoke in strong favor of the underpass for the safety of children, even considering the crossing guards on school days; it was mentioned that children cross the tracks alone at times after school and on weekends and that children cannot be expected to obey the flashing lights and bells; the underpass will provide the safest way to school. It was mentioned that even with crossing guards the kids at Winfield Road get in the way of oncoming traffic; with only 1 available crossing-if the underpass is not built, there would be more incidents at the tracks. One teacher at the school remembered the high school age boy who was killed a few years ago near the crossing. A woman stated that fear of increased crime in the underpass was irrational and unlikely.

Someone expressed concern over the vulnerability of the train line to terrorist attack via the tunnel. Long time residents of Winfield were concerned that something has to be done in the Town Center area and the underpass is a positive step. The worry is that the train traffic will increase in the next few years making crossing even more difficult.

The Wheaton - - Collage Avenue underpass was used as an example of a good underpass project. Safe, well lighted and in a perfect place in relation to the station and that the village should wait for the Town Center Marketing study to determine the best placement for the underpass and perhaps even moving the train station at such time. President Czech said that the College Ave train station is new and that the RTA/Metra paid for it, he will work on funding from them for our project. A local developer expressed concern that the location currently proposed ties up the most valuable redevelopment site of real estate in the Town Center, he said moving the station and the crossing to the west of Winfield Road and building a garage with an overpass is better planning. Other residents expressed concern about the slow growth of the Town Center going back many years. A resident who is in the construction business asked about the physical engineering and structure of the underpass project.

Concern was expressed regarding the funding from federal and state resources. With so much change in the political landscape in Washington and the money coming from a "member imitative" and with Congressmen Hyde and Hastert no longer in office what was the board going to do as plan B for funding. A few residents didn't want their taxes to go up to pay for the underpass. Someone suggested that the underpass was a money pit. Manager Barlow said the initial \$300,000 from the state was ready to be sent. The other monies are administered through the state and will not be awarded without engineering in place, so the village will have to proceed with engineering to qualify for that money. A series of regular meetings with state transportation committees will have to occur for a "pay as you go" system of reimbursement for costs. The costs of the project go up with each delay or revision of plans. The ability of the village to pay for its share will take more study-TIF funds and impact fees will be

used. If the substantial grants are lost the village will not be able to build the underpass, we can afford only 20% of the costs.

Trustee Birutis stated that her motion to table was in regards to the proper placement and cost in relation to the Town Center.

Trustee VadeBon Couer realizes that the community is bisected by the railroad tracks and that creates crossing risk. He is looking at this objectively and endeavors to make the best decision with the best information. He doesn't want the village to miss the opportunity for grants by passing on this one.

Mr Jim Spears with CDH stated that the Proton Beam Imaging center will be going to Warrenville due to his doubts that Winfield wanted the project. Their decision is final.

Trustee Bajor said that as an engineer he wants to take this project on incrementally. He is taking into consideration the public testimony and the split vote of the board and considering the steps carefully.

Trustee Petitti thanked everyone who came to the meeting and expressed their thoughts.

A gentleman representing property owner Robert Hall and a proposed subdivision asked the village board for a Plan Commission hearing and proceed with the subdivision. His plans will be reviewed and submitted to the Village Board for consideration then will have to go before the Plan Commission.

#### V. New Business – None

None

#### VI. Reports of General Business

- A. Motion to reconsider postponement of Resolution authorizing the execution of a grant agreement with the Illinois Department of Transportation for \$300,000 from the state of Illinois' Road Fund to assist in financing the pedestrian underpass project.  
Trustees Birutis, Kunesh and VadeBonCouer voted No; Trustees Petitti, Bajor and Mortenson voted Yes. President Czech broke the tie with a Yes. Motion Carried
- B. Resolution authorizing the execution of a grant agreement with the Illinois Department of Transportation for \$300,000 from the state of Illinois' Road Fund to assist in financing the pedestrian underpass project.  
Trustees Birutis, Kunesh and VadeBonCouer voted No; Trustees Petitti, Bajor and Mortenson voted Yes. President Czech broke the tie with a Yes. Motion Carried
- C. Plan Commission
  1. Ordinance approving preliminary plans for improvement to the Central DuPage Hospital site for the construction of a parking garage and improvements to the diagnostic imaging area of the Hospital  
Motion Passed unanimously
- D. Finance Committee
  1. Ordinance amending Title 3 – Business and License regulations, Chapter 2 – Municipal Occupation Taxes, Section 3.1 – Electrical Utility Tax  
Motion Passed Unanimously
  2. An ordinance amending Title 3 – Business and License Regulations, Chapter 1 – General License, Section 8 – Fees of the Village of Winfield  
Motion Passed Unanimously
- E. Riverwalk Committee
  1. Resolution of support for the Winfield Riverwalk Project  
Motion Passed Unanimously

#### VII. Reports of Temporary Committees

- A. Downtown Riverwalk Initiative Task Force – Trustee VadeBonCouer  
Task Force is progressing and getting favorable response from recent Town Hall Meeting
- B. Fire Sprinkler Regulations – Trustee Petitti  
The first draft ordinance is ready; a meeting is TBA
- C. Town Center Marketing and Capacity Study – Trustee Birutis  
Houseal and Lavigne is ready to conduct telephone interviews
- D. Safe Routes to School – Trustee Birutis  
Meeting coming up February 13, 2008 3:30pm

VIII. Future Business

- A. Active  
None
- B. Forthcoming
  - 1. Resolution of conflicting language in the Village Code regarding authority to appoint the Police Chief – Requested by Trustees Birutis and Kunesh, two different sections of the Village Code provides authority to both the Village Manager and Village President.  
No Update
  - 2. Policy on the handling of donations from Central DuPage Hospital – The Administration and Finance Committee wishes to discuss the policy and procedural issues associated with the pledge of CDH officials to provide \$100,000 for community needs.  
No Update
  - 3. Reporting situation for the Winfield Emergency Management Agency – Requested by Trustees VadeBonCouer and Birutis, discussion to formalize reporting requirements for policy positions and financial control.  
No Update
  - 4. Policy on utility recapture agreements – At the request of Trustee Bajor, the Administration and Finance Committee has deliberated language for a new policy document for the Board’s consideration.  
No Update
  - 5. Compensation for Elected Officials – If the Village Board wishes to act on increasing or otherwise changing the compensation for elected officials, it must act 180 days before the April 2009 election, which means a decision by the second Board meeting in September 2008.  
No Update
  - 6. Creation of the office of President Pro Tem or other approach – a question has arisen regarding who acts as the President in his/her absence, particularly as it relates to a disaster. Options will be discussed.  
No Update
  - 7. 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.  
No Update
  - 8. Policy on maintenance of stormwater maintenance facilities – Work has begun on the inventory; policy will be deliberated first by Public Works Committee.  
No Update
  - 9. Policy on distribution of impact fees – Matter has been referred to the Administration and Finance Committee.  
No Update

IX. Village Board Comments

- A. Trustee Mortenson Report on Zoning Board of Appeals Recommendation on variance request of Greg Palumbo, 0S441 Jefferson Street

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Item will moved to next board meeting

The Plan Commission meeting of Wednesday, 2/6/08 was postponed due to weather

Trustee Petitti announced a Public Safety meeting Tuesday, 2/12/08 at 7PM

Trustee VadeBon Couer announced the finance committee is working on the 5 yr capital improvement plan and that the next fiscal year will be tight but possible.

X. Other Village Official's Reports and Comments

B. Village President

1 . Proclamation

Theodore Beyer Day February 10, 2008. Mr. Beyer turns 103 years old on February 10<sup>th</sup>.

President Czech participated with West Chicago mayor in a race for hunger at the Jewel store in West Chicago. Mr. Czech collected \$1300 worth of groceries to be donated to a local charity and won the contest with West Chicago

Chamber of Commerce is holding a Good Old Days meeting Monday, 2/11/08

C. Village Treasurer

No report

D. Village Attorney

No report

E. Village Manager

Mr. Barlow reported that the village should not be running out of road salt but will use some sand in the mixture. Also, he states that residents have asked if the snow plow drivers can lift the plows at driveways- he responds that lifting plows at driveways takes too much time away from the plowing. He asks the residents to help each other with plowing and maintain the driveway aprons.

F Village Clerk

No report

XI. Other Business

None

XII. Adjournment

9PM

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE – NONE

Submitted by Karen Skillman