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**AGENDA
VILLAGE BOARD MEETING,
COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MEETING
THURSDAY, AUGUST 21, 2008 - 7:00 P.M.**

REGULAR MEETING

- I. Call to Order
- II. Pledge of Allegiance
- III. Roll Call

All 5 current trustees and president were in attendance.

IV. Consent Agenda

All of the following items, A through E, were approved unanimously except for two bills that Trustee VadeBonCocur requested be held back pending discussion at a later time.

A. Payment of Bills

1. Payment #4 for Public Works Building

B. Approval of Minutes

1. Regular Village Board Meeting of August 7, 2008
2. Committee of the Whole Meeting of August 7, 2008

C. Public Works

1. Acceptance of proposal for Engineering Agreement for stormwater management improvements for Beecher Avenue and Madison Street
2. Acceptance of proposal for Engineering Agreement for Detention Pond Maintenance Inspections
3. Acceptance of proposal for Engineering Agreement for Sanitary Sewer Extension to Pleasant Ridge Manufactured Homes Park

D. Temporary Use Permit – Knights of Columbus Tootsie Roll Tag Day

E. Temporary Use Permit – CDH Bariatric Reunion

V. Open Forum

A. Public Comments

Two residents, representing about a dozen residents in attendance that did not speak, gave prepared remarks in support of the pedestrian underpass as currently designed. They stressed children safety and questioned the reasons three trustees are opposed to moving forward with bids on the project. They see lack of progress on the underpass as evidence the current Board is not working together.

Another resident, who is an attorney with a Chicago office, stated he has commuted on the train from Winfield for 18 years. He cited several examples of people crossing the tracks when the lights were flashing and gates were down. This situation is worse now that the crossing at the station is closed. He suggested the Board should be concerned about lawsuits, pointing out that the punitive damages for gross negligence cannot be insured against.

One resident spoke up against the underpass because it was too expensive.

A local business person said they considered moving their business to downtown Winfield but decided to go elsewhere because there was no way to avoid getting stuck by trains. She said a pedestrian underpass would improve the situation. People could have confidence they could avoid the trains by parking on one side of the tracks, shopping on both sides and using the underpass if the grade crossing was blocked. .

Request for a C-1 Liquor License at 26W220 Geneva Road
Representative was not present so was not discussed.

VI. New Business

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VII. Reports of General Business

A. Administration and Finance Committee

1. A resolution adopting an amended policy statement on the application for and administration of grants, donations, and other outside funding for Village related operations and purchases
Passed unanimously.

VIII. Reports of Temporary Committees

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

The study results will be on Village Board Website the first week in September.

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

A meeting will be held Aug. 28.

IX. Future Business

Village Manger reported no change to the future business items A and B.

A. Active

1. Discussion on the possible nuisance problems at OS257 Summit Drive
2. Village costs associated with special events – policy

B. Forthcoming

1. 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.
2. Anti-monotony ordinance for new housing projects – Matter has been referred to Plan Commission.
3. Policy on maintenance of stormwater maintenance 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. Best means to fund street maintenance for the Village streets – Matter been referred to Public Works Committee
6. Alternate Sidewalk for Park Street – Safe Route to Schools

X. Village Board Comments

Trustee Bajor:

- 1) Public Works is considering alternatives for protecting the community against the gypsy moth and mosquitoes.
- 2) A waste receptacle is being placed along the Prairie Path near the intersection of and Geneva and County Farm Roads near the drinking water fountain.
- 3) There will be a public works meeting August 27.
- 4) Trustee Bajor asked about the status of selecting a replacement for Trustee Petitti. President Czech said he had selected one candidate for trustees to interview but not all trustees have responded yet. He hopes to announce his choice at the next Board meeting.
- 4) Trustee Bajor thanked the residents that spoke about the pedestrian underpass for their carefully worded heartfelt remarks.

XI. Other Village Official's Reports and Comments

A. Village President

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B. Village Attorney

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C. Village Treasurer

1. Monthly Report – July 2008 \$

July balance was \$9.58 million, down from 9.83 million in June due to payment of capitol projects.

D. Village Manager

Mold abatement in police station and village hall is proceeding. The dry wall and molding in the police station have been removed and the underlying structure has been cleaned and sealed. Bids are going out for new carpeting. Ozone and ultraviolet light treatment are being added to building ductwork to insure no mold spore circulation. None of these modifications are in the budget but have to be done.

E. Village Clerk

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XII. Other Business

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XIII. Adjournment

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

I. Old Business

A. Public Works

The Village Manager complained that he was not being fully informed on the status of some underpass grant money. Trustee Birutis and President Czech said they were waiting for written confirmation before they present the information. The Village

Manager did not seem satisfied with this explanation. He requested that a personnel matter be added to tonight's executive session agenda.

1. Underpass Location Study by

This study as proposed would mainly monitor pedestrian traffic and use the results along with the Town Center Plan to advise the best location for the pedestrian underpass. The current proposed cost is \$30.7 M down about \$15 M from the previous proposal because they now understand that much of the business data gathering included in the first proposal is not needed because the was data already available in prior studies. The study could be cut off after spending about \$11 M if the preliminary results suggest the current location is the best.

A representative of engineering company, Rempe Sharpe, explained that the current location was selected because it was the least expensive considering all of the factors involved. These factors include, grade, Union Pacific restrictions, engineer reviews by several agencies, estimates by key specialist subcontractors, and the ability to complete the project in a single construction period. It will take about 7 months to reengineer if a new site is selected. The delay to the 2009-construction season has already increased cost by about 7.9%.

The sense of the Board, without a formal vote, was to not proceed with the Houseal and Lavigne study but rather use the existing RTA study.

2. Resolution nullifying previous Winfield Village Board action regarding the Church Street pedestrian grade separation underpass at Union Pacific Railroad

II. New Business

A. Other Business

1. Acceptance of Central DuPage Hospital Grants and appropriations

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2. Review of nuisance ordinances for possible improvements

The Development Coordinator presented findings and preliminary recommendation on a) and b) as a way to get Board feed back.

a) Inoperable Vehicles

Current Winfield ordinance defines inoperable vehicle as unable to drive under own power for 6 months except for vehicles older than 25 years. Development Coordinator recommends shortening duration of inoperability and defining unlicensed vehicles as inoperable. By Illinois state law inoperability can be defined by a community as short as 7 days. Winfield used to use 7 days and several surrounding communities still use 7 days. The sense of the Board was to shorten to about 30 days, possibly longer if hard to get part is on order. Trustee Mortenson pointed out that there is a need to look more broadly including off road vehicles such as race cars and complete restoration of vehicles that could take longer than 6 months.

b) Off –street Parking

Development Coordinator questioned acceptance of gravel driveways. General sense of the Board was to not approve new gravel drives except possibly in certain zoning classifications such as Estate Residential where driveways are unusually long. PUD and/or annexation agreements could address these exceptions. There is also a need to define gravel driveways in terms of base and top thickness.

c) Sump pump and down spout discharges

Village Manger discussed the need to better define acceptable locations for these discharges. They should be discharged into storm sewer, drainage swale/ditch or in the general flow of the land if none of the previous exist. The discharge should be located so that it does not contribute to ice in the winter or algae growth in the summer.

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

A resident said he is encouraged that the Board is moving closer to a final decision on the pedestrian underpass. He would be satisfied with either yes or no but he does not believe the process should continue to be dragged out.

V. Village Board Comments

Trustee Bajor said dealing with the underpass issue has been a trying experience. He encouraged all Board Members to not let egos get in the way of doing what is best for the Village.

Trustee Birutis requested that the performance of an elected official be added to the Executive Session agenda.

VI. Executive Session – Collective Bargaining Strategy and Pending Litigation

VII. Adjournment