

AGENDA
VILLAGE BOARD MEETING,
COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MEETING AND EXECUTIVE SESSION
THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 6, 2007 - 7:00 P.M.

REGULAR MEETING

I. Call to Order

II. Pledge of Allegiance

III. Roll Call

>> Bajor, Birutis, Czech, Kunesh, Pettiti present. Barlow present. Village clerk present but will be away next several meetings because she's having a baby.

IV. Recognition

A. Commendation for Village employees involved with the automatic read water meter program

>> Several staff members performed outstandingly in the effort to supply every home on the water system with a new automated meter which allows the interrogation of the meter from Village Hall, providing data without having to get it from homeowner or have a village staff member go out to the home to read the meter. It turned out to be more difficult to get these installed than was at first realized. Staff became adept at handling tricky customers, including one who thought the radio transmissions to the village hall would interfere with his own thought processes. Not all names were caught, but among the staffers mentioned were Cathy Szalay, Robert Orlando, Robert Ryan, Tye Loomis and Nadine Alletto. Village Manager (VM) Barlow mentioned that it had taken Barrington(similar in size to Winfield) more like 5 years to get such a system up and running and Winfield staff had done the job in record time. The two staffers being commended in person were Cathy Szalay and Robert Orlando. Pres.Czech and VM Barlow presented certificates and pictures were taken for the record and for the Winfield Register. Pres.Czech commended the Board for having approved this project in the first place pointing out that it was a \$700,000 expenditure as well as a very large step for the village as a whole to undertake. It was the right thing to do.

V. Consent Agenda

>> Only a couple of questions on bills from Bajor and Birutis. Bajor questioned a repair bill of \$768 for an "intoximeter" belonging to the Police Dept. Police Chief assured Trustee Bajor that the machine had been recalibrated after the repair and explained that the screen had blown out when there was a power failure. It was an LCD screen which is very expensive to replace. Birutis also pointed out that on page 58 the time the meeting adjourned was not yet posted.

Payment of Bills

A. 2nd Pay Request – 2006 Water Projects

B. Ordinance allowing solicitation on Village streets - Lions Club Candy Days (1st reading)

C. Award of Public Works bids

1. Asphalt Paver

2. Smoke testing for sanitary sewers

>> Birutis noted that in the request for funds related to this item the amount requested was actually under the bid. She asked if this was intentional and VM Barlow said yes.

3. Cracksealing

4. Engineering services for 2006 CDBG project – Cooley Avenue

D. Approval of Minutes

1. Regular Village Board Meeting of August 16, 2007

2. Committee of the Whole Meeting of August 16, 2007

E. Approval of a Joint Development Agreement – Winfield Town Center LLC

>> Birutis asked if page 59 was identical to other similar agreements with other entities. The answer was no, the wording was different, but what was achieved was the same.

>> Unanimous vote to pass all the items.

VI. Open Forum

A. Request for PUD – Heliport for Central DuPage Hospital

>> Several representatives from CDH were present. The principal presenters were the architect, named Fourot and an aviation consultant, Raymond Syms. The proposal is to create a temporary heliport on the parking lot just west of the old Franks Foods building. It would serve while extensive new construction takes place where the current heliport is located. It was admitted that this temporary installation would probably become a permanent one. The gist of the aviation consultant's presentation was that given the proposed approach patterns, which come over the pond and Forest Preserve and which are very close to the current flight patterns, very little noise disruption would take place. He kept pointing out that the decibel levels were no higher than 60-75 decibels. Also the number of actual flights is not high. A hospital representative said there had been 45 in the past year. The contention was that even though a flight might come during the night there would be very little noise and many people would be able to sleep through it. Trustee Kunesh questioned much of this and assured everyone that this will be extensively researched. There was a lot of concern over the choice to go off the campus rather than to relocate the heliport to either the roof of the ER or the top of the parking garage. Hospital reps pointed to more new construction being planned which would make those locations unusable.

B. Public Comments

>> John Norman said that CDH was buying up property then just takes them off the tax rolls. He contends they have to spend money just to maintain their non-profit status. He heard there might even be an agreement with Scheffler's Flowers to sell to CDH as well. He doubts the wisdom of having the same kind of new proton machine as is going in only eight miles away in West Chicago. Mr. Norman thinks the new heliport should be put directly on top of the ER.

>> John Karwoski stood up for CDH saying it was a good thing for the village and he was pretty put out that people are criticizing CDH and objecting to their expansion plans. He said several businesses have tried and failed to make a go of being in Winfield. He wants business in downtown as much as anyone. He pointed out that even if CDH is thought to not pay taxes, he believes they do pay SOME taxes. For example, they do pay for the water they use and that has to be a large amount.

>> Jenny Holland asked about a warning blinker that was supposed to have been installed at the crossing (Jewell and Jefferson) where she is a crossing guard. It had been delayed at the factory and should be in place by Oct. 15. She pointed out that there are altogether too many careless drivers these days and that she has had a lot of close calls.

>> Tom Goodwin was asking for a stop sign in place of a yield sign which is consistently ignored at the corner of Chartwell and Winfield Scott Dr. This was a previous request which had been tabled but was supposed to be brought back.

>> Bob Wisoti felt everything would make more sense if the hospital put their heliport on top of the parking garage. He thought the number of flights a year was not a problem, even more, like 60, would not be a problem either. The traffic in Winfield tends to gridlock and so the heliport should be somewhere where it would not be subject to or cause gridlock as he could predict that any ambulance attempting to move an injured person from a helicopter at the proposed location to the ER, would be trapped by the gridlock and not allowed to get through.

>> Bob (?) of WEMA talked about the Emergency Management Mutual Aid Agreement with other communities and how helpful this can be for all participants.

>> Heidi Vollmuth, Bob's deputy, mentioned that people from other close by communities would be helping out with traffic and other duties at Good Ole Days. She said Winfield benefits in a couple of ways not the least of which is that we lack the equipment but have manpower so

we can trade with other communities. The WEMA good effects showed up in the capable way they handled traffic at the intersection of Jewell and County Farm Road during the recent storm and blackout.

>> Other complaints raised during the public session included one woman's problem finding any public or senior oriented transportation. She needed to go to Glen Ellyn and found the only way was to pay \$42 to take a taxi 5 1/2 miles. Other towns have transportation systems in place to help out the indigent and elderly but not Winfield.

>> Cliff Mortenson spoke about the SALT project which is based in Wheaton and can be accessed through Milton Township's offices. This project is specifically set up to provide reasonable transportation for seniors and it is not limited to just one town.

>> Pres. Czech reminded all that Winfield is not as large as Wheaton or Naperville and thus does not have the same resources available to provide these kinds of services. Also, the village is in two different townships and the way the township services are arranged one can not get from one side of the village to the other using township transportation.

VII. New Business

VII. Reports of General Business

A. Public Works Committee

1. A resolution authorizing the submittal of an amendment to the West Chicago/Winfield Facilities Plan Area for the purpose of serving the northern territory

>> Jack Bajor explained that they since NIPCC had changed its name to Chicago Metro Area Planning it would be necessary to amend this document to reflect that change. A motion was made and passed to effect that change.

Change order for an asphalt path along High Lake Road

>> There is a cost of \$7750 associated with the asphalt path along High Lake Road. Trustee Birutis asked if there was money in the budget for this. There was discussion of the 50/50 programs for trees and sidewalk from which they might take money for this project. It is a project that has been brought up repeatedly and there is strong interest in getting it done.

VIII. Reports of Temporary Committees.

>> Trustee Petitti said the sign ordinance committee are nearly finished with their report and will send it to the Plan Commission soon. Trustee Bajor wants to move ahead with the asphalt bikepath and expressed a need to do something quickly as the asphalt plant shut in November for the winter. Riverwalk committee is studying a number of good plans and pleased with the quality of the ideas being presented to them. Bikepaths, Riverwalk and safe routes to school can all benefit from working together and should work with the Forest Preserve.

IX. Pending Business

A. Active

1. *An ordinance to amend Title 6-Traffic Regulations, Chapter 3-Traffic Schedules, Schedule III – Stop Intersections (Chartwell Drive and Winfield Scott Drive) – tabled at the August 16, 2007 meeting*

>> There was discussion on this topic in light of the request from the crossing guard in the public session. Trustee Vade Bon Coeur felt there was reason to be restrained in granting such changes (i.e. from a Yield sign to a Stop sign) and that any changes should be researched carefully with the village attorney as there could be situations where the village might be held liable because they had made the change. Other jurisdictions such as the county or state may have to be involved in such changes. Trustee Vade Bon Coeur indicated his concern for the further study of the stop sign situation as he thinks there might be a precedent set if the Village changes a Yield to a Stop and they may become liable to action forcing them to place Stop signs all over the village. He wanted a clear

explanation of what is going to be done and much deeper research for more facts and data on the subject. Trustee Birutis noted that if a Stop sign were placed at Chartwell and Winfield Scott the traffic would be slowed in the wrong direction to afford any protection for the park further down the street. There were a few more remarks to the effect that the subject needs study.

2. ***Downtown Riverwalk Initiative Task Force*** – Committee meeting on September 10, 2007 and continued working with the consultant preparing the conceptual plan.
3. ***Fire Sprinkler Regulations*** - A joint task force with the Fire District has been formed and is meeting to come up with recommendations.
4. ***Marketing Brochure for the Community*** – Nest meeting on September 14, 2007.
5. ***Sign Review Task Force*** – Task Force on revisions to the signage regulations of the Village has met on several occasions.
6. ***Affordable Housing Plan*** – Board members requested additional time to consider staff's proposal.

B. Forthcoming

1. ***General Development Plan - Key Development Areas 1a, 1b, and 2/ St. Charles Road area annexation initiative*** -Plan Commission reviewed the matter at their 10/4/06 meeting; placed the matter on hold until more is known about the wishes of the property owners along St. Charles Road. A meeting of St. Charles Road property owners was held on July 23, 2007. Out of 21 invitees, 2 owners came to the meeting.
2. ***Policy on maintenance of stormwater maintenance facilities*** – Work has begun on the inventory; policy will be deliberated first by Public Works Committee.

X. Village Board Comments

>> Trustee Bajor commended the way the staff handled the recent storm. He also expressed concern over what he observed as a lack of police presence in the village. There seem to be no squad cars patrolling recently. The Police Chief concurred and said the reason was a shortage of manpower at the moment but this was being rectified.

XI. Other Village Official's Reports and Comments

A. Village President

1. Appointment of Peter Dopper to Plan Commission, term ending 7/2010
>> This news received warmly and Peter Dopper will serve.
2. Proclamation of National Preparedness Month
>> Declared appropriate in light of the recent storm!

B. Village Treasurer

>> No formal report.

C. Village Attorney

>> No formal report.

D. Village Manager

>> No formal report.

E. Village Clerk

>> Announced upcoming absence to have a baby.

XII. Other Business

XIII. Adjourn to Committee of the Whole

>> President Czech announced that due to the length of the public hearings the COW meeting would be cut back considerably.

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

I. Old Business

II. New Business

- A. Report on the August 23, 2007 Storm Response (verbal)

>> VM Barlow gave a glowing report of the selfless and hard working attitudes displayed by all the staff, especially the Public Works group, in clearing up after the storm and tornado of August 23. He mentioned the high degree of cooperation between residents and staff as well as residents with one another. He and Tye Loomis took a chipper out on the first weekend and he found out how much hard work goes into collecting and chipping. Tye Loomis was notable for the 40 hours straight he spent working to clear trees and restore power to residents even when Tye's own house was uninhabitable for three days. There were numerous instances of generous behavior but there were a few things that did not go well, too. There was less flooding than might have been expected due to there having not been a huge amount of rain with this storm. What rain there was, was spectacular (horizontal part of the time) but it did not last long. Some of the expected places did flood, like Liberty, Beecher, Summit and VM Barlow suggested that the Forest Preserve should be reminded to be certain the culvert under Manchester is kept clear as a blockage there would cause severe flooding. It was noted that the county was inconsistent in their promises and actions in regard to flooding problems. Klein Creek could use a permanent generator. The three temporary generators worked very well and were considered to have been a very good purchase. They kept power on at Village Hall. One of the failures was that it was discovered that no one knew how to program the telephone system with an outgoing message to get information to the residents about things like garbage pickup and brush pickup. On the whole things went better than expected. Trustee Birutis asked if there would be any money from the state or federal coffers for help in cleaning up. Probably not, as the President would have to have declared Winfield a disaster area for help from the feds. The sewage pump station on the north side at Waterford lost power but the backup generator worked so the sewage was kept moving. There were problems at the West Chicago sewage processing plant but Winfield was able to pump into an old fishing basin. West Chicago was able to run their sewage thru a couple of settling ponds until they could go back online with the normal system. A few residents took advantage of the cleanup efforts and as VM Barlow mentioned, there were any number of bushes that got trimmed neatly by the tornado. (Yes, there really was a tornado. It touched down up on the northeast side of the village around Peter Rd. It was estimated to have been on the ground about a mile and a half, ending about Gary Road, and the path was about 500 ft. across. It was classified as an Enhanced Fujita-1 with winds of 86-110 mph. It arrived about 3 in the afternoon.) At first the staff attempted to distribute yard cleanup stickers but things finally got to a point where VM Barlow told staff just to pick up all tree trimmings and brush irrespective of their having stickers. So far they have filled 9 dumpsters. This weekend should see the end to the cleanup work.

B. Administration and Finance Committee

1. Minimum Utility Bill

>> This subject was first raised some time ago by the homeowners association at High Lake where they were accustomed to turning off their outside spigots each winter (even though village service to those spigots had not been turned off) and because they were not used the association got a break on paying the minimum fees. Until recently this was the way things worked despite this procedure not being authorized by any ordinance. The village has taken this situation under advisement along with the other unauthorized practice of not billing the "snowbirds" who called and notified village of their absence during the winter. The village put them on an "inactive" list and did not bill them the minimum for the months they were away. The objection to these actions is that these folks are not paying the minimum utility bill and therefore are not contributing a share of the total cost to everyone. When they returned to town they'd have to call to be put back on the active list for water service. The staff studied this situation and ran through at

least 5 different scenarios for making changes to these unofficial policies that would satisfy both the populace receiving the unauthorized breaks and those who think they should be paying something. So far staff have been unable to come up with a policy that would provide the necessary revenues as well as allow the village to be generous with the behavior they can turn away from. For the time being it has been decided to keep the water/sewer rates as they are.

2. Proposed new Liquor Licenses and Fees
>> For some time there have been requests for a new type of liquor license to allow sales in convenience stores. A total of 3 are under consideration. These would be in addition to the existing number.

C. Public Works Committee

1. Berner recapture agreement
>> Refers to the potential annexation of a triangular area across from the Pleasant Ridge Mobile Home Park.
2. Potential 2007 Community Development Block Grant Program Application – Pleasant Ridge Mobile Home Park
>> There is a letter of intent due almost immediately in order for the village to remain involved in the process which would lead to a Community Development Block Grant becoming available to use in relation to the annexation of this area. It is important also because there are very few areas of the village that comply with the home value/low-middle income requirements to be eligible for such a CDBG grant. Annexation would involve a change of zoning to B1. Actual signing of any agreement would be months away as there are public hearings that must be scheduled but the application must be in by the end of October.
3. Change order #1 - Geneva Road water main project – additional costs due to County requirements

D. Other

1. Ordinance providing for indemnification of Village officials and employees
2. Ordinance on proposed amendments to Tobacco business license and related regulations
>> This is being drafted by lawyers for village. Some question if it's needed but at least one likes it and would back it.
3. Policy on right-of-way vacation

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*)

>> Suggested that the affordable housing plan be moved up for presentation at the next meeting.

IV. Public Comments

>> John Norman thanked everyone for their efforts.

V. Village Board Comments

>> Rudy reminded all to have fun at Good Ole Days and not to miss the Sunday parade.

VI. Executive Session

- A. *Consideration of the appointment, employment, compensation, discipline, performance, or dismissal of specific employees – (5ILCS 120/2(c)(1))*
- B. *Land Acquisition (5ILCS 120/2c (5))*
- C. *Pending Litigation (5 ILCS 120/2c (11))*

VII. Adjournment