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**Notes in bold.**

VILLAGE BOARD MEETING,  
COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MEETING AND EXECUTIVE SESSION  
THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 15, 2007 - 7:00 P.M.  
REGULAR MEETING

I. Call to Order

II. Pledge of Allegiance

III. Roll Call **All present except Trustee Bajor.**

IV. Consent Agenda **All items passed unanimously with little or no discussion.**

A. Payment of Bills

B. County Farm Road Water Main Extension - Pay Request No. 1 - Partial

C. Approval of Minutes

1. Regular Village Board Meeting of November 1, 2007

2. Committee of the Whole Meeting of November 1, 2007

D. Ordinance authorizing the disposal of surplus personal property owned by the Village (1<sup>st</sup> reading)

E. Award of bid for fencing

F. Award of bid for snow removal assistance

V. Open Forum **No comments from residents.**

A. Concept - Variance Request – OS441 Jefferson, Gregory Palumbo

**Due to pie shaped lot, a variance is required to place new three car-detached garage near the house. Mr. Palumbo provided the Board with a packet of supporting information including: documentation that the nearby residents had no objection, sketch showing proposed garage location, pictures of garage placement in the neighborhood, etc. Trustees Birutis and Kunesh said they had visited the property, examined the neighborhood**

**and they believed the proposal fit existing precedent in the area. Trustee VadeBonCoeur stated that the proposal appeared reasonable. Board concurred that the proposal should be sent to the Zoning Board of Appeals for consideration.**

B. Concept – Hall Subdivision **Withdrawn at request of petitioner.**

C. Concept – Davis Subdivision **Withdrawn at request of petitioner.**

D. Concept - Proposed Annexation of Pleasant Ridge Mobile Home Park. **This item was tabled for future consideration because there were no residents from the mobile home park in attendance. Manager Barlow assured the Board that the park residents were informed that this item would be on the agenda.**

E. Public Comments **No comments from residents.**

#### VI. New Business

#### VII. Reports of General Business

A. Communications Committee – Trustee VadeBonCoeur **All three passed unanimously without discussion.**

1. Ordinance amending Title 7, Chapter 4 of the Village Code (construction of utility

facilities in the public rights-of-way);

2. Ordinance amending title 3 of the Village Code to add a new Chapter 15 thereto (Cable

and Video Customer Protection Law); and

3. Ordinance amending Title 3 of the Village Code to add a new Chapter 14 re Cable/Video

Service Provider Fee and PEG Access Support Fee.

#### VII. Reports of Temporary Committees

1. Downtown Riverwalk Initiative Task Force – Trustee VadeBonCoeur **Forest Preserve District is receptive to Task Force ideas. Task Force has been divided into two working groups, one for public relations and the other for funding. Will hold a Town Hall meeting in January to obtain resident input on current plans.**

2. Fire Sprinkler Regulations – Trustee Petitti

**Next meeting the week of December 10 to work on draft ordinance.**

**Trustee Birutis stated resident input on the Town Center project would be solicited at January Town Hall meeting.**

#### VIII. Pending Business

A. Active

B. Forthcoming

1. General Development Plan - Key Development Areas 1a, 1b, and 2/ St. Charles Road area annexation initiative –Will be presented to the Plan Commission in November
2. Policy on maintenance of stormwater maintenance facilities – Work has begun on the inventory; policy will be deliberated first by Public Works Committee
3. Ordinance authorizing the execution of documents associated with the purchase of property at 27W407 Jewell Road

**By a vote of 5 to 1 (including the president) this was moved to active business, with Trustee Kunesh casting the sole no vote because he is concerned there are better uses for the funds than purchase of this property, which will not be used for railroad underpass during the next several years, if ever. Trustee Petitti stated that the property could be used for a parking garage should the underpass not be approved. Trustee Birutis requested and received confirmation from the Village Attorney that a vote for the land purchase did not commit the Board to eventual approval of the underpass. The ordinance was approved by a vote of 5 to 1 (including the president), again Trustee Kunesh cast the sole no vote.**

#### IX. Village Board Comments

**Trustee VadeBonCoeur said communication team is considering changes to the Village website to include an improved search feature and financial information.**

**Trustee Petitti said the Safety Committee is considering public safety issues such as hospital evacuation and impact of a railroad underpass. Intend to obtain public comments at Town Hall meeting in January.**

**President Czech reported that the leaf pickup program is extended to early December because leaves are remaining on the trees later than normal this fall. He asked Board members and residents in attendance to help get the word out.**

#### X. Other Village Official's Reports and Comments

##### A. Village President

##### 1. Appointments

a. ZBA – Re-appointment of Thomas Szafranski to a 2 year term (8/31/09)

b. ZBA – appointment of Karen Skillman to a 2 year term (8/31/09).

**President Czech pointed out Karen's valuable relevant experience consisting of a year on the ZBA in Brookfield and Brookfield trustee for 2 years serving as liaison to the ZBA.**

c. Environmental Concerns Commission – Malcolm Boyle to a 3 year term (10/31/2010)

d. Environmental Concerns Commission - Barry Dredze to a 3 year term (10/31/2010)

e. Environmental Concerns Commission - Jean Kinnane to a 3 year term (10/31/2010)

##### B. Village Treasurer

1. October Treasurer's Report **Balance of \$13,278,000 with \$8,200,000 in Illinois Fund.**

C. Village Attorney

D. Village Manager **Initial attempt to obtain a grant for extending sewer and water to Pleasant Ridge Mobile Home Park was rejected. There is a chance that this can be reversed upon appeal with better information about the mobile park residents' income and the sanitary problems encountered with the current situation.**

E. Village Clerk

XI. Other Business

XII. Adjourn to Committee of the Whole

## **COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE**

I. Old Business

II. New Business

A. Plan Commission

1. Policy Statement- Vacation of Street and other Right-of-Way/Easements

**The Plan Commission approved the following guidelines for vacation of right-a-ways. Normally unused right-of-ways are not vacated since it is difficult to anticipate future needs. Vacation can be done in special cases where there is high confidence of no future use, a public benefit can be achieved, the village is fairly compensated, and the vacation is consistent with the Village Land Development Plan. In such cases, if no adjacent property owner is interested in obtaining the vacated property, the village will seek sealed bids from any interested parties. The acquiring party will pay a fee in addition to the purchase price to cover cost of appraisal and public hearings. The vacation decision process includes: Plan Commission public hearing followed by a recommendation to the Board; Board consideration and vote. A 75% majority is required for approval. This matter will be placed on the Board agenda for December 6.**

2. Adoption of official copy of the Zoning Map **A new zoning map is overdue since it should be updated annually and the last zoning map was adopted in June 2002.**

B. Finance Committee

1. 2007 Tax Levy **The property tax levy is not keeping up with raising costs for specific village expenses such as police salary and benefits. This is because property tax increases are limited by law to the lesser of 5% or increase in the cost of living index. Any short fall is made up by the General Fund or Sewer and Water Fund.**

C. Other

1. Proposed cellular company leases for Village CDH Water Tower **Manager Barlow expressed concern about the short fall between property tax levy and expenses. He noted that cellular company leases are examples of ways the Village supplements the General Fund to cover the property tax short fall. A new contract has been negotiated that will increase the total water tower**

**lease revenue next year to over \$60,000 per year with annual increases of 5%.**

**2. Extension of the Waste Management Solid Waste Contract** **Manager Barlow recommended and others agreed that key issues to be considered in the next contract should be looked into by the Environmental Concerns Committee and the Committee should make recommendations to the Board. Several issues were identified including: continue with stickers or use another basis for paying, move pickup date from Friday, use larger recycle bins, change date for general spring pick up, change from open leaf pick up to bags, include an extra charge to account for wear and tear caused by refuse trucks on public streets.**

**IV. 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)*  
**There were no requests.**

**V. Public Comments** **A resident stated that when he tried to sign up for Comcast phone service on the Internet he received a message that it was not available in Winfield. Manager Barlow assured the resident that it was available and suggested that he call Comcast. The resident went on to question how early noisy operations could begin under current Village ordinances. He mentioned operations such as emptying dumpsters and material movement at Winfield Fuel and Material. He claimed dumpsters at the Winfield middle school were sometimes emptied shortly after 5AM. President Czech said the village would look into the matter.**

**VI. Village Board Comments** **Trustee Petitti congratulated Stacy Reeve for her promotion to assistant police chief.**

**The public portion of the Village Meeting adjourned shortly after 8 PM.**

**VII. Executive Session**

**A. Pending Litigation (5 ILCS 120/2c (11))**

**VIII. Adjournment**