

AGENDA
VILLAGE BOARD MEETING
COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MEETING
AND EXECUTIVE SESSION
THURSDAY, DECEMBER 21, 2006 - 7:00 P.M.

Regular Meeting

I. Call To Order *Meeting called to order at 7:03pm*

II. Pledge of Allegiance

III. Roll Call

*Present: Trustees Bajor, Birutis, Kunesh and Petitti
President Czech, Attorney, Manager Barlow, Deputy Clerk
Absent: Trustees Levan, Bianco; Clerk Mareachen*

IV. Consent Agenda

A. Payment of Bills *Since the bills were just presented to the Board it was decided to save approval for next meeting*

B. Approval of Minutes

1. Regular Village Board Meeting of December 7, 2006
2. Committee of the Whole Meeting of December 7, 2006

C. Resolution establishing regular meeting dates for the Winfield Village Board for Calendar Year 2007 (2nd reading)

D. Resolution establishing regular office hours and the holiday schedule for the Village of Winfield during Calendar Year 2007 (2nd reading)

E. Ordinance authorizing the disposal of surplus equipment (1st reading)

F. Resolution appointing a delegate and alternate delegate to the Intergovernmental Risk Management Agency (1st reading)

Items B through F passed unanimously.

V. Open Forum

A. 2006 Property Tax Levy

Public Hearing to establish property tax levels for the current fiscal year from May 1, 2006 through April 30, 2007. The first ordinance was for property tax amounts for the Village of Winfield and the Public Library. The second ordinance was a tax levy to satisfy the 2003 debt service obligation for the water and sanitary sewer system improvements. The proposed 2006 levy is for \$826,829.00. The debt service levy is \$65,000 for payment of the General Obligation bond. The Village's tax rate has decreased slightly; in 2005 the average property paid \$60.00 less in taxes directly to the Village than was paid in 2002.

B. Public Comments

The Library administrator spoke to remind the residents of Winfield to complete the survey mailed to all homeowners.

A developer thanked the Village staff and Board members for working on a nuisance ordinance and appreciates the openness of the Board members to developers.

VI. New Business

VII. Reports of General Business

A. Traffic and Transportation Committee

1. Ordinance to amend Title 6-Traffic Regulations, Chapter 3 – Traffic Schedules; Schedule 5 – Parking Prohibited At All Times on Certain Streets; Schedule 7-Parking

Prohibited During Certain Streets, Paragraph A-Three (3) Hour Parking Between 8:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.

Ordinance passed/Ayes: 4 Nays: 0

B. Finance Committee

1. Resolution supporting the Village of Winfield's participation in the State of Illinois Treasurer's Department E-Pay Program for satisfaction of financial obligations owed to the Village. *Resolution passed/Ayes: 4 Nays: 0*

2. An ordinance levying taxes for corporate purposes of the Village of Winfield for the current fiscal year commencing on May 1, 2006 and ending on April 30, 2007.

Ordinance passed/Ayes: 4 Nays: 0

C. Other

1. A resolution for the adoption of the VantageCare Retirement Health Savings (RHS) Program for the Village of Winfield, Illinois to benefit the Winfield Police Sergeant's collective bargaining unit, Brotherhood of the Teamsters, Local 214

Ordinance passed/Ayes:4 Nays: 0

2. Motion to approve an employment agreement with the Village Manager, William Barlow

Motion approved/Ayes:4 Nays:0

3. Ordinance to amend service hours for establishments with liquor licenses for Christmas Eve and New Year's Eve *Ordinance passed/Ayes: 4 Nays:0*

VIII. Reports of Temporary Committees *No Reports*

IX. Pending Business *No Updates on Pending Business*

A. Zoning Code Update – R-4a and R-4b/Tear-Downs/In-Fill (Plan Commission discussed on 10/4/06 and 11/2/06 meeting; held a public hearing at the 12/6/06 meeting; decision expected at the 1/3/2007 meeting)

B. Review of Commercial Zoning Districts – Maximizing Sales Tax Generating Opportunities (Being researched)

C. Review of Status of Strategic Plan (Scheduled for review in fall)

D. General Development Plan - Key Development Areas 1a, 1b, and 2 (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)

E. Marketing Brochure for the Community (Working on a draft)

F. Smoking Ban Ordinance (Been referred to the Environmental Concerns Commission)

G. Extension of Sanitary Sewer Services to Fieldview Area (Annexation policy being discussed on 12/21/06) **

H. St. Charles Road area annexation initiative (Staff is planning an information meeting for property owners at the Village Hall in the coming weeks)

I. Downtown Riverwalk Initiative (President plans to create an ad hoc committee to examine the issue; seeking appointees)

J. Illinois Affordable Housing (Staff will be presenting a plan in the near future)

K. Fire Sprinkler Regulations (a joint committee with the Fire District is being formed to study the matter)

L. Building Nuisance Ordinance (ordinance being re-drafted with input from the building community; tentatively scheduled for the January 4, 2007)

M. Extension of Starcliff Planned Unit Development (postponed)

X. Village Board Comments

XI. Other Village Official's Reports and Comments

A. Village President

1. Appointments to Village Boards and Commissions

President Czech appointed the new River Walk Committee, a few seats on the Traffic Commission, the Environmental Concerns Commission and the Finance Committee

2. Proclamation recognizing the service of Village employee Timi Esposito

Proclamation read by Deputy Village Clerk

C. Village Treasurer

1. November 2006 Financial Report

It was reported that the Village funds are showing better than expected return on investments for the first time in recent years.

D. Village Attorney *No report*

E. Village Manager

Thanked the board for renewing his contract for another year.

F. Village Clerk *No report*

XII. Adjourn to Committee of the Whole *at 7:27pm*

Committee Of The Whole

I. Old Business

A. Environmental Concerns Commission

1. Tree Preservation Ordinance - *New ordinance will provide for additional definitions to help enforcement of new regulations. The International Society of Arborists' guide for Plant appraisal will be recognized as the preferred method for determining replacement trees. An appeal process is being added along with a provision to protect wooded property from being clear cut prior to Tree Preservation Plan approvals. Ordinance will apply to PUDs.*

B. Public Works Committee

1. Discussion on proposed annexation policy - *DuPage County Public Works is requesting confirmation from Village of Winfield to extend water and sanitary into unincorporated areas known as Fieldview residential development. The area encompasses 508 homes and will likely be divided into 3 geographical areas. The lots are generally less than an acre which is the minimum allowed by the county for new well and septic. The current septic and wells are beginning to fail and the county is concerned for public health. Annexation as a condition of receiving village water and sewer is a common practice in several surrounding states as well as throughout Illinois. Historically, residents in the unincorporated areas have not been favorable to annexation.*

C. Other

1. Involuntary annexation of Matson property

Discussion postponed.

XIII. New Business

A. Finance Committee

1. Discussion on cost per acre for determining payment in lieu of land donation

Subdivision regulations require developers to dedicate land for village, park district or school purposes or pay cash in lieu of land donation. The Finance committee is recommending that the amount per acre for unimproved land be increased from \$150,000 per acre to \$289,000.

The fee has not been raised since 1989; property values have increased since then. Several documents were presented with a variety of formulas to determine market value of property. After discussion the Board recommends the value be changed to \$250,000 and a three month grace period be included. Two developers spoke, one thanking the board for the three month grace period and the other voicing objection to the increase in fees as being too high and suggesting that he will have to build elsewhere if the fees are raised.

2. Discussion on proposed solid waste related charges and service

The Village sells the solid waste stickers and is considering offering them to the residents via email order or telephone order. Consideration is being made to charge a handling fee to the residents for this service and for raising the price of the stickers to offset handling costs.

XIV. Requests for Future Committee of the Whole Agenda Items from the Trustees (Requests Require Concurrence of at Least Two Members of the Village Board) *None*

XV. Public Comments

XVI. Village Board Comments

Trustee Petitti asks the residents to report to Village Hall any trouble with internet service in Winfield. Some problems have been taking an inordinate amount of time to resolve.

XVII. Executive Session - None

XVIII. Adjournment

There will be an exchange of "white elephant" gifts between the Village Board, staff and audience members who wish to participate following the adjournment.