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AGENDA
VILLAGE BOARD MEETING
COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MEETING
AND EXECUTIVE SESSION
THURSDAY, MAY17, 2007 - 7:00 P.M.

REGULAR MEETING

- I. Call to Order
- II. Pledge of Allegiance
- III. Roll Call
>> Jack Bajor and Ann Mareachen were not in attendance. Ann suffered an accident and is under her doctor's care.
- IV. Swearing in new Village Officials
>> Ceremony and pictures
- V. Consent Agenda
 - A. Payment of Bills
>> 2 bills were moved to Executive Session for discussion
 - B. Approval of Minutes
 1. Regular Village Board Meeting of May 3, 2007
 2. Committee of the Whole Meeting of May 3, 2007>> Deb Birutis had a correction to the minutes
 - C. An ordinance authorizing the disposal of property owned by the Village of Winfield – surplus vehicles (1st reading)
>> Passed
 - D. Acceptance of proposal for upgrades to the Village's Scientific Control and Data Acquisition (SCADA) System
>> Passed
 - E. Special Temporary Use Permit – Cruise Night
>> Winfield Chamber of Commerce will be holding Cruise Nights on the 1st. and 3rd Monday evenings through the summer. Jewel Rd. will be closed from Winfield Rd. to Church St. and Church St. north. Access to the parking lot will be maintained. Passed.
 - F. Temporary Use Permit – DuPage County Convalescent 6th Annual Fall Festival 5K Run
>> Passed
 - G. Resolution to release Executive Session Meeting Minutes (1st reading)

>> Passed

VI. Open Forum

A. Public hearing on credit card acceptance

>> Postponed discussion

B. Public Comments

>> A resident of High Lake Condominiums complimented the Village on the clean up of the railroad embankment, and the removal of the split rail fence. She also voiced concerns about the water bills for High Lake 1 & 2. The matter was discussed at the finance Committee. The Village will get back to the residents in a month when the discussions are complete.

Another resident of High Lake addressed the water bill issue. He explained that most of residents in the 240 units in the two condo associations are seniors on fixed incomes. If the associations are billed for water not used, they will have to pass on the increase in association fees which would be a hardship for some residents. He cited an example of a bill for 0 water used with a charge of \$40.00. He explained that prior to this year residents who were on vacation for extended times and were not using water would not pay a fee. No use – no fee. The Village explained that the issue will be discussed at the Finance Committee and residents will be updated in a month.

A resident had some comments about the parking signage and policies. Apparently she parked overnight in the commuter lot and was ticketed. She feels the sign was not only obscured by bushes, but unclear as to whether overnight parking is permitted. She called 911 and the staff member who answered was also unsure. She asked that the signs be clarified and that fines be listed clearly.

A Shadyway resident had questions about the progress of the sewer warning system. He had requested a written response to previous concerns, which he has not received. Bill Barlow explained that the Village Board had earlier in the meeting approved putting in a Village controlled alarm so we wouldn't have to depend on the West Chicago system alone. West Chicago has repaired their SCADA system and plans to spend more to continue to improve their system. Winfield will analyze our pump system and make recommendations as well as investigating how to prevent sewer back-ups. Video inspection, measurements, and smoke tests will be used to determine if there are any illegal connections. This will take place after the ground dries out from recent rains. Then recommendations will be forwarded to the Public Works Department. Dan Watson met with West Chicago. He reported that they had replaced the parts of the system that had failed. The alarms used to go to the Treatment Plant, then to Public Works and then to someone at the Village. Now the alarm goes right to the Water Collection person. West Chicago acknowledged that their alarms had failed, and they were at fault for the damage to residences on Shadyway. Dan Watson also mentioned that there is a grant available to put in overhead sewers. Homeowner compensation issues were to be discussed in Executive Session.

VII. New Business

VII. Reports of General Business

A. Public Works

1. An ordinance amending Title 8 – Water and Sewer regulations, Chapter 1 – Combined Waterworks and Sewerage Systems and Chapter 5 – Sewer Use and Service of the Village Code (mandatory connections)

>> The Board had questions about the changes to the ordinance. Since there are new Board members and there had not been time to read and analyze the changes the matter was tabled.

B. Other -

1. Acceptance of a proposal for the performance of land survey services for Town Center Phase II Area

>> passed

VIII. Reports of Temporary Committees

>> None

IX. Pending Business

A. Active

1. ***Downtown Riverwalk Initiative Task Force*** - Committee has held six meetings.
2. ***Fire Sprinkler Regulations*** - A joint task force with the Fire District has been formed and is meeting to come up with recommendations.
3. ***Marketing Brochure for the Community*** – A Committee made up of representatives from the Village Board, MainStreet Winfield, the Communications Commission and Chamber of Commerce held their first meeting on May 11, 2007
4. ***Safe Routes to School Task Force*** – Task Force has met on five occasions and is working toward the goal of having a grant package ready for approval prior to the May 31, 2007 grant submittal deadline.
5. ***Sign Review Task Force*** – Task Force on revisions to the signage regulations of the Village has met on several occasions
6. ***Review of Status of Strategic Plan*** – Meeting scheduled for Thursday, May 24, 2007, 7:00 p.m. at the Village Hall

B. Forthcoming

1. ***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.
2. ***St. Charles Road area annexation initiative*** - Staff is planning an information meeting for property owners at the Village Hall in the coming weeks.
3. ***Illinois Affordable Housing*** - Staff will be presenting a plan in the near future.
4. ***Number and fees for liquor licenses in the Village; Town Center specifically*** – Matter will be deliberated by the Administration and Finance Committee.

X. Village Board Comments

>> None

XI. Other Village Official's Reports and Comments

A. Village President

>> Scout Troop 575 will hold a Memorial Day Ceremony at 7 a.m. and requested speakers to participate.

B. Village Treasurer

1. Treasurer's Report – April 2007

>> The large impact fees from Shelburn Farm and the collection of water bills has added significantly to the Village's funds.

C. Village Attorney

>> No Report

D. Village Manager

>> Bill Barlow reported on the celebration by C.D.H. of being named one of the top 100 Hospitals in the country. He said it was something to celebrate for Winfield as well as the County. He also reported on the hospital's plan to build a five story bed tower. It is in the conceptual stage right now and will proceed through the Village's approval process.

E. Village Clerk

>> None

XII. Other Business

>>None

XIII. Adjourn to Committee of the Whole

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

I. Old Business

II. New Business

A. Public Works Committee

1. Discussion on a proposed 50-50% Tree Replacement Program

>>Parkway trees have been removed due to disease/dying and haven't been replaced because there were no funds budgeted for that. With the new Tree Preservation Ordinance, developers have been given the option of donating money in lieu of tree replacement. There is now \$25,000 in the fund. This money can be used to put trees where there are currently none. Bill Barlow has a list of other communities that have similar programs. He also has a list of recommended trees. The program is out to bid for supplying and planting of trees. The process allows residents to apply for the program. The Village would research whether there would be any conflicts at the proposed sight. The trees would cost \$300. The Village would pay half and the resident would pay half. Bids will be opened on May 25. If the plan is approved by the Board, Staff would put together a program and bring it to the Board for approval.

B. General Winfield Scott Park Committee

1. Intergovernmental Agreement with the Winfield Park District

>> The walkway in phase 1 will be paved soon. This park is meant to be more of a picnic area, open space, educational area with natural materials. It hopes to create a natural setting like the setting when General Winfield Scott was here. Plans include an attempt to get a grove of native trees, a wild flower garden, wetlands plantings, benches etc. Paths are to be installed that will connect all of the neighborhoods. An intergovernmental agreement is soon to be considered between Winfield Village Board and Winfield Park District. The scope of control and the budget are to be considered. The Village will retain control until the improvements are made. The Park District has \$50,000 from Shelburn Farms impact fees. The Village will transfer the park to the Park District. They are the appropriate agency to maintain the park. The Village would keep the pond as part of the storm water retention system. The matter will be brought to the board on June 7. The project should be done in 3 years or less. Board members asked for a clear agreement on funding. President Czech reiterated that the Village is not in the park business.

C. Other

1. Annexation and Zoning for Mission Court and Kingsland Ministry

>> This area had a pre-annexation agreement in 2003. It is contiguous to the Village. The present projects are in compliance with current zoning. Residents had questions about water supply. They were told that they would continue to receive service through American Water Co. which gets its water through the Village. Sewer service would be from Wheaton. (other areas of the Village are currently serviced by Wheaton also) Fisher Farms is now being developed. The Village doesn't know who they will hook up with, but that could change how these areas are serviced. The area now has a separate assessment from Milton Township for Police Service. As part of the Village, they will no longer have to pay that extra assessment. The matter was scheduled for the June 7 Village Board

meeting for approval. Residents stated that they had been looking forward to annexation and wondered why it had taken so long. Mr. Barlow said it had “gotten lost in the system.” A concern raised by residents involved access to Wheaton Christian Grammar School. They would not like their street used as the primary access road. With other developments in the area, board members felt there would probably be another way to configure access. There was also concern about a rumor that Willow Creek Church might be using the school on week-ends. Residents wanted to know the board’s position on that. Rudy said that he couldn’t speak for the board, but that he board had new members who he felt would be sensitive and caring about the concerns of residents.

2. Riverwalk Committee update and request for funding

>>The committee is requesting \$9,944.00 to hire Gary Weber Designs to produce a plan for the Winfield Riverwalk Project. The committee has been meeting every 6 or 7 days. Their vision is for Winfield to be Chicagoland’s most walkable town. They want the project to serve both residents and businesses. They hope to combine nature, culture, relaxation and sense of community. They currently have a “barebones” website but hope to expand. Another aspect of the plan involved the Levitt Pavillion project. Winfield is eligible to apply for a grant to build a pavilion for free concerts. The grant requires an area of at least an acre and a commitment to 50 free concerts a year. The committee has been exploring possible sites. One site suggested was Elson’s Hill. A resident explained that this would be inappropriate since the Forest Preserve owns the land and has just spent months to restore a very rare ecological fen area. Other plans for the Riverwalk would focus on the area owned by C.D.H. which is in Phase 2 of the Town Center Project. Bill Barlow felt the project was a good fit for the area. Flood plain can’t be built on, but paths and benches are appropriate.

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*)

IV. Public Comments

>>A resident asked when her street would be repaired/repaved. She has concerns for the safety of children in the area, especially a handicapped child. She has been told that her street is on the list, but would like to see the work done for the safety of the children.

A WEMA represented explained that the organization will be helping Troop 575 complete requirements for an Eagle Scout Badge in Emergency Management Preparedness.

V. Village Board Comments

>> President Czech praised former board members, who were not in attendance, for their service to the Village

VI. Executive Session

- A. Consideration of the appointment, employment, compensation, discipline, performance, or dismissal of specific employees – 5ILCS 120/2(c)(1)
- B. Deliberating collective negotiations between public employers and their employees or representatives -5ILCS 120/2 (c)(2)
- C. Discussion on the purchase, lease or sale of real property - 5 ILCS 120/2(c)(5)
- D. Discussion of pending, probable, or imminent litigation – 5 ILCS 120/2(c)(11)
- E. Establishing reserves or settle claims as provided in the Local Government and Governmental Employees Tort Immunity Act – 5ILCS 120/2(c)(12)

VII. Adjournment