



Village of Downers Grove Meeting Minutes Downers Grove Village Council

Civic Center
801 Burlington
Downers Grove, IL 60515
630-434-5500

Tuesday, December 16, 2008

7:00 pm

Council Chambers

1. Call to Order

Mayor Ron Sandack called the regular meeting of the Village Council of the Village of Downers Grove to order at 7:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers of the Downers Grove Village Hall.

Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag

Mayor Sandack led those present in the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

2. Roll Call

Present: Commissioner Marilyn Schnell, Commissioner Martin Tully, Commissioner William Waldack, Commissioner Sean P. Durkin, Commissioner Bruce E. Beckman, Commissioner Geoff Neustadt and Mayor Ron Sandack

Non Voting: Village Manager David Fieldman, Village Attorney Enza Petrarca and Village Clerk April Holden

The Council meeting is broadcast over the local FM radio station, WDGC. In addition, a tape recording and videotape of the meeting are being made using Village owned equipment. The videotape of the meeting will be used for later rebroadcast of the Council meeting over the Village cable television Channel 6.

The Council will follow the rules of conduct for this meeting as provided in Sec. 2.5 of the Downers Grove Municipal Code. These offer the public the opportunity to comment at several points in the meeting. First, immediately following approval of the minutes of the past meetings, an opportunity will be given for public comments and questions on the active agenda items for this evening's meeting. Following this, an opportunity is given for public comments and questions on any subject. Finally, if a public hearing is scheduled for this meeting, an opportunity is given for public comments and questions related to the subject of the hearing.

The presiding officer will ask, at the appropriate time, if there are any comments from the public. If anyone wishes to speak, the individual should raise their hand to be recognized and, after acknowledgment from the presiding officer, approach the microphone and state their name and address. Remarks should be limited to five minutes, and asked that individuals refrain from making repetitive statements.

Mayor Sandack said there are agendas located on either side of the Council Chambers, and he invited the audience to pick up an agenda and follow the progress of the Council meeting.

3. Minutes of Workshop and Council Meetings

Council Meeting - December 2, 2008

Workshop Meeting - December 9, 2008

There being no additions or corrections to the minutes, Mayor Sandack said they would be filed as submitted.

Capital Projects Update

Robin Weaver, Interim Director, Public Works, reported that all four lanes on 55th Street are open and passable. She noted that work will continue in the spring. She said four projects will carry over to 2009: 55th Street, Prairie Avenue, Fairmount Avenue, and design projects.

Ms. Weaver provided an update with respect to snow events. She said a winter advisory is currently in effect. Snow is expected to taper off by midnight. Last winter snowfall exceeded 60 inches. As of now snowfall accumulations are on a par with last year, but that could change as it is early in the season. There have been ten snow events to date. In a typical year, an event averages 5.7 inches of snow; last year each event averaged 9 inches of snow and this year it is currently averaging 9.1 inches of snow with 4 inches falling so far today. A total of 1,400 tons of salt have been used to date, which is the same as last year at this time. There have been no changes to the plowing or salting policy. The equipment has held up well. She reported that one tractor used in the downtown area is out, but will probably be back in operation tonight. She referenced the new technology that tracks and assesses the snow plows.

The Mayor extended his thanks to the staff for their good service.

4. Public Comments and Questions

A. Comments and Questions on Active Agenda

There were no comments.

B. Comments and Questions on General Matters

Dale Whitworth, 1317 55th Street, thanked the Council for the new watermain on 55th Street. He said he would like to address the placement of the fire hydrant in front of his property. This has probably cost him \$10,000 in terms of the value of his property. It would cost the Village \$5,000 to move the hydrant. He asked that this be reviewed.

Mayor Sandack said he will ask staff to review this issue. He further stated that the placement of the hydrant is on the parkway, which is Village property, and there are many considerations in the placement of a hydrant.

Bill Wrobel, 7800 Queens Court, said he came to call attention to the snowfall. He noted that in September, Downers Grove Watch representative Andy Clark called attention to snowfall and blocked sidewalks. Mr. Wrobel said that in Darien sidewalks were plowed including those in front of businesses and the library. He said the intersection of Fairview and Ogden Avenue is not plowed and the snow is piled up. He hopes the Village will address the piling of snow and clearing of the crosswalks. The Village has an ordinance that requires this and he would like it to be enforced.

The Mayor said the Village relies upon people to be observant and to call in concerns.

5. Public Hearings

6. Consent Agenda

COR 00-03585 A. Claim Ordinance: No. 5773, Payroll, December 5, 2008

Sponsors: Accounting

A motion was made to Approve this file on the Consent Agenda.

Indexes: N/A

BIL 00-03586 B. List of Bills Payable: No. 5750, December 16, 2008

Sponsors: Accounting

A motion was made to Approve this file on the Consent Agenda.

Indexes: N/A

RES 00-03581 C. Resolution: Authorize a Maintenance Agreement and Addendum Agreement with Imageware Systems, Inc.

Sponsors: Police Department

Summary of Item: A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING EXECUTION OF A MAINTENANCE AGREEMENT AND ADDENDUM AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE VILLAGE OF DOWNERS GROVE AND IMAGEWARE SYSTEMS, INC.

RESOLUTION 2008-129

A motion was made to Pass this file on the Consent Agenda.

Indexes: Police Digital Booking System

RES 00-03621 D. Resolution: Authorize a Group Vision Contract with Tru Assure

Sponsors: Human Resources

Summary of Item: A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING EXECUTION OF A GROUP VISION CONTRACT BETWEEN THE VILLAGE OF DOWNERS GROVE AND TRU ASSURE

RESOLUTION 2008-130

A motion was made to Pass this file on the Consent Agenda.

Indexes: Insurance - Health, Employee, Employee Benefits

RES 00-03620 E. Resolution: Authorize an Excess Loss Insurance Policy with Unimerica Insurance Company

Sponsors: Human Resources

Summary of Item: A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING EXECUTION OF AN EXCESS LOSS INSURANCE POLICY BETWEEN THE VILLAGE OF DOWNERS GROVE AND UNIMERICA INSURANCE COMPANY

RESOLUTION 2008-131

A motion was made to Pass this file on the Consent Agenda.

Indexes: Insurance - Health, Employee, Employee Benefits

RES 00-03617 F. Resolution: Authorize a Contract with Creative Care Management, Ltd.

Sponsors: Human Resources

Summary of Item: A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING EXECUTION OF A CONTRACT BETWEEN THE VILLAGE OF DOWNERS GROVE AND CREATIVE CARE MANAGEMENT, LTD.

RESOLUTION 2008-132

A motion was made to Pass this file on the Consent Agenda.

Indexes: Employee Benefits

RES 00-03618 G. Resolution: Authorize the Renewal of an Administrative Services Contract with Delta Dental of Illinois

Sponsors: Human Resources

Summary of Item: A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING EXECUTION OF THE RENEWAL OF AN ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES CONTRACT BETWEEN THE VILLAGE OF DOWNERS GROVE AND DELTA DENTAL OF ILLINOIS

RESOLUTION 2008-133

A motion was made to Pass this file on the Consent Agenda.

Indexes: Employee Benefits

RES 00-03602 H. Resolution: Authorize an Addendum to an Agreement with Professional Benefit Administration, Inc.

Sponsors: Human Resources

Summary of Item: A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING EXECUTION OF AN ADDENDUM TO AN AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE VILLAGE OF DOWNERS GROVE AND PROFESSIONAL BENEFIT ADMINISTRATION, INC.

RESOLUTION 2008-134

A motion was made to Pass this file on the Consent Agenda.

Indexes: Employee Benefits

RES 00-03615 I. Resolution: Authorize an Addendum to an Agreement with Genesis Employee Benefits, Inc. d/b/a America's VEBA Solution

Sponsors: Human Resources

Summary of Item: A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING EXECUTION OF AN ADDENDUM TO AN AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE VILLAGE OF DOWNERS GROVE AND GENESIS EMPLOYEE BENEFITS, INC. d/b/a AMERICA'S VEBA SOLUTION

RESOLUTION 2008-135

A motion was made to Pass this file on the Consent Agenda.

Indexes: Employee Benefits

RES 00-03616 J. Resolution: Authorize an Extension Agreement to an Employer Enrollment Agreement with Drug Card, Inc.

Sponsors: Human Resources

Summary of Item: A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING EXECUTION OF AN EXTENSION AGREEMENT TO AN EMPLOYER ENROLLMENT AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE VILLAGE OF DOWNERS GROVE AND DRUG CARD, INC.

RESOLUTION 2008-136

A motion was made to Pass this file on the Consent Agenda.

Indexes: Employee Benefits

RES 00-03619 K. Resolution: Authorize an Amendment to the Agreement with National Insurance Services (Group Life)

Sponsors: Human Resources

Summary of Item: A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING EXECUTION OF AN AMENDMENT TO THE AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE VILLAGE OF DOWNERS GROVE AND NATIONAL INSURANCE SERVICES (Group Life)

RESOLUTION 2008-137

A motion was made to Pass this file on the Consent Agenda.

Indexes: Insurance - Health, Employee, Employee Benefits

RES 00-03627 L. Resolution: Authorize Amendment #1 to an Agreement with National Insurance Services of Wisconsin, Inc. (Long Term Disability)

Sponsors: Human Resources

Summary of Item: A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING EXECUTION OF AMENDMENT #1 TO AN AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE VILLAGE OF DOWNERS GROVE AND NATIONAL INSURANCE SERVICES OF WISCONSIN, INC. (Long Term Disability)

RESOLUTION 2008-138

A motion was made to Pass this file on the Consent Agenda.

Indexes: Insurance - Health, Employee, Employee Benefits

RES 00-03601 M. Resolution: Authorize an Extension to an Agreement with Advocate Health Partners

Sponsors: Human Resources

Summary of Item: A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING EXECUTION OF AN EXTENSION TO AN AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE VILLAGE OF DOWNERS GROVE AND ADVOCATE HEALTH PARTNERS

RESOLUTION 2008-139

A motion was made to Pass this file on the Consent Agenda.

Indexes: Employee Benefits

RES 00-03600 N. Resolution: Amend the Downers Grove Compensation Plan by Adopting a Revised Plan Effective January 1, 2009

Sponsors: Human Resources

Summary of Item: This authorizes an amendment to the Downers Grove Compensation Plan effective January 1, 2009.

A RESOLUTION AMENDING THE DOWNERS GROVE COMPENSATION PLAN BY ADOPTING A REVISED PLAN EFFECTIVE JANUARY 1, 2009

RESOLUTION 2008-140

A motion was made to Pass this file on the Consent Agenda.

Indexes: Compensation Plan

BID 00-03595 O. Bid: Award \$111,884.00 to D. Ryan Tree & Landscaping, LLC, DeKalb, IL, for FY09 Parkway Tree Pruning Services

Sponsors: Public Works

A motion was made to Approve this file on the Consent Agenda.

Indexes: Tree Pruning

BID 00-03594 P. Bid: Award \$170,412.50 to D. Ryan Tree & Landscape, LLC, DeKalb, IL, for FY09 Tree and Stump Removal Services

Sponsors: Public Works

A motion was made to Approve this file on the Consent Agenda.

Indexes: Tree and Stump Removal

MOT 00-03598 Q. Motion: Renew Class A Scavenger License to ARC Disposal & Recycling, Inc. for 2009 Calendar Year

Sponsors: Deputy Village Manager

Summary of Item: This approves and authorizes issuance of a 2009 Class "A" scavenger license for ARC Disposal and Recycling, Inc.

Application has been made by ARC Disposal and Recycling, Inc. for a Class "A" scavenger license. Finding that ARC complies with the applicable requirements of the Municipal Code, this will approve and authorize issuance of a Class "A" scavenger license to ARC Disposal and Recycling, Inc. for 2009. This license allows ARC to serve all premises within the Village. ARC is currently under contract with the Village to provide single-family scavenger, recycling and yard waste services through March 31, 2011.

A motion was made to Authorize this file on the Consent Agenda.

Indexes: Scavenger-Recycling Program, Scavenger-Garbage Collection, ARC Disposal

MOT 00-03599 R. Motion: Authorize \$213,088.94 to the Downers Grove Park District for Lyman Woods Streambank Stabilization Project Site Area III - Phases I & II

Sponsors: Deputy Village Manager

Summary of Item: This authorizes payment to the Downers Grove Park District for costs associated with Phase I and II of the Lyman Woods Streambank Stabilization Project Site Area II in the amount of \$213,088.94.

A motion was made to Authorize this file on the Consent Agenda.

Indexes: Lyman Woods

BID 00-03589 S. Bid: Award \$62,000 to Traffic Control Corporation, Addison, IL, for 20 Decorative Signal Pole Bases

Sponsors: Public Works

A motion was made to Approve this file on the Consent Agenda.

Indexes: Traffic Signs, Signal Pole Bases

BID 00-03588 T. Bid: Award a Contract to Lyons Electric Company for Traffic Signal Maintenance

Sponsors: Public Works

Summary of Item: This is in the estimated amount of \$39,380 to include \$19,380 for maintenance and an estimated \$20,000 for repair and replacement components.

A motion was made to Approve this file on the Consent Agenda.

Indexes: Traffic Signal Maintenance

RES 00-03624 U. Resolution: Authorize a First Amendment to the Professional Services Agreement with Christopher B. Burke Engineering, Ltd.

Sponsors: Public Works

Summary of Item: A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING EXECUTION OF A FIRST AMENDMENT TO THE PROFESSIONAL SERVICES AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE VILLAGE OF DOWNERS GROVE AND CHRISTOPHER B. BURKE ENGINEERING, LTD.

RESOLUTION 2008-141

A motion was made to Pass this file on the Consent Agenda.

Indexes: Capital Projects, Stormwater Projects FY08, Watershed Infrastructure Improvement Plan, Engineering Services

RES 00-03623 V. Resolution: Authorize a Software License Agreement and Addendum with Principal Decisions Systems International

Sponsors: Police Department

Summary of Item: A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING EXECUTION OF A SOFTWARE LICENSE AGREEMENT AND ADDENDUM BETWEEN THE VILLAGE OF DOWNERS GROVE AND PRINCIPAL DECISIONS SYSTEMS INTERNATIONAL

RESOLUTION 2008-142

A motion was made to Pass this file on the Consent Agenda.

Indexes: Computers, Police Equipment

BID 00-03597 W. Bid: Award \$433,226.00 to Foster Coach Sales, Inc., Sterling, IL, for the Purchase of Two (2) 2009 Medtec AD170 Ambulances

Sponsors: Public Works

A motion was made to Approve this file on the Consent Agenda.

Indexes: Fire Equipment - Ambulance

RES 00-03591 X. Resolution: Authorize a Host City Agreement for the USPRO Criterium Championship and the USCF Elite Criterium Championships on August 15 and 16, 2009 in Downers Grove, Illinois

Sponsors: Community Events and Community Events Commission

Summary of Item: A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING EXECUTION OF A HOST CITY AGREEMENT FOR THE USPRO CRITERIUM CHAMPIONSHIP AND THE USCF ELITE CRITERIUM CHAMPIONSHIPS ON AUGUST 15 AND 16, 2009 IN DOWNERS GROVE, ILLINOIS

RESOLUTION 2008-143

A motion was made to Pass this file on the Consent Agenda.

Indexes: Bike Race

MOT 00-03622 Y. Motion: Note Receipt of Minutes of Boards and Commissions

Summary of Item: Community Events Commission - October 23, 2008
Foreign Fire Insurance Fund - October 2, 2008 and November 11, 2008
Plan Commission - November 3, 2008

A motion was made to Note Receipt Of this file on the Consent Agenda.

Indexes: Boards and Commissions Minutes

Passed The Consent Agenda

A motion was made by Commissioner Tully, seconded by Commissioner Durkin, that the consent agenda be passed. The motion carried by the following vote:

Votes: Yea: Commissioner Schnell, Commissioner Tully, Commissioner Waldack, Commissioner Durkin, Commissioner Beckman, Commissioner Neustadt and Mayor Sandack

7. Active Agenda

ORD 00-03590 A. Ordinance: Authorize a Special Use for 3910 Highland Avenue to Permit a Church in the R-4 Single Family Residence District with a Zoning Variation

Sponsors: Community Development

Summary of Item: At their meeting of November 3, 2008, the Plan Commission recommended that a Special Use be granted for the property located at 3910 Highland Avenue to permit a church in an R-4 Single Family Residence District with a zoning variation.

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING A SPECIAL USE FOR 3910 HIGHLAND AVENUE TO PERMIT A CHURCH IN THE R-4 SINGLE FAMILY RESIDENCE DISTRICT WITH A ZONING VARIATION

ORDINANCE NO. 5018

Commissioner Tully moved to authorize a special use for 3910 Highland Avenue to permit a church in the R-4 Single Family Residence District with a zoning variation, as presented. Commissioner Durkin seconded the Motion.

Commissioner Beckman said he is in favor of the variance, but asked about limitations of the enclosure as it is the variance and is on Main Street. He read the language in the proposed ordinance to address this, which states, "The air conditioning units shall be fully screened to the satisfaction of the Village with landscaping consisting of mature arbor vitae with a minimum height of six (6) feet."

Commissioner Tully agreed with the proposed language. He noted that the Zoning Ordinance allows that certain conditions be met in a variation. He asked if there has been discussion with the petitioner regarding this concern.

Jim Russ, 4915 Main Street, said he is the attorney for the petitioner. The landscape plan includes four to six feet arbor vitae. The petitioner is fine with the fencing as well.

Commissioner Schnell asked if the petitioner must replace the bushes if they die.

Village Attorney Enza Petrarca responded affirmatively.

Commissioner Beckman moved to modify the ordinance to include item 4, as previously read. Commissioner Waldack seconded the Motion.

The Mayor asked for a vote on the amendment.

VOTE: YEA: Commissioners Beckman, Waldack, Neustadt, Durkin, Tully, Schnell; Mayor

Sandack

NAY: None

The Mayor declared the Motion passed.

The ordinance, as amended, passed.

A motion was made by Commissioner Tully, seconded by Commissioner Durkin, to Adopt this file. Mayor Sandack declared the motion carried by the following vote:

Votes: Yea: Commissioner Schnell, Commissioner Tully, Commissioner Waldack, Commissioner Durkin, Commissioner Beckman, Commissioner Neustadt and Mayor Sandack

Indexes: Special Use - 3910 Highland Avenue, St. Luke's Presbyterian Church

ORD 00-03587

B. Ordinance: Vacate a Certain Portion of an Unimproved Right-of-Way on Venard Road (3946 and 4000 Venard Road)

Sponsors: Community Development and Plan Commission

Summary of Item: This vacates a 295 foot long by 20 foot wide unimproved right-of-way on the west side of Venard Road approximately 700 feet north of Drove Avenue.

AN ORDINANCE VACATING A CERTAIN PORTION OF AN UNIMPROVED RIGHT-OF-WAY ON VENARD ROAD IN THE VILLAGE OF DOWNERS GROVE

ORDINANCE NO. 5019

A motion was made by Commissioner Tully, seconded by Commissioner Durkin, to Adopt this file. Mayor Sandack declared the motion carried by the following vote:

Votes: Yea: Commissioner Schnell, Commissioner Tully, Commissioner Waldack, Commissioner Durkin, Commissioner Beckman, Commissioner Neustadt and Mayor Sandack

Indexes: Vacation, Vacation - 3946 & 4000 Venard Road

ORD 00-03603

C. Ordinance: Provide for an Amendment to Ordinance #4929 and the Village of Downers Grove Budget for Fiscal Year 2008

Sponsors: Finance

Summary of Item: This adopts certain amendments to the 2008 budget.

AN ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR AN AMENDMENT TO ORDINANCE #4929 AND THE VILLAGE OF DOWNERS GROVE BUDGET FOR FISCAL YEAR 2008

ORDINANCE NO. 5020

Commissioner Tully said these budget amendment items were discussed last week and nothing new has been added to the ordinance.

A motion was made by Commissioner Tully, seconded by Commissioner Durkin, to Adopt this file. Mayor Sandack declared the motion carried by the following vote:

Votes: Yea: Commissioner Schnell, Commissioner Tully, Commissioner Waldack, Commissioner Durkin, Commissioner Beckman, Commissioner Neustadt and Mayor Sandack

Indexes: Budget Amendment - 2008

ORD 00-03604

D. Ordinance: 2008 Aggregate Tax Levy

Sponsors: Finance

Summary of Item: This will establish the 2008 Downers Grove Tax Levy in the amount of \$19,459,654.67 for the Village of Downers Grove and \$4,470,516.00 for the Library.

2007 AGGREGATE TAX LEVY ORDINANCE

ORDINANCE NO. 5021

A motion was made by Commissioner Tully, seconded by Commissioner Durkin, to Adopt this file. Mayor Sandack declared the motion carried by the following vote:

Votes: Yea: Commissioner Schnell, Commissioner Tully, Commissioner Waldack, Commissioner Durkin, Commissioner Beckman, Commissioner Neustadt and Mayor Sandack

Indexes: Tax Levy - 2008

ORD 00-03605 E. Ordinance: Levying of Taxes for the Fiscal Year Commencing on the First Day of January 2008 and Ending on the Thirty-First Day of December 2008 for Village of Downers Grove Special Service Area #2 (Downers Grove Downtown Special Service Area)

Sponsors: Finance

Summary of Item: This establishes the Special Service Area #2 (Downtown Special Service Area) tax levy amount of \$261,859.00.

AN ORDINANCE FOR THE LEVYING OF TAXES FOR THE FISCAL YEAR COMMENCING ON THE FIRST DAY OF JANUARY 2008 AND ENDING ON THE THIRTY-FIRST DAY OF DECEMBER 2008 FOR VILLAGE OF DOWNERS GROVE SPECIAL SERVICE AREA #2 (DOWNERS GROVE DOWNTOWN SPECIAL SERVICE AREA)

ORDINANCE NO. 5022

A motion was made by Commissioner Tully, seconded by Commissioner Durkin, to Adopt this file. Mayor Sandack declared the motion carried by the following vote:

Votes: Yea: Commissioner Schnell, Commissioner Tully, Commissioner Waldack, Commissioner Durkin, Commissioner Beckman, Commissioner Neustadt and Mayor Sandack

Indexes: Special Service Area 2 - Downtown, Tax Levy - 2008

ORD 00-03606 F. Ordinance: Levying of Taxes for the Fiscal Year Commencing on the First Day of January 2008 and Ending on the Thirty-First Day of December 2008 for Village of Downers Grove Special Service Area #3 (Prince Pond Special Service Area)

Sponsors: Finance

Summary of Item: This establishes the tax levy for the Prince Pond Special Service Area #3 in the amount of \$8,671.00.

AN ORDINANCE FOR THE LEVYING OF TAXES FOR THE FISCAL YEAR COMMENCING ON THE FIRST DAY OF JANUARY 2008 AND ENDING ON THE THIRTY-FIRST DAY OF DECEMBER 2008 FOR VILLAGE OF DOWNERS GROVE SPECIAL SERVICE AREA #3 (PRINCE POND SPECIAL SERVICE AREA)

ORDINANCE NO. 5023

A motion was made by Commissioner Tully, seconded by Commissioner Durkin, to Adopt this file. Mayor Sandack declared the motion carried by the following vote:

Votes: Yea: Commissioner Schnell, Commissioner Tully, Commissioner Waldack, Commissioner Durkin, Commissioner Beckman, Commissioner Neustadt and Mayor Sandack

Indexes: Tax Levy - 2008, Special Service Area 3 - Prince Pond

Motion Consolidating Tax Abatement Ordinances

With respect to the abatement ordinances, Mayor Sandack asked for a motion adopting ordinances G-Q as enumerated on the agenda to abate a portion of the 2008 tax levy.

Commissioner Tully moved to adopt ordinances G-Q as enumerated on the agenda abating a portion of the 2008 tax levy related to the Fairview Avenue Debt Service; General Obligation Bonds, Series 1999, Series 2000, Series 2001, Series 2002, Series 2003A, Series 2005, Series 2007, Series 2008A, Series 2008B; and General Obligation Water Bonds, Series 2001A, as presented. Commissioner Durkin seconded the Motion.

Commissioner Tully noted that these are abatements and have been discussed since September 30, 2008. These are parts of the levy that will not be collected.

Mayor Sandack said this results in a flat dollar tax irrespective of assessments. The abatements total \$8,326,817.00.

VOTE: YEA: Commissioners Tully, Durkin, Beckman, Neustadt, Waldack, Schnell, Mayor Sandack

The Mayor declared the Motion passed.

ORD 00-03607 G. Ordinance: Abate a Portion of the 2008 Tax Levy Related to the Fairview Avenue Debt Service

Sponsors: Finance

Summary of Item: This abates the 2008 tax levy for the Fairview Avenue debt service in the amount of \$274,775.00.

AN ORDINANCE ABATING A PORTION OF THE 2008 TAX LEVY RELATED TO FAIRVIEW AVENUE DEBT SERVICE

ORDINANCE NO. 5024

A motion was made to Adopt this file. Mayor Sandack declared the motion carried.

Indexes: Tax Levy Abatement

ORD 00-03608 H. Ordinance: Abate a Portion of the 2008 Tax Levy Related to the General Obligation Bonds, Series 1999

Sponsors: Finance

Summary of Item: This abates the 2008 tax levy for the General Obligation Bond Series 1999 in the amount of \$262,250.00.

AN ORDINANCE ABATING A PORTION OF THE 2008 TAX LEVY RELATED TO THE GENERAL OBLIGATION BONDS, SERIES 1999

ORDINANCE NO. 5025

A motion was made to Adopt this file. Mayor Sandack declared the motion carried.

Indexes: Tax Levy Abatement

ORD 00-03609 I. Ordinance: Abate a Portion of the 2008 Tax Levy Related to the General Obligation Bonds, Series 2000

Sponsors: Finance

Summary of Item: This abates the 2008 tax levy for the General Obligation Bond Series 2000 in the amount of \$188,600.00.

AN ORDINANCE ABATING A PORTION OF THE 2008 TAX LEVY RELATED TO THE GENERAL OBLIGATION BONDS, SERIES 2000

ORDINANCE NO. 5026

A motion was made to Adopt this file. Mayor Sandack declared the motion carried.

Indexes: Tax Levy Abatement

ORD 00-03610 J. Ordinance: Abate a Portion of the 2008 Tax Levy Related to the General Obligation Bonds, Series 2001

Sponsors: Finance

Summary of Item: This abates the 2008 tax levy for the General Obligation Bond Series 2001 in the amount of \$356,262.50.

AN ORDINANCE ABATING A PORTION OF THE 2008 TAX LEVY RELATED TO THE GENERAL OBLIGATION BONDS, SERIES 2001

ORDINANCE NO. 5027

A motion was made to Adopt this file. Mayor Sandack declared the motion carried.

Indexes: Tax Levy Abatement

ORD 00-03611 K. Ordinance: Abate a Portion of the 2008 Tax Levy Related to the General Obligation Water Bonds, 2001A

Sponsors: Finance

Summary of Item: This abates the 2008 tax levy for the General Obligation Water Bond Series 2001A in the amount of \$513,720.00.

AN ORDINANCE ABATING A PORTION OF THE 2008 TAX LEVY RELATED TO THE GENERAL OBLIGATION WATER BONDS, SERIES 2001A

ORDINANCE NO. 5028

A motion was made to Adopt this file. Mayor Sandack declared the motion carried.

Indexes: Tax Levy Abatement

ORD 00-03628 L. Ordinance: Abate a Portion of the 2008 Tax Levy Related to the General Obligation Bonds, Series 2002

Sponsors: Finance

Summary of Item: This abates the 2008 tax levy for the General Obligation Bond Series in the amount of \$350,407.50.

AN ORDINANCE ABATING A PORTION OF THE 2008 TAX LEVY RELATED TO THE GENERAL OBLIGATION BONDS, SERIES 2002

ORDINANCE NO. 5029

A motion was made to Adopt this file. Mayor Sandack declared the motion carried.

Indexes: Tax Levy Abatement

ORD 00-03612 M. Ordinance: Abate a Portion of the 2008 Tax Levy Related to the General Obligation Bonds, Series 2003A

Sponsors: Finance

Summary of Item: This abates \$1,107,040 of the 2008 tax levy for the General Obligation Bond Series 2003A.

AN ORDINANCE ABATING A PORTION OF THE 2008 TAX LEVY RELATED TO THE GENERAL OBLIGATION BONDS, SERIES 2003A

ORDINANCE NO. 5030

A motion was made to Adopt this file. Mayor Sandack declared the motion carried.

Indexes: Tax Levy Abatement

ORD 00-03629 N. Ordinance: Abate a Portion of the 2008 Tax Levy Related to the General Obligation Bonds, Series 2005

Sponsors: Finance

Summary of Item: This abates the 2008 tax levy for the General Obligation Bond Series 2005 in the amount of \$421,450.00.

AN ORDINANCE ABATING A PORTION OF THE 2008 TAX LEVY RELATED TO THE GENERAL OBLIGATION BONDS, SERIES 2005

ORDINANCE NO. 5031

A motion was made to Adopt this file. Mayor Sandack declared the motion carried.

Indexes: Tax Levy Abatement

ORD 00-03613 O. Ordinance: Abate a Portion of the 2008 Tax Levy Related to the General Obligation Bonds, Series 2007

Sponsors: Finance

Summary of Item: This abates the 2008 tax levy for the General Obligation Bond Series 2007 in the amount of \$709,707.50.

AN ORDINANCE ABATING A PORTION OF THE 2008 TAX LEVY RELATED TO THE GENERAL OBLIGATION BONDS, SERIES 2007

ORDINANCE NO. 5032

A motion was made to Adopt this file. Mayor Sandack declared the motion carried.

Indexes: Tax Levy Abatement

ORD 00-03614 P. Ordinance: Abate a Portion of the 2008 Tax Levy Related to the General Obligation Bonds, Series 2008A

Sponsors: Finance

Summary of Item: This abates the 2008 tax levy for the General Obligation Bond Series 2008A in the amount of \$3,995,437.50.

AN ORDINANCY ABATING A PORTION OF THE 2008 TAX LEVY RELATED TO THE GENERAL OBLIGATION BONDS, SERIES 2008A

ORDINANCE NO. 5033

A motion was made to Adopt this file. Mayor Sandack declared the motion carried.

Indexes: Tax Levy Abatement

ORD 00-03630 Q. Ordinance: Abate a Portion of the 2008 Tax Levy Related to the General Obligation Bonds, Series 2008B

Sponsors: Finance

Summary of Item: This abates the 2008 tax levy for the General Obligation Bond Series 2008B in the amount of \$147,166.67.

AN ORDINANCE ABATING A PORTION OF THE 2008 TAX LEVY RELATED TO THE GENERAL OBLIGATION BONDS, SERIES 2008B

ORDINANCE NO. 5034

A motion was made to Adopt this file. Mayor Sandack declared the motion carried.

Indexes: Tax Levy Abatement

8. Mayor's Report

New Business

RES 00-03625 Resolution: Appoint Members to Boards and Commissions

Sponsors: Mayor

Summary of Item: This appoints Scott Isacson to the Zoning Board of Appeals for a one-year term expiring August 31, 2009.

A RESOLUTION APPOINTING SCOTT ISACSON TO THE ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS

RESOLUTION 2008-144

Commissioner Schnell said her comments were of a philosophical nature. She will not vote for this as it during an election period.

Commissioner Tully said there is no policy or prohibition that governs this matter. He respects Commissioner Schnell's view and suggested that this be referred to the Finance and Administrative Standing Committee for review. A policy would provide guidance so as to not put Council in an awkward position and to be fair to the person being named to the board or commission.

The Mayor agreed that this could be sent to the Finance & Administrative Standing Committee.

Commissioner Waldack said that, as Chair, he will be glad to have the Committee review this matter. He noted there may be another appointment before the election.

The Mayor said the goal is to get the boards and commissions fully staffed. He agreed there ought to be a formal policy.

Commissioner Schnell said during her first 11 years on the Council it was a policy not to consider resolutions appointing members to boards and commissioner during an election period unless it was an emergency situation. That has since changed, but it is what she is used to and comfortable with.

Commissioner Tully said there are two reasons to refer this to the Finance & Administrative Committee: 1) To determine if it is a good idea with sound justification; and 2) To spell out why it is not a good idea if that is the decision of the Committee.

The Mayor said Mr. Isacson is duly qualified to serve on the Zoning Board of Appeals. He applauds Mr. Isacson's willingness to serve.

A motion was made by Commissioner Tully, seconded by Commissioner Durkin, to Adopt this file. Mayor Sandack declared the motion carried by the following vote:

Votes: Yea: Commissioner Tully, Commissioner Waldack, Commissioner Durkin, Commissioner Beckman, Commissioner Neustadt and Mayor Sandack
Nay: Commissioner Schnell

Indexes: Boards and Commissions

INF 00-03626 Information: Refer Crossing Guard Program to the Public Safety Standing Committee

Sponsors: Manager's Office

The Mayor said this concerns referring the crossing guard program to the Public Safety Standing Committee.

Commissioner Neustadt said the budget for this item is \$96,000. This program is desperately needed, but he would like to explore any opportunities to partner with other governmental bodies.

Village Manager Dave Fieldman said he is aiming to have this committee meet in late January.

Indexes: Police, School District 58

Materials to be Placed on File

9. Manager's Report

The Manager said this is the last meeting of the Village Council for 2008. He thanked the staff and Council for a tremendous year. The next meeting will be January 6, 2009.

10. Attorney's Report

Future Active Agenda

11. Council Member Reports and New Business

Commissioners Neustadt and Waldack wished everyone a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year. Commissioner Neustadt encouraged everyone to drive carefully in these snowy conditions.

Commissioner Schnell wished everyone Happy Holidays and noted that a Council and staff member are expecting babies, who should be born by the next meeting.

Commissioner Beckman extended Season's Greetings. He encouraged those residents who can to invite service people, who may be away from home, to celebrate the holidays with them.

Commissioner Durkin wished everyone Happy Holidays and noted there are nine shopping days

until Christmas. He encouraged people to shop in Downers Grove.

Commissioner Tully joined his colleagues in wishing everyone Happy Holidays and Happy New Year.

Mayor Sandack also extended wishes for Happy Holidays and Happy New Year to everyone.

12. Adjournment

Commissioner Tully moved to adjourn to Executive Session pursuant to Section 2(c)(11) of the Open Meetings Act to consider pending litigation. Commissioner Durkin seconded.

VOTE: YEA - Commissioners Tully, Durkin, Beckman, Neustadt, Waldack, Schnell, Mayor Sandack

Mayor Sandack declared the motion carried and the Council convened into Executive Session at 7:37p.m.