

**MINUTES OF WORKSHOP MEETING**

**DOWNERS GROVE, ILLINOIS**

**JANUARY 27, 2009**

Mayor Sandack called the Workshop meeting of the Village Council of the Village of Downers Grove to order at 7:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers of the Village Hall. The Mayor led the audience in the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

**Present:** Mayor Ron Sandack; Commissioners Marilyn Schnell, Martin Tully; William Waldack, Sean P. Durkin, Geoff Neustadt, Bruce Beckman; Village Manager Dave Fieldman; Village Attorney Enza Petrarca; Village Clerk April Holden

**Absent:** None

**Visitors:** **Press:** Catherine Leyden, Downers Grove Reporter  
**Residents/Attendees:** David Schaefer, David Schaefer Architects, 5219 Main St.; Daniel Loftus, GC Engineering, 5100 Main St.; District 99--Craig Roselieb (6301 Springside), Glenn Williams (6404 Main St.), Brayer Teague (5227 Brookbank), Josiah Williams (6404 Main Street); Downers Grove Watch--Frank C. Falesch (820 Prairie), Andy Clark 1226 (62<sup>nd</sup> Street), Bill Wrobel (7800 Queens Court); Carlos Ruvalcaba, 4529 Fairview; Joseph Pasquinelli, Architects, 311 W. Superior, Chicago; Hamilton Partners, 1901 Butterfield--Beth Simmons, Phil Sheridan, Gary Mori; Pat Blake, American Society for Gastrointestinal Endoscopy, 1901 Butterfield; Greg Bedalov, Economic Development Commission, 2001 Butterfield, Ste. 120; Laura Crawford, Downers Grove Chamber of Commerce, 2001 Butterfield, Suite 105; Mark Thoman, 1109 61<sup>st</sup> Street; Bob Barnett, 730 Maple Ave.; Vicki and Robert Whipple, 1220 Oak Hill Road; Clifton Hubbell, 1125 Hickory Trail; Tony Kmiec, 1130 Oak Hill Road; Amy Snapp, 1130 Oak Hill Road; John Veneris, Realty Executives, 1001 Ogden Avenue; Bob Becker, 1200 Oak Hill Road  
**Staff:** Bob Porter, Police Chief; Mike Baker, Deputy Village Manager; Jamie Belongia, Intern; Phil Ruscetti, Fire Chief; Judy Buttny, Director, Finance; Tom Dabareiner, Director, Community Development; Nan Newlon, Director, Public Works

Mayor Sandack explained that Council Workshop meetings are held the second and fourth Tuesdays at 7:00 p.m. The meetings are video taped live and for later cable-cast over cable channel 6.

The Workshop meeting is intended to provide Council and the public with an appropriate forum for informal discussion of any items intended for future Council consideration or just for general information. No formal action is taken at Workshop meetings.

The public is invited to attend and encouraged to comment or ask questions in an informal manner on any of the items being discussed or on any other subject. The agenda is created to provide a guideline for discussion.

**MANAGER**

1. Active Agenda and Informational Items

- a. **Cultural Exchange History & Sister City Consideration.** The Manager said introduced Brayer Teague of District 99 to explain the program.

**Brayer Teague, Glenn Williams, and Craig Roselieb** introduced themselves and explained the beginning of the exchange program in 1985 with Bietigheim-Bissingen. The first trip to Bietigheim-Bissingen was in 1993 with bands from North and South High School, former Mayor Betty Cheever and other guests. They discussed the Sister City relationship at that time.

Mr. Teague said that the last exchange was completed in the summer 2008. He said that a packet distributed to the Council contains photos of that trip and general information on the exchange history. While touring the area they saw numerous sister cities displayed. The current Mayor of Bietigheim expressed a desire to expand the sister city relationship, and the desire to have Downers Grove be that sister city. Mr. Teague said he met with Mayor Sandack and Commissioner Beckman to discuss the potential. Herr Steidel of Bietigheim is interested in meeting with Downers Grove officials and would like to come to the Village in 2009, hopefully to formalize a relationship. Mr. Teague asked the Council to consider inviting the Bietigheim Mayor and officials to Downers Grove to discuss ways to strengthen these bonds.

The Mayor thanked everyone for their time and presentation.

**Commissioner Waldack** commented that he appreciated the in-depth information that was provided by the teachers. He was interested in the relationship to this particular city.

Mr. Teague responded that Bietigheim-Bissingen is related to Stuttgart as Downers Grove is related to the City of Chicago. There are many similarities.

**Commissioner Schnell** said that she remembers Mayor Cheever talking about how great her visit was, noting that the trip was not paid for with government funds.

**Commissioner Durkin** said that he also appreciated the information and thinks this is a great idea. He noted that the Kiwanis provides funds for this program.

Mr. Roselieb said that the Village supports this by providing the transportation and the Kiwanis still support the program. He added that the town of Bietingheim was founded in 789, and celebrated their 1200<sup>th</sup> anniversary in 1993. But walking downtown Bietingheim is like walking downtown Downers Grove. It has a similar population and is a suburb of a larger city. He said this is a great opportunity to get the Village started in this type of program.

**Commissioner Beckman** thanked everyone for the presentations, and said he is very excited about the idea of doing this. He is interested in the potential costs, as well as potential business opportunity as viewed by the Economic Development Corporation and the Chamber of Commerce.

The Mayor added that he was excited about the opportunity to look into the cultural exchange aspects of the program. He thought the Village should keep an eye toward seeing whether this is possible, and he thanked the presenters for their comments.

b. **ROW Vacation 4529 Fairview Avenue.** The Manager asked Tom Dabareiner, Director, Community Development, to address this item.

**Tom Dabareiner**, Director, Community Development, explained that an ordinance has been prepared to vacate a dedicated unimproved right-of-way adjacent to the property at 4529 Fairview, and he showed the area on an overhead screen. The petitioner proposes to acquire the entire area which is 33 feet wide by 120 feet long. The adjacent property owner is not interested in sharing a portion of the property. The Village is interested in maintaining easements over the entire right-of-way including use as a public sidewalk. The petitioner has agreed to assume full liability for the sidewalk and will compensate the Village in an amount of \$6,164.40. The Plan Commission approved this and staff concurs with the Plan Commission's recommendation.

Commissioner Beckman said he noticed a notation about the driveway, and choosing access from either Otis or Fairview, but not both. Mr. Dabareiner said if the owner chose to change access they would have to notify the Village through a permitting process.

Commissioner Schnell asked for verification that the owners have no problem with paying the Village despite the encumbrances. Mr. Dabareiner said they do understand.

**Commissioner Tully** asked for verifications that there are no plans to extend Otis Avenue at some future time. Secondly, he wanted verification that the amount of compensation is in compliance with the Village's policy regarding right-of-way vacations. Mr. Dabareiner said that both statements were correct.

c. **Special Use to Allow an Outpatient Eye Clinic in the Downtown Business District.** The Manager asked Mr. Dabareiner to address this item.

Mr. Dabareiner said this is a special use ordinance for construction of a 3,150 square foot outpatient eye clinic at 4958 Forest Avenue. He showed an aerial photograph of the property as it exists and with the proposed structure. Special use approval is required as this is above the 3,000 square foot limit. It complies with all the zoning requirements and is consistent with the Land Use Plan. The site will require 13 parking spaces, and the owners will also include 1,200 square feet of open space. They will realign the Warren Avenue access to match their access plans. The building is partially located within the limits of a floodplain and compensatory storage is required. In October 2008 the petitioner received a stormwater variance and will be required to comply with the conditions established. The Plan Commission reviewed the petition and recommended approval. Staff concurs with that recommendation.

**Commissioner Neustadt** asked whether the building materials conform to the downtown design guidelines. Mr. Dabareiner said that the overall building conforms well with the recommended guidelines. The architect was asked to make changes and they were made. The trash containment area is enclosed on all sides.

Commissioner Waldack commented that in October, the stormwater variance was granted allowing for the building floor to be one foot above the base flood elevation, which matches the County requirement.

Commissioner Schnell said she was very happy to see the green space provided. Regarding the site plan, she asked whether it is signed for one-way inbound on the north. Mr. Dabareiner said it is signed clearly, and is part of the site plan. It will be clear that it is a one-way outbound lane.

He added that northbound traffic can turn into the driveway. They do not anticipate a problem for the crosswalk area.

Commissioner Durkin thanked the petitioner for adhering to the downtown design guidelines. He added that this will be a great improvement to that corner.

Commissioner Tully said that the petitioner meets the standards for approval and he concurs with the findings of the Plan Commission and staff. He reiterated the criteria, noting that no variances are being requested. He said this will return activity to an inactive corner in the downtown area. He suggested that it may be helpful to Council to address in the green sheet whether downtown projects are consistent with the guidelines of the downtown pattern book.

Mayor Sandack said he saw this as a good use for a dormant parcel. He looks forward to the next step in the process.

- d. **Planned Development Amendment to Planned Development #31, Esplanade at Locust Point.** The Manager asked Mr. Dabareiner to discuss this matter.

Mr. Dabareiner explained that this amendment is for the construction of a two-story office building at 3300 Woodcreek Drive. He showed an aerial photograph of the site, saying the 42,000 square foot building would serve as headquarters for the American Society of Gastrointestinal Endoscopy. The site will provide 142 parking spaces, and all bulk requirements have been met. Stormwater is provided in existing facilities and two bioswales.

Mr. Dabareiner said that the Forest Preserve has reviewed the development plans and had no comments opposing it. Staff and the petitioner spoke to the manager of Bright Horizons regarding coordination of construction and management of construction traffic. They anticipate a 13-month construction timeframe beginning in the summer 2009. The Plan Commission considered the petition and unanimously recommended approval. Staff concurs with that recommendation.

Commissioner Neustadt said he spoke with Mr. Bedalov of the EDC about this, and this will bring in 20-30 doctors on weekends who will also use local restaurants and hotels. He is in favor of this and noted that it looks like a beautiful building.

Commissioner Schnell concurred with Commissioner Neustadt's statement. She said the site plan is exciting with the way the green space and building blends in with what has already been done at the Esplanade. This will also create jobs.

Commissioner Beckman asked whether a traffic impact study is necessary. Mr. Dabareiner said that they exceed parking requirements.

Commissioner Durkin complimented all those involved with this. He is excited about opportunities for economic development taking place within the Village. It is important to let people know that the Village is doing everything it can to encourage construction and economic development.

The Mayor said this is a shining example of good partnerships with Hamilton Partners and all of the organizations involved in bringing this about. This will be a great project and will bring good business to the Village.

- e. **Amend Development-Related Permit Fees.** The Manager asked to defer this item to a future Workshop agenda in order to allow staff to discuss this matter with the Chamber of Commerce.
- f. **Review of Facility Needs Assessment Study Recommendations.** The Manager said these are the first steps in this discussion and no financial commitment from the Village is being requested at this time. Deputy Village Manager Mike Baker then made the presentation.

**Deputy Village Manager Mike Baker** said that there was discussion at a Council Workshop a few weeks ago, and staff wanted to provide a greater detailed overview regarding potential facility improvement. A Facility Needs Assessment Study was completed in 2007. That study concluded that the existing facilities of Village Hall, the Police Department, Fleet Services and Counseling and Social Services are inadequate and should be reconstructed. Some options were outlined for the police station including reconstruction of the facility on the existing site in a joint facility with Village Hall. An alternative site for the police department would be in Ellsworth Business Park as a stand-alone facility.

Options for Village Hall included a preference for retaining the facility in the downtown area. Options were to reconstruct Village Hall as a joint facility on the existing site, or reconstruction as a stand-alone facility. The recommendation for Fleet Services was relocation to a more appropriate area. Counseling and Social Services recommendations included relocating to the Village Hall with a separate entrance.

Mr. Baker said that since the report was presented there have been many discussions. Given the significant amount of capital needs throughout the Village, this issue was deferred for future review. Some funding was put into the 2009 budget in the amount of about \$400,000 for design work. A Public Service meeting held in 2008 encouraged public involvement in the process. That meeting also emphasized that the size of the development be appropriate to the needs and resources of the Village.

Mr. Baker then said that opportunities for tours of the Police Department and Village Hall have been arranged for February 9 at 9:00 a.m. and February 21 at 7:00 p.m. These tours will be open to the public. Staff will also provide information on the website. The facility needs study is on the website now.

Mr. Baker said the next step will be returning to the Council in March for more specific recommendations, including an identification of funding sources. Design work could begin in late 2009 or early 2010.

**Bob Becker**, 1200 Oak Hill Road, asked whether it would be possible to use the Police Department building if they moved elsewhere. Mr. Baker responded that staff wants to consider re-use of the Police Department if they are relocated. That was not specifically addressed in the study, but staff wants to look closely at that option before the March meeting.

**Bill Wrobel**, 7800 Queens Court, asked whether the Council is entertaining an advisory referendum. There is an election coming in April. The Mayor said he thought it is past the deadline to include an advisory referendum, but staff will confirm that.

Commissioner Beckman commented that the concern in this endeavor is to use every means to communicate this need to the public. This is an investment and he believes the public would like to hear more about this.

The Mayor said the mechanism to utilize the media is very important, such as the newsletter, Village website, the Triblocal, etc.

Commissioner Schnell suggested an “At Your Service” program. She did not see in the reports a component of fixing the buildings if new buildings are not built. She believes this is a component of public information that needs to be addressed. The consequences of not doing anything also affect economics and she would like to see this aspect covered as well. Mr. Baker said staff will address this.

Commissioner Tully said he appreciated acceleration of this discussion. There are a number of steps involved. One decision is whether to do anything; however, that’s been addressed long ago. The building has only been a Village Hall for forty years, but existed long before the Village took it over. He said the critical decision is “What do we do?” This includes not only what will be built, but how the transition will be made. He believes deferring too long on answering the “what” question will delay ever getting to the actual building. He used Fire Station 2 as an example. Commissioner Tully said that there may be opportunities to seize on lower land and building costs, so answering the what and where questions is critical. He said that the time for first decisions is here. There are public safety aspects to consider and the coordination of services. Some of the proposed solutions took into account reconfiguring portions of Burlington and Washington, which is a trying location now. The 1999 downtown infrastructure improvement contemplated that Washington would be reconfigured; however, that consideration was delayed because other decisions regarding the Civic Center had not been made.

Commissioner Tully confirmed that there was not enough time to place a public question on the April 7, 2009 ballot.

Mayor Sandack agreed that the what and where questions have not been answered. He said \$40,000-\$50,000 was identified for schematic drawings. The additional \$400,000 could be used for other capital projects. There is some agreement that the Village Hall building is antiquated, to say the least, and the police department is overused. What the Village does next and how it does so are discussions that must be held with the public. It is impractical to get an advisory question on the April ballot. He repeated that everyone agrees on the need for public buy-in. He believes staff has provided a realistic timeframe.

### 3. Consent Agenda Items

- a. **Proposal: Gypsy Moth Aerial Spraying.** The Manager said this is a resolution to award a contract for 2009 gypsy moth aerial spraying to Hendrickson Flying Service, Inc. of Rochelle, IL, in the amount of \$124,740.00. It is on budget. The 2008-2013 Strategic Plan identified “A Beautiful Village” in the Downers Grove Vision 2023 statement. Associated objectives include “Tree Canopied Streets” and “Well Maintained Streetscapes, Green Spaces and Landscapes.”

**Bob Whipple**, 1220 Oak Hill Road, said was in attendance at tonight’s meeting with many of his neighbors. He commended the Village Forester on her work. He said he and his neighbors want this spraying to occur. Gypsy moth infestations are similar to cicadas. He left information for the Council about gypsy moths.

The Mayor said the staff and Council are being responsive to community-wide needs.

Commissioner Beckman said he intends to support this proposal. He asked as to the effects the spray will have on other insects. He has been told that it is effective against gypsy moths, but basically benign to other insects. He asked that this information be shared with the community. The Manager said he will see that the information is provided on the website.

Commissioner Durkin stated he was glad that the Village will be doing this.

Commissioner Schnell asked for clarification that the areas under the control of the Forest Preserve will not be sprayed, and the Manager said that was correct. They do not plan to spray. Commissioner Schnell asked how fast these insects advance. Manager Fieldman said the Village does not expect migration from unsprayed to sprayed areas. They migrate very slowly.

Commissioner Waldack said he agreed that this has to be done. He was concerned about the safety, but is convinced by staff's reports that it is safe. There are other things that individuals can do on their own as well, and that information will be on the website when the time comes.

- b. **Purchase of a Community-Wide Notification System.** The Manager said this is a resolution to approve a three-year contract with Blackboard Connect, Inc. for the "Connect-CTY Service," a community-wide notification system in the amount of \$41,875.00 per year. This was competitively bid, is in line with the Strategic Plan, and is a PrimeCo purchase.

Commissioner Neustadt said this could be used to notify of the gypsy moth spraying. He said that the School District uses this for specific or general notifications.

Commissioner Beckman noted that there is a theoretical limitation of three million calls an hour, which far surpasses the Village, needs. He asked whether the Village has shared with the local provider its intention to use this system. The Manager said they shared this information during the competitive process.

Commissioner Durkin asked how the data will be gathered regarding number of phones, e-mail addresses, etc. The Manager said that staff will check; however, he understands that it is a voluntary process to provide information.

Commissioner Tully said this is a useful tool to distribute information. The Village probably would not go forward with this absent the Primeco funds. He then asked about other more pressing unbudgeted needs that the funds could be used for. The Manager responded that staff went through this thoroughly last summer and fall. This is still a top priority on the list.

- c. **ETSB Interoperable Radio Network.** The Manager said this is a resolution supporting the creation of the DuPage Emergency Telephone System Board (ETSB) Interoperable Radio Network, which is the first step in establishing a County-wide system.
- d. **Purchase of Office Supplies.** The Manager said this is a motion requesting approval of a contract with Shane's Office Supplies of Downers Grove for the purchase of office supplies. It was competitively bid and locks in prices for one year. He noted that the Village's Purchasing Policy includes a local vendor preference to use local vendors where bids are substantially equal in price.

- e. **Police Uniform and Equipment Contract Extensions.** The Manager said this consists of at resolution to authorize a one-year equipment contract extension with ProTAC Police and Fire Equipment of Bolingbrook, IL, and a resolution to authorize a one-year uniform extension with Kale Uniforms of Wheaton, IL.
- f. **Contract Amendment: WIIP Projects: St. Joseph, North Branch Subwatershed E (SW-042-Washington Park).** The Manager said this is a resolution to authorize a second amendment to the contract with Christopher B. Burke Engineering, Ltd. in the amount of \$24,500 for the completion of final design changes requested by the Downers Grove Park District relative to the Watershed Infrastructure Improvement Program project at Washington Park.
- g. **Project Lightspeed Screening Letter.** The Manager said this is a resolution to authorize the execution of a letter agreement with AT&T allowing the Village to accept cash in lieu of the screening requirement contained in the Village Standards for the Construction of Facilities on the Public Right-of-Way. As part of the implementation of the AT&T's Project Lightspeed, location of Video Ready Access Devices (VRAD's) in the public way has been occurring within the Village. Pursuant to both Illinois law and the Village's own standards, landscape screening of these devices may be required. AT&T has offered to pay the Village \$1,500 for each VRAD located or to be located in the Village's ROW in lieu of the required landscape. Staff supports the payment in lieu of landscaping as it allows the Village to select what it believes to be the most appropriate landscape screening for a site.

Commissioner Schnell said these are large unattractive utility boxes. She asked if there is a notification process for the residents. The Manager said that Troy Klein and Public Works get the applications, and that is how the Village notifies the neighbors. Individuals can work with the Forester and Public Works.

Commissioner Waldack said that when he asked how the Village terminates the agreement, he was told that the agreement terminates when the project is completed. He doesn't understand why the Village cannot terminate this.

**Village Attorney Enza Petrarca** said that this is a State licensing franchise. This applies to the installation of the VRAD boxes. Anytime a VRAD box is placed in our right-of-way, AT&T is required to pay this fee. The option is for AT&T to do the screening, or to have the Village do the screening with the \$1,500. Attorney Petrarca said that the price has been negotiated.

Commissioner Beckman commented that the agreement is ever-extending into the future. Attorney Petrarca said that was correct based on the installation of a VRAD box. Commissioner Beckman asked what happens if changes have to be made. The Attorney said the agreement would still apply.

## **MANAGER'S AND DIRECTOR'S REPORT**

**Finance Director Judy Buttny** provided a report of FY08 budget close-outs. Ms. Buttny reviewed the General Fund which was budgeted for \$42 million in expenses and that is what was spent. Final figures for the revenue side are not available yet, however, revenue figures are not as



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good as anticipated. She is trying to work on modeling figures. She stated that audited reports will be available in June.

Ms. Buttny pointed out that in spite of various negative impacts on the budget, the General Fund expenses were well managed and stayed within budget. Discretionary expenses were eliminated, out-of-state travel was reduced or eliminated, initiatives were undertaken to reduce fuel consumption, and overtime costs were reduced with the implementation of the Jump Company at Fire Station 2.

The Mayor thanked Ms. Buttny, saying that there are no surprises in the figures available. He said they expect that the final 4<sup>th</sup> quarter sales tax numbers will not be good, which appears to be consistent with the general economy.

Commissioner Schnell asked if there has been a decline in property tax collection given the number of foreclosures. Ms. Buttny said there has not been a decline. The Village will get what was levied. Permit fees, however, were down.

Commissioner Tully commended everyone for the fabulous job they have done in controlling what can be controlled.

Commissioner Durkin complimented the staff on receipt of the GFOA award.

### **ATTORNEY'S REPORT**

Village Attorney Enza Petrarca said she was presenting ten items to the Council: 1) A resolution authorizing execution of an agreement between the Village of Downers Grove and Hendrickson Flying Service, Inc.; 2) An ordinance vacating a certain portion of an unimproved right-of-way adjacent to 4529 Fairview Avenue in the Village of Downers Grove; 3) A resolution authorizing execution of a letter of agreement between the Village of Downers Grove and AT&T Illinois; 4) A resolution authorizing execution of an agreement between the Village of Downers Grove and Blackboard Connect, Inc.; 5) A resolution supporting stakeholder input and public safety focus for the DuPage Emergency Telephone System Board and the Interoperable Radio Network; 6) A resolution authorizing execution of an addendum to an agreement between the Village of Downers Grove and ProTAC Police & Fire Equipment, Inc.; 7) A resolution authorizing execution of an addendum to an agreement between the Village of Downers Grove and Kale Uniforms; 8) An ordinance approving a planned development amendment to Planned Development #31 for the construction of a two-story office building at 3300 Woodcreek Drive; 9) An ordinance authorizing a special use to permit an outpatient eye clinic in the downtown business district; and 10) A resolution authorizing execution of a second amendment to the professional services agreement between the Village of Downers Grove and Christopher B. Burke Engineering, Ltd.

### **COUNCIL MEMBERS**

Commissioner Beckman said he attended the Master Gardener's Association in Valparaiso, Indiana. While there he met four members of the Downers Grove community. They asked about where the Village is as a green community as part of the Strategic Plan. He didn't have the information they requested at the time, and asked the Manager what direction to follow.

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Manger Fieldman said the Village is at the beginning stage of a sustainability study, and the Environmental Concerns Commission will consider this item on Thursday evening at the Public Works Facility. Information is on the website.

Commissioner Durkin said he attended the DuPage Mayors and Managers Conference meeting with Deputy Village Manager Mike Baker. He said that Senator Cronin and Representatives Bellock and Pihos were in attendance. He provided a handout to the Council and outlined the DMMC legislative priorities: Streamlined sales tax; amend the public safety employee benefits act; support capital funding for infrastructure; funding for mitigation of increased railroad traffic; and public safety pension reforms. Mr. Baker will be distributing a detailed packet to the Council later in the week.

Commissioner Durkin said Representatives Bellock and Pihos complimented Downers Grove for its persistence in obtaining funding for the Belmont Road railroad underpass construction. He said it was a very enlightening meeting.

Commissioner Schnell said that DMMC periodically asks that councils adopt the essence of their report. She will look into this further, as it maybe appropriate to adopt this.

Commissioner Waldack commented on the Village's economic partners including the Chamber, the EDC, Downtown Management etc., and the "buy in Downers Grove" campaign. He asked if Council and staff might go one step further when going out for contracts. He asked if they could inquire as to how many of the vendors employ residents of the Village of Downers Grove.

Commissioner Waldack then said that he and the Mayor attended two Eagle Scout presentations last weekend for Patrick McCormick of Troop 80 and Trevor Kral of Troop 55. He was impressed by the number of Eagle Scouts in the Village, saying it is a credit that the Village has troops that promote this level of achievement. He was especially impressed by the emphasis on service. He urged people to get involved in the Village, School Districts or other areas of involvement.

Commissioner Tully complimented the staff on the monthly statistical report. The December report captures the entire year highlighting counseling and social services figures, response times and field court cases. He asked for comparison figures between 2007 and 2008. The Commissioner then congratulated Jim Black on his graduation from the FBI Academy. Commissioner Tully also noted that water breaks were down from last year.

The Mayor said that the monthly reports have been done for a year now. Financial reports will be adjusted to respond to market conditions. Statistical data will be made available on the website.

Mayor Sandack noted that two businesses are closing—Circuit City and the Home Depot Expo Design on Butterfield. He asked that given the continued difficulties and challenges in the economy, that residents make every conscious effort to keep their business local, and support all of the local businesses.

The Mayor said that he signed some letters to the State legislators regarding the Village's shovel ready projects. Given the President's infrastructure economic stimulus programs, there may be opportunities for federal dollars for the Village. Staff has put together a great brochure of the Village's shovel ready projects and the costs projected. The Council is well positioned to work to obtain funding support.

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Mayor Sandack then said that the Eagle Scout presentation was wonderful. He said that these were fine upstanding young men, and he was proud to participate in the event.

### **ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further discussion, the Workshop meeting was adjourned at 8:47 p.m.

April K. Holden  
Village Clerk

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