



Village of Downers Grove Meeting Minutes Downers Grove Village Council

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

Tuesday, February 9, 2010

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 Bob Barnett, 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

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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 of a general matter. 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. Finally, an opportunity is given for public comments and questions on items appearing on the Consent Agenda, the Active Agenda and the First Reading.

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 Council Meetings

Council Meeting - February 2, 2010

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

Swearing In Ceremony - Fire Chief James Jackson, Sr.

Dave Fieldman, Village Manager, announced the swearing-in of new Fire Chief James Jackson, Sr., former Deputy Chief with the Village. Village Clerk April Holden administered the oath of office. Chief Jackson thanked the Village Council and the Fire Department for their support, as well as his wife, family, friends and colleagues. Mayor Sandack welcomed Chief Jackson and

congratulated him, saying the Village is proud to have him as its new Chief. He also thanked the firefighters in attendance, saying the Village is blessed to have them serve the community.

4. Public Comments - General Comments on Matters Not Appearing on Tonight's Agenda

5. Public Hearings

6. Consent Agenda

Mayor Sandack asked for a motion to approve the Consent Agenda. Commissioner Waldack asked that items B, RES 00-04034, a resolution authorizing a fifth addendum to a software maintenance agreement with Crowe Horwath, LLP; C, MOT 00-04039, a motion awarding the 2010 traffic signal maintenance contract to Lyons Electric Company, LaGrange, IL; D, RES 00-04042, a resolution authorizing an agreement for prosecution services with Linda S. Pieczynski, Attorney at Law, P.C.; and E, RES 00-04040, a resolution of intent to continue participation in the suburban tree consortium and authorize certain purchases for FY2010, be removed from the Consent Agenda for separate consideration. The Mayor asked for a motion to approve the Consent Agenda as amended.

BIL 00-04037 A. List of Bills Payable: No. 5808, February 9, 2010

Sponsors: Accounting

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

Indexes: N/A

MOT 00-04038 F. Motion: Note Receipt of Minutes of Boards and Commissions

Summary of Item: Library Board - January 13, 2010

Transportation & Parking Commission - May 20, 2009; July 8, 2009; August 12, 2009; September 9, 2009; October 14, 2009

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 Schnell, seconded by Commissioner Barnett, that the consent agenda be passed. The motion carried by the following vote:

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

7. Active Agenda

RES 00-04034 B. Resolution: Authorize a Fifth Addendum to a Software Maintenance Agreement with Crowe Horwath, LLP

Sponsors: Information Services

Summary of Item: A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING EXECUTION OF A FIFTH ADDENDUM TO A SOFTWARE MAINTENANCE AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE VILLAGE OF DOWNERS GROVE AND CROWE HORWATH, LLP

RESOLUTION 2010-06

Commissioner Waldack said he asked that several items be removed from the Consent Agenda because they were not previously on the First Reading. He believes strongly in a one-week waiting period. He asked the Manager if there was any economic consideration or constraint

that would cause staff to request that the extra week not be given for public comment. He also asked if there was any time constraint that would cause staff to request that the item not be given the extra week for public comment. The Manager responded to both questions that there were no reasons to deny the additional week for public comment.

Commissioner Waldack then moved that this item be moved from this week's Active Agenda and be placed on next week's Consent Agenda. There was no second on the Motion.

A motion was made by Commissioner Schnell, seconded by Commissioner Barnett, to Authorize this file. Mayor Sandack declared the motion carried by the following vote:

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

Indexes: Computer Licensing

MOT 00-04039 C. Motion: Award 2010 Traffic Signal Maintenance Contract to Lyons Electric Company, LaGrange, IL

Sponsors: Public Works

Summary of Item: This is in the not-to-exceed amount of \$47,000.00.

Commissioner Waldack said that he believes strongly in a one-week waiting period. He asked the Manager if there was any economic consideration or constraint that would cause staff to request that the extra week not be given for public comment. He also asked if there was any time constraint that would cause staff to request that the item not be given the extra week for public comment. The Manager responded to both questions that there were no reasons to deny the additional week for public comment.

Commissioner Waldack then moved that this item be moved from this week's Active Agenda and be placed on next week's Consent Agenda. There was no second on the Motion.

A motion was made by Commissioner Barnett, seconded by Commissioner Beckman, to Authorize this file. Mayor Sandack declared the motion carried by the following vote:

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

Indexes: Traffic Signal Maintenance

RES 00-04042 D. Resolution: Authorize an Agreement for Prosecution Services with Linda S. Pieczynski, Attorney at Law, P.C.

Sponsors: Village Attorney

Summary of Item: A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING EXECUTION OF AN AGREEMENT FOR PROSECUTION SERVICES BETWEEN THE VILLAGE OF DOWNERS GROVE AND LINDA S. PIECZYNSKI, ATTORNEY AT LAW, P.C.

RESOLUTION 2010-07

Commissioner Waldack asked the Manager if there was any economic consideration or constraint that would cause staff to request that the extra week not be given for public comment. He also asked if there was any time constraint that would cause staff to request that the item not be given the extra week for public comment. The Manager responded to both questions that there were no reasons to deny the additional week for public comment.

Commissioner Waldack then moved that this item be moved from this week's Active Agenda and be placed on next week's Consent Agenda. There was no second on the Motion.

A motion was made by Commissioner Beckman, seconded by Commissioner Neustadt, to Authorize this file. Mayor Sandack declared the motion carried by the following vote:

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

Indexes: Village Prosecutor - Linda Pieczynski

RES 00-04040 E. Resolution: Intent to Continue Participation in the Suburban Tree Consortium and Authorize Certain Purchases for FY 2010

Sponsors: Public Works

Summary of Item: A RESOLUTION EXPRESSING INTENT TO CONTINUE PARTICIPATION IN THE SUBURBAN TREE CONSORTIUM AND TO AUTHORIZE CERTAIN PURCHASES FOR FY 2010

RESOLUTION 2010-08

Commissioner Waldack asked the Manager if there was any economic consideration or constraint that would cause staff to request that the extra week not be given for public comment. He also asked if there was any time constraint that would cause staff to request that the item not be given the extra week for public comment. The Manager responded to both questions that there were no reasons to deny the additional week for public comment.

Commissioner Waldack reiterated his belief that the Council should be given time to review the items. These items were placed on the Agenda Friday, not allowing the one-week waiting period. He does not consider these items routine and believes they deserve more consideration. He has no particular qualms about these items but feels that the one-week waiting period is necessary.

Commissioner Waldack then moved that this item be moved from this week's Active Agenda and be placed on next week's Consent Agenda. There was no second on the Motion.

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

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

Indexes: Tree Consortium

ORD 00-04033 A. Ordinance: Authorize Extension of a Final Planned Development Amendment for Planned Development #31 for the Construction of a Two-Story Office Building at 3300 Woodcreek Drive

Sponsors: Community Development

Summary of Item: This authorizes the extension of a final planned development amendment for Planned Development #31 for the construction of a two-story office building at 3300 Woodcreek Drive until February 2, 2011.

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE EXTENSION OF A FINAL PLANNED DEVELOPMENT AMENDMENT FOR PLANNED DEVELOPMENT #31 FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF A TWO-STORY OFFICE BUILDING AT 3300 WOODCREEK DRIVE

ORDINANCE NO. 5121

Commissioner Beckman asked if there were any changes to last year's proposal, and was advised by the Village Manager that no changes have been made to last year's plan.

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

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

Indexes: Planned Development #31 - Esplanade at Locust Point

8. First Reading

ORD 00-04043 A. Ordinance: Establish a Village Council Policy Regarding User-Fees, Licenses and Fines

Sponsors: Manager's Office

Management Analyst Brandon Dieter provided background on this item, saying there are three goals associated with this project. First, a policy will be drafted to establish user fees, licenses and fines. Second, a formalized process will be developed for staff's use in reviewing user fees, licenses and fines. Third, a comprehensive schedule will be created listing all fees, licenses and fines to be available in one central location. Mr. Dieter said in drafting the policy that staff has consulted with best practices with Government Finance Officers Association (GFOA) and National Advisory Council on State and Local Budgeting (NACSLB).

Mr. Dieter then reviewed the definition of user fees. The policy goals are to create a simplified rate structure, and provide a means of recovering the full cost of services based on comparative rates of surrounding communities. He commented that the reason for licensing regulation is to achieve the goals of protecting the public, meeting statutory mandates, maintaining the aesthetic value of the community, and protecting consumers from solicitors' interference,

As to cost recovery goals, Mr. Dieter explained that the intent is to recover the full cost of administering and issuing the license, focus on objectives of the license, review marketing factors, study policy goals, and determine competitiveness of surrounding communities.

Regarding fines, Mr. Dieter commented that fines are established to discourage certain behaviors. The fines will be established proportionately to the behavior that is being discouraged.

There were no comments from the audience.

Commissioner Schnell inquired as to the definition of fees, and whether these include administrative fines. She asked if something like a speeding ticket would be covered by this ordinance.

Village Attorney Enza Petrarca said municipal issues can be included.

Commissioner Barnett said it is important to do this and to establish a structure. The intent here is to establish a base line that covers total costs. Rates might be driven by a variety of things. He believes this is a step in the right direction. Decisions made will be based on input from the community and others, but this provides a basis from which to start.

Commissioner Beckman commented that he spoke with the Village Manager earlier this week regarding fee waivers or partial waivers, which is apparently another Ordinance. He recommended a cross-reference to waivers in this policy, which would permit this to be more easily used. Mr. Fieldman said that is a logical connection and staff will include a cross-reference in the fee waiver policy.

Commissioner Waldack agreed with Commissioner Beckman's suggestion. He gave an example of a time when the Village was not competitive with respect to fees and was faced with waivers,

exceptions, etc. He believes this proposal makes sense. Regarding fees, there are different categories, and he understands from the Village Manager, that a fee proposal will provide information as to what the market is charging, what is competitive, or what influences behavior. Council will not see one proposal for a fee, but instead will see several options with explanations and a recommendation. Council will be able to decide whether to be competitive, to induce behavior or examine how we compare to others. He commended that approach. He expressed concern about the definition with respect to services which provide benefits to a small group and not the community, and services which provide benefits to all members of the community at large. He doesn't see the role of that type of distinction in this process. He can't think of a single service the Village provides that does not affect the community in some way, shape or form. He is concerned about the ramifications. In the financial policy discussions, core and secondary services were defined which eventually turned into a budget matter. The change in meeting agenda is another example, such as "routine items" on the Consent Agenda. He is struggling with the policy that makes these distinctions and has a problem with the definitions. He wants to understand the distinction between fees that affect a few people. He asked why it is being done if it only affects a few people.

Commissioner Barnett asked if Commissioner Waldack was referring to the definitions under Section 1, a & b of the proposed ordinance. Commissioner Waldack answered affirmatively. Commissioner Barnett asked if an example would be the CNG fueling stations discussed at a previous meeting where there was a very narrow scope of non-community at large beneficiary of a service we provide as opposed to matters, such as inspections, etc. that have a broader base. It is almost akin to a resident/non-resident type of structure in that there is a very narrow scope and distinct group. Mr. Dieter agreed with Commissioner Barnett.

Commissioner Waldack said he thinks the CNG fueling station does affect the greater community. He said he doesn't see the need to define it as affecting only a few people rather than the community at large. He said parking benefits the people who park and the entire community that we offer parking. Everything we do affects the community at large to a greater or lesser extent. He does not see the need for the definition.

Commissioner Schnell asked Mr. Dieter if both groups would be treated the same, and whether the same criteria is used regardless of category. Mr. Dieter responded that both groups would be treated the same. The criteria is the same and all will be treated fairly. The fees are proportionate.

Mr. Fieldman commented that they are trying to draw a distinction between public good and fee for service.

Mayor Sandack noted that the proposed Ordinance is a simplification of what currently exists in the Code. The current Code is not user friendly. Cross-referencing to fee waivers is a step in the right direction. The Village is not inventing this, but it is working off of the best practices of the GFOA and NACSLB. An ordinance needs to have defined terms, and all ordinances have definitions. This is fair, balanced, and provides a clean approach. He commended staff for working on this and urged the Council members who want changes to put forth language that they feel would clarify it further.

Indexes: User Fee, License and Fine Umbrella Policy

MOT 00-04044

G. Motion: Authorize Change Order #3 for \$38,511.27 to Copenhaver Construction, Inc., Gilberts, IL, for the Washington Park Stormwater Improvement Project (SW-042)

Sponsors: Public Works

The Manager noted that this concerns the Washington Park project, which is a joint project with the Downers Grove Park District. This is the third Change Order and it is in the amount of \$38,511.27, with the Village portion at \$26,500. The changes are based on Park District

requests.

Commissioner Beckman asked where the Washington Park project stands in terms of the proposed budget. The Manager said this project is over budget and has been since it was awarded. They came in over the original earmark, but they are trying to keep the entire watershed at or under budget. He said they may be seeing another Change Order. It's a large project with two parties involved; however, staff works to minimize Change Orders.

Commissioner Schnell said that she thought they seem to be going over on amenities that are not stormwater related items. She sees these as causing overruns. She would rather see the money going for stormwater and not amenities. Commissioner Schnell said given limited resources at this time, they need to be more realistic with respect to other entities. She understands that the Village cannot do anything about this particular item, but she wants to see more being spent on stormwater issues. The Manager said that the Village has the opportunity to focus on dollars for stormwater in the last three projects.

Commissioner Durkin asked about the engineering firms involved, and whether the Village is sharing this information with the engineering firms as a learning tool, so we will not face this in other projects. Doing this may provide an opportunity to better handle these matters going forward. The Manager said that the information is being shared for future situations.

The Mayor commented that he and the Manager will sit down with the Park District representatives to assure that lines of communication remain open. The Park District doesn't like overruns either. He noted that they still have to do McCollum Park and Sterling North.

Indexes: Washington Park

ORD 00-04035 B. Ordinance: Provide for the Issuance of General Obligation Refunding Bonds, Series 2010

Sponsors: Finance

Mr. Fieldman said this is often referred to as the "Parameters Ordinance." The interest rate environment has changed and the Village has an opportunity to lower interest rates on existing bonds. There is a possible refunding of about \$6 million in existing bonds resulting in approximately a \$300,000 savings.

Commissioner Durkin asked for clarification that they are authorizing the Village Manager to execute this under the Mayor's signature. The Manager said that was correct. He complimented staff on bringing this forward as it is a huge win for the Village. He noted that the Village's bond counsel will be Chapman and Cutler, and their fees have been lowered which is another win for the Village.

Commissioner Waldack commented that the Village has done this before and will have these opportunities again. He would like an estimate of the time it takes from the beginning to implementation. The Manager responded that the process takes 30-90 days depending upon the transaction and timing of the market. They could introduce a standing "Parameters Ordinance" that would expedite the process. Both Commissioners Waldack and Durkin said it would be a good idea to look at this.

Indexes: General Obligation Bond - Refund

RES 00-04041 C. Resolution: Authorize an Agreement with the Indian Boundary YMCA to Jointly Conduct the 2010 Downtown Downers Grove Market

Sponsors: Community Development

Mr. Fieldman commented that the Downtown Market is a great event, and this Resolution is

required to approve it. The event will run about five weeks longer than in previous years. The YMCA would reimburse the Village for expenses which are estimated to be about \$7,000.

The Mayor asked representatives of the YMCA if they would like to comment.

Barb Taylor, Executive Director of the YMCA, Chuck Keenley and Marta Cullen were all present. Ms. Taylor thanked the Council for its support of the Market. She then recapped the success of last year. Last year they ran 26 weeks with 62 vendors. The event adds energy to Downers Grove and drives foot traffic to downtown merchants. She noted that 816 volunteers hours were used to put this together. Net proceeds last year were \$23,000, and that money went back into the YMCA programs. They have been giving back to the community, and she said that the Chamber of Commerce acknowledged the YMCA for its contribution to the community. Ms. Taylor then called on Chuck Keenley.

Mr. Keenley told the Council that the YMCA had a goal to make this one of the best markets in the area. He thinks they have met that goal. Paying the Village \$7,000 will impact their profits and they would like to request relief from this fee. He believes the Village can be proud of the Market. He pointed out that the contract says we "jointly facilitate" the Market, and Mr. Keenley asked that the Village help them out with expenses.

Marta Cullen, member of the Board of Directors of the Downtown Management Corporation, said that the Market has positively affected the downtown businesses on Saturdays. A few years back Saturday was one of the slowest days, but during the summer months, with the Market, Saturdays are now the busiest day of the week.

Commissioner Waldack commented that the expanded dates will include the former date of the Heritage Festival weekend. He asked what would happen if Heritage Festival is carried out this coming summer. Mr. Fieldman said that the proposals allow for the operation of the Market. Commissioner Waldack said that this project adds a lot to the downtown area, and he thanked the YMCA for their hard work.

Commissioner Schnell said she loved the enhancements of last year. She asked if the fees they charge vendors are equal to other communities. Mr. Keenley responded that they raised their fees to \$15.00 two years ago, and the fees are on the low side. They have been kept low due to the economy. If they raise the fees by \$5.00 it would generate about \$3,000. Commissioner Schnell then asked whether the \$5.00 increase would bring their fees in line with those of other communities. Ms. Cullen replied that they don't have an equal comparison. French Markets, such as in Wheaton, are entirely different concepts. Commissioner Schnell asked the YMCA to work with the staff to survey fees of other similar markets. Mr. Keenley added that if they have to raise the fees, he is concerned that they may lose some vendors.

Commissioner Beckman commented that the Market has developed into a festive event. He has been to other markets, and this is better than the others he has seen. There are two kinds of vendors, those who go to other sites, and local vendors. He asked what the price point is that creates a barrier. He is not too concerned about the vendors who have multiple sites, but he may be concerned for the local vendors.

Commissioner Durkin commented that he has volunteered for the Market for quite a while and enjoys it. He is happy for their success. He then asked for a breakdown of staff time spent on the Market. It appears that establishing the power panel and signage may be the only activities that staff handles. A better breakdown of services would be beneficial to all concerned. The Village has made difficult decisions with respect to its budget based on the economy. The importance of the Market is great and he suggested a two-year implementation of the fee to allow the YMCA to work with the vendors. Mr. Fieldman responded that last year they established the concept of establishing a set amount of Village-provided services. As to Commissioner Durkin's suggestion, that would be a policy discussion. Commissioner Durkin

said that this includes one Public Works employee who spends about fifteen minutes at the Market each week. He would like to see how the Village comes up with the \$7,000 figure and upon what services the fee is based

Mayor Sandack commented that he thinks the Market is a community gem. He explained that the Village has an overall policy with respect to not-for-profit organizations. He referenced various budget issues and constraints which are felt by all groups in the Village. It is necessary to know the costs. The Village has tried to be transparent as to its expenses. It is hard to set a policy and then chip away at it, because every other organization will want the same consideration. The Mayor said that he will think about this, but agrees with the request for a little more detail of the expenses as related to the services. He expressed the good will of the Council to the YMCA and to the Market.

Indexes: Downtown Downers Grove Market

9. Mayor's Report

Proclamation

The Mayor proclaimed the week of February 7-13 as Boy Scouts of America Week in the Village in honor of the 100th Anniversary of the Boy Scouts of America. The Mayor congratulated the numerous Boy Scouts troops associated with many organizations in the Village on this anniversary.

Reports

Mayor Sandack said he has made two selections to add to the Comprehensive Plan Committee to be reported out next week. He invited those two members to the first Comprehensive Planning Committee meeting.

The Mayor then commented in response to Commissioner Waldack's earlier motions, saying that there is a Council member prerogative to remove items from the Consent Agenda. The Ordinance was changed earlier this year, and the meeting schedule of the Council was also changed. One of the goals was that items of a routine nature would be on the Consent Agenda. He said one of the items this evening was prosecution services as suggested by the Village Attorney. This was competitively bid with specific qualifications sent out. The same is true of the tree consortium purchase. He hopes that one member of the Council will not use his prerogative to change what the Council did collectively, and what Commissioner Waldack agreed to do, because of what he believes is not routine. If that is the case, the Mayor will ask his colleagues to consider a rule change to the rule allowing items to be removed from the Consent Agenda at the request of one Council member. He note this rule existed when there were five Council members. There are seven now. He does not think one person should necessarily hold up a Consent Agenda if everyone else thinks it's a routine matter, because if they continue in that direction, they will not achieve the goal of making the meetings efficient. He stressed that is not a threat, but is a legitimate request for a rule change if the Council cannot live up to the rules they just changed. The Council agreed that routine matters would be on the Consent Agenda, and now a couple of weeks into the new rule change it's being gutted. He will work with the Village Attorney and Village Manager on language, have the Council review it, and if a rule change is needed to assure that the process they all voted on and agreed to a few weeks ago is adhered to, so be it.

10. Manager's Report

11. Attorney's Report

Village Attorney Enza Petrarca said she was presenting three items to the Council: 1) An ordinance providing for the issuance of General Obligation Refunding Bonds, Series 2010, of the Village of Downers Grove, DuPage County, Illinois, authorizing the execution of a bond order and an escrow agreement in connection therewith, providing for the levy and collection of

a direct annual tax for the payment of the principal of and interest on said bonds and furthering securing said bonds with a pledge of certain incremental taxes; 2) An ordinance establishing a Village Council policy regarding user-fess, licenses and fines; and 3) A resolution authorizing an agreement between the Village of Downers Grove and the Indian Boundary YMCA to jointly conduct the 2010 Downtown Downers Grove Market.

Future Active Agenda

12. Council Member Reports and New Business

Commissioner Neustadt asked staff to look into the possibility of the use of vertical axis wind turbines on Village property at Village Hall or other facilities to generate power to be used for our electrical needs. The Village Hall location is very close to the BNSF train line which displaces air as the trains go by, making this an appropriate consideration. Vertical axis wind turbines can harness wind from any direction and could help generate energy for Village Hall. He said there are many opportunities for federal and State grants based on his research. Commissioner Neustadt said he would like to see this become a "shovel ready" project.

Commissioner Waldack said he would like to reiterate his solution to the one-week waiting period, which would be to place items on the Consent Agenda and expand the Agenda with a heading "Consent Agenda one-week waiting period" without discussion for less routine matters that would automatically be moved to next week's Agenda. The Commissioner said he was told the Consent Agenda would be for routine matters. He said the Council is authorizing multi-year contracts and spending more money than some households make in a year. He does not consider that "routine." Each contract should be looked at anew. There is more of an upside to a one-week waiting period than the prospect of efficiency. If one needs to get home early, then perhaps that person shouldn't be here. He asked the Council members to consider his solution which would maintain efficiency, give adequate public notice and essentially solve the problem by placing the item on the following week's Agenda. He hoped his Council members would consider that rather than changing the ability to remove items from the Consent Agenda.

Commissioner Waldack then commented that the president of Waste Management was on TV recently, and he commented that 40% of their vehicles run on CNG. Perhaps other vendors would have CNG vehicles, and Commissioner Waldack suggested that, since the Village operates a CNG facility, that could be made part of the waste contract negotiations. The cost of operating CNG vehicles is the increased maintenance, according to the president of Waste Management.

Both Commissioners Barnett and Durkin thanked Commissioner Neustadt for bringing his idea forward.

Commissioner Durkin then announced that the Ice Sculpture Festival will be held the weekend of February 13 and 14. In addition, there will be face painting, a pancake breakfast, and live entertainment at the Two-Way Coffee House. He said that snow and low temperatures are expected for the weekend events.

The Mayor said he is thrilled that the Downtown Management Corporation has stepped up to sponsor the Ice Festival.

13. Adjournment

Commissioner Schnell moved to adjourn. Commissioner Barnett seconded the Motion.

Mayor Sandack declared the motion carried by voice vote and the meeting adjourned at 8:20 p.m.