



Village of Downers Grove Meeting Minutes Downers Grove Village Council

Civic Center
801 Burlington
Downers Grove, IL 60515
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Tuesday, September 18, 2012

7:00 pm

Council Chambers

1. Call to Order

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

2. Roll Call

Present: Commissioner Marilyn Schnell, Commissioner William Waldack, Commissioner Sean P. Durkin, Commissioner Becky Rheintgen, Commissioner Geoff Neustadt and Mayor Martin Tully

Absent: Commissioner Bob Barnett

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 Tully 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 - September 4, 2012

Mayor Tully asked for a Motion to approve the minutes as submitted.

Commissioner Schnell moved to approve the minutes as presented. Commissioner Durkin seconded the motion.

The Mayor declared the Motion carried by voice vote.

Proclamations

Mayor Tully noted the presence of students from Midwestern University Chicago College of Pharmacy. He then proclaimed October 2012 as American Pharmacists Month, and presented the proclamation to Steve Sidelsky, 3rd year student from Midwestern University, and his fellow students.

Mr. Sidelsky thanked the Mayor for the proclamation and expressed the importance of pharmacists in our daily lives.

Mayor Tully proclaimed the week of September 17 as Constitution Week in recognition of the 225th anniversary of the framing of the Constitution. He presented the proclamation to Carol Wandschneider of the Daughters of the American Revolution (DAR) who noted that the United States Constitution is the oldest constitution still in active use in the world today. She thanked the Mayor for the Proclamation.

Mayor Tully proclaimed September 19 as "No Text on Board Pledge Day" to discourage texting while driving.

Recognition of Retiring Board and Commission Members

Mayor Tully expressed the Village's appreciation for the volunteers who serve on Village Boards and Commissions on behalf of the community. They dedicate many hours of their personal time to serve the Village. He stressed the importance of the Boards and Commissions, and asked Mary Pratt to recognize those who have given their expertise to the community.

Ms. Pratt mentioned the service of Daniel McInerney, Jeff Rogers, Scott Isaacson and Michael Duet and noted that a certificate and parting gift from the Village would be given to each of them in appreciation for their dedication.

Mayor Tully then recognized the service of Alan Jirik who served on the Plan Commission for more than two decades, more than ten years of which he served as Chair. He said that probably more people have attended Plan Commission meetings than Council meetings. The role of Chair is particularly difficult because of the rules for proper procedure. The Plan Commission has covered many controversial issues over the years, and Chairman Jirik and his colleagues saw to it that everyone who wished to express their opinions, whether in support of or opposition to an issue, was properly heard. Mr. Jirik has given more time than expected to the community. The Mayor expressed his appreciation saying it is deeply heartfelt.

Commissioner Schnell said she and Alan have known each other for 22 years. She thanked him for his dedicated service, stating he always listened, was attentive to residents, and was a collaborator. Because of the way he handled himself he often defused situations. She commented that Mr. Jirik made people feel comfortable and has done an outstanding job on behalf of the community. She thanked him again for his years of service.

Commissioner Neustadt expressed his pleasure to recognize Mr. Jirik's work, and thanked him and his family for the time given to the community. He noted that he has always heard positive comments from the public.

Commissioner Waldack also thanked Mr. Jirik for his long service, noting that it is a tough job. He pointed out that Mr. Jirik assisted with the Comprehensive Plan and other issues. His work is much appreciated.

Commissioner Durkin thanked Mr. Jirik for making Downers Grove a better place today than it was 22 years ago. It is not easy to hear all of the opinions and comments made on particular issues, and sometimes have to make an unpopular vote. He pointed out that Mr. Jirik's work on the Commission often took him away from family events, and Commissioner Durkin expressed his appreciation for Mr. Jirik's dedication.

Mayor Tully recalled the time when the Highland Landmark project was proposed and residents of the area attended the Plan Commission meeting. Mayor Tully, then as a resident of the area, spoke in front of the Plan Commission at that meeting. He remembered how interested, open and inclusive Mr. Jirik was during that controversial meeting.

Mayor Tully then read a proclamation honoring Alan Jirik for his years of service to the Village of Downers Grove.

Mr. Jirik said there is a lot of emotion tonight. He thanked the Mayor, and the Council for the opportunity to serve the community, and for the community's trust in him. He also thanked his wife for her patience and understanding throughout his 22 years of service. He took his job seriously, and he said that professionally he considers it one of the most rewarding things he has done. His heart is still in it. He believes his greatest accomplishment was collaboration with his colleagues. There were many unanimous votes over his 19 years as Chairman. Their duty was to reach consensus and respectfully hear the presentations of the public on each case before them.

Mayor Tully then presented Mr. Jirik with some parting gifts including the Proclamation and Certificate of Appreciation, some mementos, and a gavel.

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

1. Stacy Salman, 4945 Highland, applauded the Village's decision to implement the stormwater utility. She stated that whenever she goes to various meetings she hears people talking about Downers Grove and its leadership role as it relates to stormwater issues. She referenced the River Prairie Group's 2012 status report on the health of Salt Creek-DuPage River watershed and noted the excellent water quality in St. Joe's Creek that runs through Downers Grove as well as the need to better manage stormwater runoff. She provided copies of the article for the Council.

2. Frank Falesch said he and his wife attended the Fine Arts Festival, and on the way home rested on a bench on Burlington and Main. He spoke of the right turn light there and asked why it is not long enough. He said he spoke of this a few years ago but nothing has been done.

Village Manager Dave Fieldman said that the Village applied for a grant to rework the crossing signals which are timed with the Metra trains. They did not receive the grant; however, the Village will continue to pursue this.

5. Public Hearings

2013 Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Application

Special Service Area #4 - Green Acres Subdivision

2013 Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Application

Mayor Tully called the public hearing to order at 7:36 p.m. to consider submittal of an application to the DuPage Community Development Commission for block grant funding for the Francisco Avenue, Drendel Road and Granville Avenue watermain loop. Notice of this hearing was published in the Downers Grove Reporter on August 29, 2012.

The Mayor summarized the procedures to be followed for the public hearing.

Village Manager Dave Fieldman introduced Assistant Public Works Director Andy Sikich to provide information regarding the application.

Assistant Public Works Director Andy Sikich said staff is seeking grant funding support for the

construction of a watermain along Francisco Avenue, Drendel Road and Granville Avenue which will then connect to existing watermains in this area. This area was recently annexed to the Village and is served by private wells. If the wells fail, the property owners are prohibited by Downers Grove Municipal Code from drilling private wells. This funding would cover 40% of the cost for this project.

Mr. Fieldman said the funding being requested is federal funding and the funds are competitive.

Mayor Tully asked if the funds would be limited to this area.

Mr. Fieldman said the funds would be limited to this area and to this application.

There being no further discussion, the public hearing was adjourned at 7:39 p.m.

Special Service Area #4 - Green Acres Subdivision

Mayor Tully called the public hearing to order at 7:39 p.m. to consider the formation of Special Service Area #4 (SSA) and the levy of taxes affecting said area. The approximate street locations for the special service area are Davane Lane and Lynn Gremer Court. An accurate map of said territory is on file in the office of the Village Clerk and is available for public inspection. Notice of this hearing was published in the Downers Grove Reporter.

The Mayor summarized the procedures to be followed for the public hearing.

Village Manager Dave Fieldman introduced Community Development Director Tom Dabariner to provide information regarding the SSA.

Community Development Director Tom Dabareiner stated that this public hearing is a required component in the process of creating an SSA. He explained that this applies to the Green Acres Subdivision. He displayed a map of the area on the overhead projection. This SSA will serve as a safeguard in the event that the Homeowners' Association cannot or does not maintain the subdivision detention area. It would only be levied if the Homeowners' Association defaults and the Village is forced to step in and maintain the common areas. Mr. Dabareiner said that the Village proposes a maximum annual rate not to exceed 3% of the property's EAV. He noted that the notice of public hearing was published in a timely manner and mailed to the affected property owners.

Commissioner Durkin asked if the nine lots in question are occupied, and Mr. Dabareiner said that the developer owns them, but there are pending contracts involved.

Commissioner Rheintgen asked whether the properties owned by Greenscape are included, and Mr. Dabareiner said they were not proposed to be included as part of this SSA.

The Mayor noted that this solution for addressing potential issues is good planning and he applauds this. There were no questions from the Council or the public.

There being no further discussion, the public hearing was adjourned at 7:45 p.m.

6. Consent Agenda

Commissioner Rheintgen noted that two of the Consent Agenda items came in under budget at a savings of approximately \$50,000, which is great news.

COR 00-05000

A. Claim Ordinance: No. 5967, Payroll, August 24, 2012

Sponsors: Accounting

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

Indexes: N/A

BIL 00-04996 B. List of Bills Payable: No. 6000, September 11, 2012

Sponsors: Accounting

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

Indexes: N/A

BIL 00-05001 C. List of Bills Payable: No. 6002, September 18, 2012

Sponsors: Accounting

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

Indexes: N/A

MOT 00-04997 D. Motion: Award \$16,730.00 to Thomson Surveying, Ltd., Rosemont, IL, for Survey Services for 2013 Water Main Improvement Projects

Sponsors: Public Works

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

Indexes: Surveying Services

BID 00-05003 E. Bid: Award \$62,450.00 to Schroeder Asphalt Services, Inc., Huntley, IL, for the 2012 Fall Roadway Patching Project

Sponsors: Public Works

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

Indexes: Roadway Improvements

MOT 00-04998 F. Motion: Authorize a Contract with Andres Medical Billing, Ltd.

Sponsors: Fire Department

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

Indexes: Ambulance Fee, Fire Department

MOT 00-05004 G. Motion: Award \$27,350.00 to M. Gingerich, Gereaux & Associates, Manhattan, IL, for Survey Services for 2013 Sidewalk Construction

Sponsors: Public Works

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

Indexes: Surveying Services

RES 00-05007 H. Resolution: Abrogate Two Areas of a Stormwater Detention Easement - 5237 Benton Avenue

Sponsors: Community Development

Summary of Item: A RESOLUTION ABROGATING TWO AREAS OF A STORMWATER DETENTION EASEMENT IN THE VILLAGE OF DOWNERS GROVE

RESOLUTION 2012-67

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

Indexes: Abrogation - 5237 Benton Avenue

RES 00-05009 I. Resolution: Authorize Submittal of Application to the DuPage Community Development Commission Neighborhood Investment Program for the 2013 Community Development Block Grant for the Francisco, Drendel and Granville Watermain Loop

Sponsors: Public Works and Finance

Summary of Item: A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING SUBMITTAL OF APPLICATION TO THE DUPAGE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION (CDC) NEIGHBORHOOD INVESTMENT PROGRAM FOR THE 2013 COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT (CDBG) FOR THE FRANCISCO, DRENDEL, AND GRANVILLE WATERMAIN LOOP

RESOLUTION 2012-68

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

Indexes: DuPage County Community Development Block Grant

MOT 00-04999 J. Motion: Note Receipt of Minutes of Boards and Commissions

Summary of Item: Joint Review Board - Ogden Avenue and Downtown TIF Districts - July 16, 2012
Library Board - August 22, 2012
Plan Commission - August 6, 2012

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 Durkin, that the consent agenda be passed. The motion carried by the following vote:

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

7. Active Agenda

ORD 00-04991 A. Ordinance: Approve a Planned Development Amendment to Planned Development #18 to Allow a Second Driveway Access to 980 75th Street

Sponsors: Community Development and Plan Commission

Summary of Item: This approves a planned development amendment to Planned Development #18 to allow a second driveway access to 980 75th Street.

AN ORDINANCE APPROVING A PLANNED DEVELOPMENT AMENDMENT TO PLANNED DEVELOPMENT #18 TO ALLOW A SECOND DRIVEWAY ACCESS TO 980 75TH STREET

ORDINANCE NO. 5279

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

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

Indexes: Planned Development #18-Venture

ORD 00-04992 B. Ordinance: Rezone 4634 Roslyn Road from R-1, Single Family Residence, to R-4, Single Family Residence
Sponsors: Community Development and Plan Commission
Summary of Item: This rezones the property located at 4634 Roslyn from R-1 "Single Family Residence" to R-4 "Single Family Residence" district.

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE COMPREHENSIVE ZONING ORDINANCE OF THE VILLAGE OF DOWNERS GROVE, ILLINOIS, CODIFIED AS CHAPTER 28 OF THE DOWNERS GROVE, AS AMENDED, TO REZONE PROPERTY LOCATED AT 4634 ROSLYN ROAD

ORDINANCE NO. 5280

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

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

Indexes: Rezone 4634 Roslyn - R-1 to R-4

ORD 00-04912 C. Ordinance: Amend Liquor License Classifications

Sponsors: Liquor Commission

Summary of Item: This amends liquor license classifications.

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING LIQUOR LICENSE CLASSIFICATIONS

ORDINANCE NO. 5281

Mayor Tully commented that this is an example of proactive planning for things that may occur based on past experience.

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

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

Indexes: Liquor Ordinance Amendments

8. First Reading

MOT 00-05008 A. Motion: Authorize \$233,421.00 to CDS Office Technologies for Police Department Computers

Sponsors: Information Services and Police Department

Deputy Manager Mike Baker said staff is requesting authorization for the purchase of 58 Police Department laptop computers as part of an on-going five-year replacement cycle. It is under budget and bids were obtained.

Commissioner Neustadt asked what will be done with the old computers. Mr. Baker said they will attempt to sell or donate them but will be sure to delete all information.

Mayor Tully said this proposal is fine, but there obviously will be a turnover in leading edge

technology that will require continual reinvestment of dollars. He asked if there is a long-term way to meet these needs.

Mr. Fieldman replied that a lot of responders are now using the tablet format, and the Village will probably look at these in the future.

Indexes: Computers, Police Equipment

MOT 00-05005 B. Motion: Authorize the Purchase of Bulk Road Salt from Cargill Incorporated Salt Division, North Olmsted, Ohio, via the State Contract

Sponsors: Public Works

Public Works Director Nan Newlon discussed the remaining two First Reading items. She said that the first motion concerns purchase of bulk salt. She explained that the proposed price is the same as the 2009-2010 snow season on the State's contract. The State contract sets aside a target amount of salt and the Village can purchase as little as 3,360 tons or as much as 5,040. She said the amount depends, of course, on the type of season. There are about 2,500 tons of salt remaining from last year. Staff recommends approval of the contract.

Commissioner Durkin asked whether the Village has used Cargill in the past, and Ms. Newlon said they have been used for the last two years. They provide good delivery, which reduces staff's time. Commissioner Durkin said the relationship appears to contribute to the efficiency of the Village's Department.

The Manager said that the liquid deicer also helps to use less salt. The cost is the same as the last two years.

Commissioner Durkin asked if there is newer technology. Ms. Newlon said this is the fourth year using the deicer. It is continually evolving and staff continues to review and monitor it each year.

Commissioner Durkin asked if they anticipate needing additional funds for additional technology or equipment. Ms. Newlon said she did not see a need for additional funds since they are well equipped.

Indexes: Salt

RES 00-05006 C. Resolution: Authorize a Contract with Wellspring Management, Ltd. for Purchase of Geomelt Liquid Deicer

Sponsors: Public Works

Indexes: Public Works - Standard Supplies & Services

9. Mayor's Report

ComEd Reliability Report

Mayor Tully reminded everyone that there will be a Town Hall Meeting with ComEd on Thursday, September 20 at 7:00 p.m., at the Park District Recreation Center. Staff has updated the outage data and there is information on the Village's website. Business residents have been included in the upcoming Town Hall meeting.

Materials to be Placed on File

10. Manager's Report

Mr. Fieldman said that the Village's proposed FY13 budget would be available on the Village's website on September 28. A series of eight public meetings will begin on Saturday, October 6 at

8:00 a.m. at Fire Station 2.

11. Attorney's Report

Future Active Agenda

12. Council Member Reports and New Business

Commissioner Waldack referenced the cancelled meeting last week. He, like many people, found about out this on Friday. He said meetings have been cancelled before and he has suggested cancelling meetings in the past. He was surprised that the meeting was cancelled because of a lack of an agenda. He referred to the Chapter 2 of the Municipal Code, which says that meetings "shall" be held on the 1st, 2nd and 3rd Tuesdays. It states that the Manager "shall" submit an agenda. He said "shall" seems like an imperative and not an option. There are a lot of imperatives in this section of the Municipal Code. He then asked the Village Manager to review the ordinances with the Village Attorney and fix it. Commissioner Waldack said he is concerned about how the meeting was cancelled as it was determined by the Village Manager and the Mayor. He said they should check into the reasonable process for cancelling meetings. In addition, he said, had the rest of the Commissioners decided that they wanted to meet, they would have had to choose a presiding officer, who would have had to present an agenda 48 hours prior to the meeting in compliance with the Open Meetings Act. Therefore they would not have been able to meet.

Commissioner Waldack then commented about an on-going concern by residents about alcohol and the homeless or street people. A resident suggested looking at having a six-pack requirement or single service on the sale of alcohol to make it more difficult for these people to purchase alcohol. He asked that the Liquor Commission study this.

Commissioner Rheintgen said that higher priced beers are sold single service and cost about \$10.00 per bottle.

Commissioner Waldack said he is not trying to limit those types of beers. He thinks that is for the Liquor Commission to decide.

Commissioner Neustadt asked about defining the people, how they are purchasing, what kind of beer they are purchasing, etc. He said there are bigger issues of enforcement to consider. He is not so sure that they need to change the Liquor Ordinance.

Mayor Tully commented that this is an attempt to regulate behavior in a remote way that doesn't get at the real issue, and over-regulates a group of people. He sees the issue as a high priority for the Village and discussions have been undertaken with respect to addressing the behavior issues. We should be tough on the behavior, but easy on people. He does not want to be regulating people. He said the proposed solution might miss the problem.

Commissioner Schnell said this is a complex issue. There is always the ability to get what you want in terms of alcohol. She said they might want to look at how other communities are looking at behavior and how they deal with it to curb negative behavior. You cannot single out any one group or person. You need to get to the root of the problem.

Mayor Tully said they should also put this in a different context, which could be looking at the number of DUI arrests, which can be indicative of enhanced enforcement efforts.

Commissioner Waldack responded that the issue crops up every few months, and there is no resolution. Some years ago communities were asked what they would do about the homeless situation. He said that homelessness is a much larger problem than a lot of people are talking about. PADS opens earlier for family and children in shelters. Some of the homeless are veterans. Commissioner Waldack said that we owe our veterans more than what we are

currently giving them. Various entities are doing things for veterans. There are various approaches, and people are not aware of the resources being used. He's heard stories of people who constantly call and feel that they are annoying the police because it is not a high priority. Commissioner Waldack said that there are complaints about the Library and the park. The concern is to get "scary people" off the street. People need to know what the Village is doing. They need a plan that includes all entities. He challenged the Village, Library, Park District, Downtown Management Corporation to have a forum to hear from the residents and to meet with groups and come up with an approach to the problem. He said that it falls on the Village's shoulders to listen. He said that he thinks they can do better. This has been an issue for years.

Mayor Tully responded that they have to define the problem. He asked what the issue is to be solved. That is the missing component. He doesn't think it is fair to use the term "scary" regarding the problem or people. Is this a behavioral issue? He shudders when government meets about an undefined problem, as there is typically no good end to that.

Commissioner Waldack noted that the term "scary" did not come from him. It came from a non-profit agency wanting to address the problem of people hanging around the train station.

Mayor Tully said he was waiting for a proposal from the Commissioner. The Mayor said that there are many who "hang around" the train station, including candidates, fund raisers, etc. The Commissioner has not defined a target.

Commissioner Waldack said he would like to see a forum conducted to hear what the people have to say.

Mayor Tully asked what are they meeting about, who would be invited and what is to be discussed. He understands what the Commissioner is saying; however, he thinks they need to focus on behavior and not on people, or classifying people.

Commissioner Waldack then commented on his last item regarding the Community Events meeting that is scheduled for tomorrow. He said that there is a Council member as a Chair of the Committee and a voting member. It doesn't make sense to him why that is done. It is time to address the situation. Council members are not supposed to attend Board meetings or speak at those meetings and this is just the opposite.

Mayor Tully replied that there are two Boards, Community Grants and Community Events, that have a Council Commissioner serving as Chair and voting member. A proposal was made a number of years ago by then Commissioner Mike Gilbert that a sitting Commissioner be made a voting member and a Chair of those Commissions because both of these Commissions made recommendations using tax dollars. The thinking was that a Commissioner should be present because tax dollars were being utilized. Mayor Tully said at one point he was the Chair of both Commissions. Currently, Community Grants has no funds available, and this is a fair question to consider. Community Events does continue to meet with a lesser budget. They could argue that a Village Commissioner should sit on the Library Board as well. He noted that the Library Board is very autonomous, however.

Commissioner Neustadt commented that Commissioner Waldack said he heard that residents were deterred from calling the Police Department. The Police Chief and Manager need to know that, and that information should have been given to them. With respect to a forum, Commissioner Neustadt asked who would arrange that forum. He thinks this is a big enough issue that it would take considerable staff time. It is not in line with current action items. He suggested that it be discussed at budget time. He further urged that they be careful about where they are getting their information, including things posted under assumed names. If anyone hears of any Village department that is not properly performing its duties or is deterring a resident from using their services, the Village and staff must be informed of that.

Mayor Tully encouraged people to bring up new business and he sees that as necessary. However, there will be an opportunity to identify action items for next year at the public budget hearings.

Commissioner Waldack said his intent was not to turn this into a staff item but to think about this. It is not necessarily a staff item, but a Council item. He would like to explore ideas. It is important to coordinate with other entities and he would like to address this comprehensively. They need to know what others are doing. People have come up to him and mentioned these items, and so it is not necessarily anonymous tips or blogs.

Commissioner Rheintgen said she is aware that the Park District and Library are trying to tackle the issue. Concerns of the public are being heard by those agencies.

Commissioner Neustadt reported that Betty Jane (BJ) Boyd died Sunday. She owned and operated "Consider It Done" on Main Street. She gave back to the community and led by example. She lost her battle with cancer and will be missed by all. Her store was a place where neighbors met and friendships were formed. BJ was a member of the Chamber and the Downtown Management Corporation. She gave 100% to everything on which she worked. He expressed his sympathies to the Boyd family.

Mayor Tully said that BJ and her family are in our thoughts and prayers. Her store became an immediate fixture in the Village. She was a leader in our community and was a tireless supporter of not-for-profit organizations. She will be sorely missed and long remembered.

The Mayor congratulated the Police on the arrest of individuals who have been charged with a series of burglaries committed in Downers Grove. The community alert system led to information that led to their identification and arrest. He congratulated the Police Department for their efforts, and Detective Jeremy Thayer for his terrific police work.

With reference to the cancellation of last week's Council meeting, Mayor Tully noted that it is unusual to cancel a meeting. In his opinion, if government doesn't have a good reason to meet, they probably shouldn't. There was no compelling reason to meet last week. He said that the Village will do the people's business when it needs to be done. In terms of public comment, people did come to Coffee with the Council.

Commissioner Waldack responded that there might be a wording problem with the Municipal Code.

The Mayor replied that it might be a problem with interpretation.

Mayor Tully then congratulated Alan Jirik again on his long service to the community.

Commissioner Rheintgen added that there will be a Pension Reform Workshop held tomorrow at Fire Station 2 hosted by the League of Women Voters. Also, on September 25 at 7:00 p.m. there will be a candidate's forum with District 2 candidates and Forest Preserve District candidates at Village Hall.

Mayor Tully encouraged the Council to utilize the New business portion of the meeting.

13. Adjournment

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

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

Mayor Tully declared the motion carried and the meeting adjourned at 8:45 p.m.