



Village of Downers Grove Meeting Minutes Downers Grove Village Council

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

Tuesday, October 14, 2014

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 invited Cub Scout Pack 227 from Kingsley School to help lead those present in the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

2. Roll Call

Present: Commissioner Bob Barnett, Commissioner Sean P. Durkin, Commissioner Becky Rheintgen, Commissioner Geoff Neustadt, Commissioner Greg Hosé, Commissioner David S. Olsen and Mayor Martin Tully

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 - October 7, 2014

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

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

The Mayor declared the Motion carried by voice vote.

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

Jerry Figliulo, 1454 Arrow Wood Lane, spoke regarding Village signs. He referenced the Lakota Plan, Master Plan and Sign Ordinance in terms of reducing sign clutter. He showed a slide portraying signs on Ogden Avenue. The Village gateway sign is two feet from the curb at Highland and 35th Street. It should have been replaced in 2005. There are a lot of Park District signs that need to be moved as well.

Mr. Figliulo also referred to the traffic control boxes and asked that they be kept away from the rights-of-way. He asked that these boxes be placed further back from the intersection as was done at Main and Curtiss.

With respect to the proposed facility at Ogden and Lacey, Mr. Figliulo asked Council to think of an alternate location. There are wetlands in this area as well as other environmental challenges. Increasing the ponds will decrease the footprint.

Rick Ashton, Director, Downers Grove Public Library, expressed his thanks for the Village's help and cooperation during the renovation at the Library. He said all departments were very helpful. Mr. Ashton then announced an Open House on Saturday, October 18, 2014, from 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. There will be a series of activities to celebrate the completion of the renovations. He said the Mayor will participate in a brief dedication ceremony. He invited all residents to the Open House.

Gordon Goodman, 5834 Middaugh, invited residents to the Pierce Downer's Heritage Alliance annual meeting on Thursday, October 23, 2014, at 7:00 p.m. in the multi-purpose room at the Downers Grove Recreation Center, 4500 Belmont.

Dr. Goodman then reported that the work on the proposed historic district on Maple Avenue is proceeding. Two meetings have been held at the Lincoln Center, and property owners are now being canvassed. About 20% of the petitions that are needed have been signed. More than one-half of the property owners have to sign the petition before it can go forward.

Bob Peterson, 6861 Camden Road, said he is the owner of Leibundguth Moving and Storage. He spoke about his signs along the railroad tracks. He was told the railroad tracks were not considered when the Sign Ordinance was developed. The sign on his warehouse is seen by three million people per year. The ordinance was originally about beautifying the area. His signs are kept up-to-date and look good. He said it is always nicer to look at signs as people go to and from work by train. The signs enhance the community. He asked for Council's support with respect to his signs. He has lived in Downers Grove all his life. He asked why his sign should be destroyed and leave nothing in its place. He said Council's help is needed for him to stay in business. He does not know how much longer he can stay in business without his signs.

The Mayor noted that there have been motions made by Council members that have not gone forward.

Laurel Bowen, 829 Clyde, spoke regarding the Leibundguth sign. She said there are quite a few retail establishments whose signs can be seen from the railroad tracks. She feels this opportunity should be provided to Leibundguth's. Ms. Bowen then spoke about signs with foliage growing over them. She asked that growth around the signs be trimmed. Further she referenced a newspaper box that is causing a problem for drivers who cannot see the pedestrians.

Dr. Goodman said he supported Ms. Bowen's request to make roadside signs more visible. It is impossible to see behind the foliage in some cases. It is the responsibility of staff to canvass streets to look for problems.

5. Council Member Reports

Commissioner Olsen announced the 20th Annual South DuPage CROP Hunger Walk on Sunday, October 19 at Gloria Dei Church. Registration begins at 1:30 p.m. and the walk begins at 2:00 p.m. He said 25% of the money raised stays in the community and supports local hunger agencies.

Commissioner José said the Village Hall will be an early voting site. Early voting begins October 20 and runs through November 1, 2014. The hours are 8:30 a.m. to 7:30 p.m. Monday through Friday, and 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. on Saturdays.

Commissioner Durkin said the next Coffee With The Council will be on Saturday, October 18 from 9:00 a.m. to 10:00 a.m. at Fire Station 2, 5420 Main Street. It is an opportunity for people to discuss the FY15 budget.

The Mayor encouraged people to attend to discuss any topic.

Commissioner Neustadt said the Village is looking for home-made ornaments for the holiday tree. He also noted that School Districts 58 and 99 participated in lockdown drills. He thanked the Police Department for their work.

6. Public Hearings

7. Consent Agenda

BIL 00-05728 A. List of Bills Payable: No. 6148, October 14, 2014
Sponsors: Accounting
A motion was made to Approve this file on the Consent Agenda.
Indexes: N/A

RES 00-05704 B. Resolution: Authorize Amendment No. 1 to a Master Agreement with Aclara Technology, LLC for Meter Reading Services
Sponsors: Public Works
Summary of Item: A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING EXECUTION OF AMENDMENT NO. 1 TO A MASTER AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE VILLAGE OF DOWNERS GROVE AND ACLARA TECHNOLOGIES, LLC FOR METER READING SERVICES
RESOLUTION 2014-57
A motion was made to Pass this file on the Consent Agenda.

MOT 00-05651 C. Motion: Authorize \$30,000 Change Order to an Existing Three-Year Contract to D. Ryan Tree & Landscape LLC, DeKalb, IL, for Tree and Stump Removal Services
Sponsors: Public Works
Gordon Goodman, 5834 Middaugh, said he supports the Change Order to permit adequate removal of dead or damaged trees. He asked about replacement trees.

Dave Fieldman, Village Manager, said there is a two-page memo in the FY15 budget document regarding accelerated tree replacement plans due to Emerald Ash Borer (EAB).

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

Indexes: Tree and Stump Removal

MOT 00-05707 D. Motion: Authorize a Contract for \$42,660 with Dual Fuel Systems, Inc., Batavia, IL, for Compressed Natural Gas (CNG) Fueling Station Improvements

Sponsors: Public Works

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

Indexes: CNG Fueling Facility

RES 00-05718 E. Resolution: Authorize a State of Illinois Department of Transportation Agreement for Local Agency Railway-Highway Grade Crossing Improvements

Sponsors: Public Works

Summary of Item: A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING EXECUTION OF A STATE OF ILLINOIS DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION AGREEMENT FOR LOCAL AGENCY RAILWAY-HIGHWAY GRADE CROSSING IMPROVEMENTS

RESOLUTION 2014-58

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

Indexes: Illinois Department of Transportation, Traffic Signal - Main & Warren

MOT 00-05719 F. Motion: Award a Contract for \$30,182 to Traffic Control Corporation, Inc., Woodridge, IL, for Purchase of Master Traffic Signal Controller at Main Street and Warren Avenue

Sponsors: Public Works

Summary of Item: This authorizes payment to Traffic Control Corporation, Inc. in the amount of \$30,182 for the replacement of the Main Street and Warren Avenue traffic signal controller.

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

Indexes: Illinois Department of Transportation, Traffic Signal - Main & Warren

RES 00-05720 G. Resolution: Authorize an Agreement with BlueCross/Blue Shield of Illinois

Sponsors: Human Resources

Summary of Item: A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING EXECUTION OF AN AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE VILLAGE OF DOWNERS GROVE AND BLUE CROSS/BLUE SHIELD OF ILLINOIS

RESOLUTION 2014-59

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

Indexes: Employee Benefits

RES 00-05721 H. Resolution: Authorize an Agreement with Blue Cross/Blue Shield of Illinois for Stop Loss Coverage

Sponsors: Human Resources

Summary of Item: A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING EXECUTION OF AN AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE VILLAGE OF DOWNERS GROVE AND BLUE CROSS/BLUE SHIELD OF ILLINOIS FOR STOP LOSS COVERAGE

RESOLUTION 2014-60

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

Indexes: Employee Benefits

RES 00-05722 I. Resolution: Authorize Renewal of a Group Dental and Vision Contract with Delta Dental of Illinois

Sponsors: Human Resources

Summary of Item: A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING RENEWAL OF A GROUP DENTAL AND VISION CONTRACT BETWEEN THE VILLAGE OF DOWNERS GROVE AND DELTA DENTAL OF ILLINOIS

RESOLUTION 2014-61

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

Indexes: Employee Benefits

RES 00-05723 J. Resolution: Authorize Renewal of an Agreement with National Insurance Services of Wisconsin, Inc. (Long-Term Disability Insurance)

Sponsors: Human Resources

Summary of Item: A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING RENEWAL OF AN AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE VILLAGE OF DOWNERS GROVE AND NATIONAL INSURANCE SERVICES OF WISCONSIN, INC. (Long-Term Disability Insurance)

RESOLUTION 2014-62

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

Indexes: Employee Benefits

RES 00-05724 K. Resolution: Authorize an Amendment to a Joinder Agreement with National Insurance Services of Wisconsin, Inc. (Group Life Insurance)

Sponsors: Human Resources

Summary of Item: A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AN AMENDMENT TO A JOINDER AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE VILLAGE OF DOWNERS GROVE AND NATIONAL INSURANCE SERVICES OF WISCONSIN, INC. (Group Life Insurance)

RESOLUTION 2014-63

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

Indexes: Employee Benefits

RES 00-05725 L. Resolution: Authorize Renewal of an Agreement with Humana

Sponsors: Human Resources

Summary of Item: A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING RENEWAL OF AN AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE VILLAGE OF DOWNERS GROVE AND HUMANA

RESOLUTION 2014-64

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

Indexes: Employee Benefits

Passed The Consent Agenda

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

Votes: Yea: Commissioner Barnett, Commissioner Durkin, Commissioner Rheintgen, Commissioner Neustadt, Commissioner Hosé, Commissioner Olsen and Mayor Tully

8. Active Agenda

9. First Reading

ORD 00-05717 A. Ordinance: Repeal the Community Grants Commission

Sponsors: Village Attorney

Mr. Fieldman said that this item was placed on the Agenda as the result of the Village Council discussion last week.

Mayor Tully said that the Community Grants Commission was defunded several years ago. Over the years it has benefited many organizations. The Commission is still on the books, but has no funds. People asked that this be revisited to determine whether it should be continued or ended.

Dr. Gordon Goodman, 5834 Middaugh, said at the budget workshop meeting he was surprised that there was no opportunity to know in advance that this topic was coming up. The purpose was to support cultural attractions to bring more people to Downers Grove and to have events stay in Downers Grove. He commented that these organizations do not have the same support that they once had and he is sorry to see this is being taken away. The same support the Council officials had for the Hotel Tax does not exist for the Community Grants. Many organizations he communicated with expressed their hope that the Village was interested in supporting their efforts again. It is important for Village officials to continue to evaluate support of community organizations. Dr. Goodman noted that Commissioner Hosé mentioned bringing forth requests ad hoc. He is sad to see this step as it is regressive, and he wishes they still had some of the former Council members in office who supported this issue originally.

Mayor Tully replied that it is unfortunate, as it was a valuable service; however, it should not sit in limbo. The Village should be straight-forward and manage expectations.

Indexes: Community Grants

ORD 00-05716 B. Ordinance: Adopt the Fiscal Year 2015 Budget in Lieu of Passage of an Appropriation Ordinance

Sponsors: Finance and Manager's Office

Mr. Fieldman said that the budget was presented in detail on Saturday, with adoption scheduled in November.

Mayor Tully commented that the budget has been publicly available for a couple of weeks. There was a 3-1/2 hour public meeting held on Saturday as a kick-off discussion. There will be

many more opportunities for further discussion and dialogue.

Mr. Fieldman added that staff will also present information for the restructure of the stormwater utility on the November 4 Agenda.

Laurel Bowen, 829 Clyde Drive, said that at each election an average of 3 out of 10 voters actually exercises their right to vote in Downers Grove. She said that a referendum would insure that the Council has the will of the public. She said that the Village should focus on invigorating small businesses in Downers Grove rather than considering the facilities redevelopment project. People do not follow titles, they follow leaders with courage.

Dr. Gordon Goodman, 5834 Middaugh, spoke about stormwater management in the Village saying he is pleased to see it is getting attention. It is important to recognize that not all development on all parcels is appropriate. Some parcels are floodways and structures on them are inappropriate. People have encroached on stream ways and this cannot continue to be acceptable. He is very supportive of the steps that the Village has taken to buy up properties and believes the Village should continue to do so. He urged the Council to develop a plan based on engineering needs. Dr. Goodman said he feels this has not been a priority and should be an important component of the stormwater management plan.

Commissioner Barnett commented that he hoped to start a dialogue on finding a way before the next Long Range Plan to consider what the Village can not do. He said that they have not asked hard questions about service levels, such as could the Village provide a lower level of service. He said that perhaps they do not understand what they are evaluating. There may be opportunities next spring to engage in discussions about service levels. Commissioner Barnett said that the staff may find some opportunities for savings, or areas where service levels need to increase. He felt that basically they have focused on improving or maintaining existing service levels, and he thinks this is something they need to start a dialogue on before the Long Range Plan discussions.

Mayor Tully said while this does not pertain to the topic that is on the table, it is a discussion that they can have at any time. The FY15 budget lays out what the Village does and attributes a cost to what it does. Staff understands best practices. The Mayor said that often the Council asks what are other communities doing and is the Village keeping up with others. How does the Village identify what is less important; there has to be a process to identify what those things might be. The Council needs to give staff parameters. This will allow the community to engage in value judgments as well.

Mr. Fieldman said that in the summer of 2009 there was a similar conversation wherein 300 individual services were evaluated, service levels were discussed, etc. This would fit well into a spring timeframe.

Mayor Tully said that discussion was reactionary. This may be a discussion on reallocation or enhancing services.

Commissioner Barnett said that he raised the topic now to be sure it can get started before the next budget.

Commissioner Olsen commented that it is a great idea to constantly reassess, and he would encourage this. This community is unique in certain ways and it is important to get this community's engagement in the process.

Mayor Tully noted that it is important to have baseline comparisons, and they get that by looking at other communities.

Commissioner Neustadt commented on Dr. Goodman's statement, saying a news release has been issued that FEMA awarded the Village \$820,000 in Hazard Mitigation Grant Program funds to acquire and demolish four structures in the floodplain. This is a great success for the Village as it provides another financial source. He agrees that it is good to start discussions early and not necessarily just for a reduction of services, but perhaps an enhancement of services.

The Mayor noted that the Village has some information from TCD3 to review as well. He said that they had a good conversation at Saturday's budget meeting.

Indexes: Budget - 2015

10. Mayor's Report

Materials to be Placed on File

11. Manager's Report

12. Attorney's Report

Village Attorney Enza Petrarca said she was presenting one item to Council: An ordinance repealing the Community Grants Commission.

Future Active Agenda

13. Council Member New Business

Mayor Tully asked the individuals who introduced the topics to start the discussions.

INF 00-05726

A. Discussion of Referendum Question regarding the Stormwater Utility

Mayor Tully said that the reason he brought up the idea of a referendum question on stormwater utility stems from a conversation that was held regarding excluding any tax exempt parcels (primarily houses of worship) from paying into the stormwater utility. He thinks referenda questions should not be raised lightly, and over the past ten years he has raised it maybe once. The Mayor said he suggested the stormwater utility for many years. The majority opinion has always been to include tax-exempt parcels. When the stormwater utility was adopted in 2012 it included all parcels, and when it was implemented all parcels were again included. Recently 22 churches in town expressed their strong dissenting positions. After several years of a consistent message to include all parcels, the Council opinion has dramatically changed over a very short period of time. He is not comfortable that people have had enough time to react to the Council's change in opinion. There were other proposals not to necessarily exclude but to change the fee structure, without providing full exemption. The Mayor then said that there have been many comments made about value judgments in terms of including or excluding parcels for houses of worship. He asked the Council to consider allowing the community to make that value judgment. The wording of the proposed advisory referendum question can be amended. He said that they would need to give direction to staff and he cannot make a Motion or second the Motion as Mayor.

Commissioner Olsen said that the idea of engaging the community is always a good idea. There has been a lot of discussion about the stormwater utility and he would not be opposed to this. He has heard both sides of this issue, and it is a relevant question. He has heard from churches and others in the non-profit community, and has also heard that everyone should pay their fair share.

Indexes: Stormwater Utility

INF 00-05727

B. Discussion of Referendum Question regarding Facilities

Commissioner Olsen commented that the Village facilities issue is a large issue for the community, and is a significant step for the Village. One important way to engage the community is by referendum, which allows people to participate in a less intrusive way. A number of questions on the November ballot have engendered good discussions. He values gathering input from a wide variety of sources. The Village has used many avenues of communication. The referendum supplements that and allows the Village to fully hear from the community. He knows there is a concern raised about the Village's involvement about providing information and responding to questions. He noted that the election code clearly says that no public funds shall be used to urge any elector to vote for or against any candidate or proposition. He said that he thinks the funds can be used to disseminate factual information. The referendum question would allow the community to engage and allow staff to respond. It will further highlight the issue to the community. The new facilities will significantly impact the Village and that is why he proposed the question.

Mayor Tully commented that he appreciates the discussion. He said that they are seeing more robust use of the Council Members New Business section of the meetings and he encourages more use of this portion of the Agenda. He then asked Commissioner Olsen what it is specifically that he thinks makes the facilities a big issue and a big impact.

Commissioner Olsen replied that it is multifaceted. The dollar amount is large and has generated a lot of discussion and input from members of the public. He said that the Village has proposed using TIF funds to allow the purchase and improvement of the land. The movement of a fire station from one part of the community to another, as well as a police station from one location to another are important changes that prompt public scrutiny that a referendum would provide. He said that there is a great deal of concern from people that they don't know about this issue. In a project of such a large scope, engaging people and getting their support gives additional legitimacy and additional power to the public. He often hears complaints from the public about why the huge fire station was built, and allowing community involvement in this way enhances the process.

Mayor Tully said that based on his experience and history with different things in the community, he knows it cannot be the dollar amount driving to put this on a ballot as a referendum question. The Village has had other big projects for which we did not go out to referendum. The combined 911 didn't go out for an advisory referendum. Regarding use of the TIF funds, the Village has an established policy as to the use of TIF funds. He said that he and Commissioner Olsen have a difference of opinion regarding public engagement. He has been through a binding referendum and saw what the Village could and could not do. He feels this will narrow the ability of the Village to engage and inform. Further, he would want to engage the entire community, not just those who vote. There are other ways to engage people outside of the referendum. The Mayor said this is a fluid process and it may change as they move forward and the costs could change. The Mayor proposed that the Council become better skilled at engaging the public. They could direct staff to have a series of town hall meetings including a virtual meeting during which the Council would be free to answer questions and could talk about changes as they occur. If Commissioner Olsen has spoken to people, friends or relatives who do not understand an issue, then those people should be contacted and made part of public town hall meetings to raise their questions and obtain answers.

Mayor Tully then commented that the inclusion of who is in the stormwater utility has been discussed for years. It is a narrow, fixed question. He thinks there are better ways to engage people outside of a referendum with respect to the facilities issue. It is not the idea, but the implementation.

Commissioner Olsen responded that the Village has until January 20 to place something on the

ballot. He supports town hall meetings. It would require planning and should be done expeditiously. They could be positive. However, he still thinks a referendum is a good idea. He would be willing to wait.

Commissioner Durkin commented that he is comfortable with a town hall meeting. He thinks that has been lacking. He does not support a referendum. He believes the Village does a good job of communicating and he commended the staff and Council for doing so.

Commissioner Rheintgen said that she appreciates the conversation. The Village has tried to communicate what this project means. A referendum limits this to a single question, which constricts the ability to provide the whole story. She asked if this was placed on a referendum whether staff's response is limited to a factual information.

Village Attorney Enza Petrarca said the restriction is the use of public funds to provide factual information.

The Mayor said the question is not in regard to the factual information, but in the interpretation of the factual information.

Commissioner Rheintgen stated that the referendum limits the ability to explain questions that would arise. She would support a town hall meeting or other means of communication. She feels a referendum limits the Village's ability to adequately explain issues.

Commissioner José said he does not favor going out to referendum. He likes the idea of town hall meetings. He emphasized that there are also many other ways to get information to the Council via email, phone, Facebook, Twitter, and remarks on the Village's website. He shares the concerns expressed about getting information out if they go to referendum. He would not want to see them place themselves in a box hindered by restrictions of the election code. He thinks town hall meetings are an excellent way to reach out to the public.

Commissioner Neustadt commented that the Village has a "town hall" meeting the first three Tuesdays of the month, budget meetings and Coffees With the Council. There have been multiple special workshops set up, and other informal meetings are additional opportunities. It is incumbent on the Council to reach out to the public. Referenda questions are limiting and he doesn't want to be limited with response to this question. He said that the Village does not have a referendum question about the budget. It is important for the Village Council and staff to get the word out to the public. Every year they pass a budget of about \$42 million without referenda questions. Last week they had a discussion to spend \$2 million for water meters. He appreciates the discussion, and said that more outreach means more time, effort for staff and Council as well. He added that maybe they can encourage people to attend more meetings. He thanked the reporters for being present at the meeting tonight.

Commissioner Barnett said he does not have any interest in either of these subjects being placed on the ballot as referenda. He discussed items for which the Council has not gone out to referenda, stating that referenda do not inform the public. A referendum informs nobody, and informing is an exercise that the Village should engage in irrespective of a referendum. The Council is in the business of making decisions and should continue to do that. The Council continually engages the public. The Village spends tens of millions of dollars yearly, and has done so for decades. No one is opposed to a public meeting. He is interested in being available to the public. If a Council member is not comfortable talking about this to the public, they have to make sure they know what they are talking about.

Commissioner Olsen said he is comfortable with what's being proposed. He did not state that he didn't understand. He still thinks a referendum is a good idea and appreciates the support

for a town hall meeting.

Mayor Tully said it is important to have more than one town hall meeting at a time that is convenient for residents, and to have a virtual meeting as well. It is a complicated issue and deserves more time. People like town hall meetings to be for a specific purpose.

Indexes: Village Facilities

Other New Business

Commissioner Rheintgen suggested that they consider looking at the Sign Ordinance for a more elaborate review, and suggested the Finance and Administrative Standing Committee could lead this.

Mayor Tully agreed with Commissioner Rheintgen's comment. It is important to identify the issues. It is an intriguing idea.

Commissioner Olsen said that this is a reasonable and thoughtful way to go about this issue. Many Council members have discussed review of the Sign Ordinance.

Commissioner Neustadt said they should be clear that they are still enforcing the existing Sign Ordinance. He suggested that they wait as there are still pending signs, variations, etc.

Mr. Fieldman commented that the compliance period is at its height. Fifty owners have not made an attempt to comply to date. There are 12 variations, and 13 tickets issued. He said it could prove challenging to get enforcement if they have this discussion now.

Mayor Tully said contested matters could be held up for years, but he doesn't think anyone is suggesting waiting that long. He feels this is to identify the issues that have been raised. This would provide a well-defined list when the time comes to bring this forward. There will never be a good time.

Commissioner Neustadt said that they do not want to undermine enforcement issues.

Commissioner Barnett commented that the Village periodically changes Codes without waiting until there is no construction, etc.

Mr. Fieldman said that when they get through the remaining 50 properties that have made no attempt to comply, then they could look at changes. He said they should get through the remaining open issues, as they are in enforcement mode right now.

Commissioner Rheintgen said this is the introduction of a concept to look for support at another meeting.

Commissioner Hose said he would love to pursue this.

Mayor Tully said this could be brought up under New Business at a future date.

14. Adjournment

Mayor Tully asked for a Motion to adjourn.

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

VOTE: AYE: Commissioners Neustadt, Durkin, Hosé, Olsen, Rheintgen, Barnett; Mayor Tully

Mayor Tully declared the motion carried and the meeting adjourned at 9:07 p.m.