

MINUTES OF THE COMBINED WORKSHOP AND SPECIAL MEETING OF THE
VILLAGE OF WESTERN SPRINGS PRESIDENT AND BOARD OF TRUSTEES
Monday, March 12, 2012

President William T. Rodeghier, Presiding
Call to Order, 7:00 p.m.
Jeanine M. Jasica, Village Clerk

Board Members Present

Suzanne Glowiak
Sheila Hansen
James Horvath
Deborah Lyons
Edward Tymick
Patrick Word

Others Present

Patrick Higgins, Village Manager
Ingrid Velkme, Director of Administrative
Services
Pam Church, Director of Law
Enforcement
Grace Turi, Director of Finance
Matthew Supert, Director
Municipal Services
Martin Scott, Director Community
Development Services
Patrick Kenny, Director Fire & EMS
Tracy Alden, Director of Recreation
Jeff Ziegler, Village Engineer
Michael Jurusik, Village Attorney

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

President Rodeghier led the audience in the Pledge of Allegiance.

ROLL CALL

As noted above.

Electronic attendance at meeting: None

READING OF AGENDA – ADDITIONS - DELETIONS

There were no changes to the agenda.

CITIZENS COMMENTS

Ms. Maureen Coakley, 1033 Hickory Drive, asked about the status of the Timber Trails Unit 1 proposal by K. Hovnanian Homes. Community Development Director Martin Scott informed her that K.

Hovnanian was completing due diligence. She asked about the status of the Openlands proposal for Timber Trails Unit 2. Director Scott said the Openlands application was not yet complete.

Former Trustee Dr. James Maragos, 4513 Harvey, who chaired the Public Works and Water Committee while on the Village Board appeared before the Board and passed out a brochure from the American Dental Association (ADA) which included scientific evidence in support of fluoridation of community water supplies. Dr. Maragos reviewed the summary found in the brochure. He said fluoride is a very safe additive to the water supply and that there are very good reasons why we should fluoridate Village water. It is one of the best things we can do to safeguard our residents. Untreated tooth decay can have serious consequences including death. He came in response to an article he read recently in Patch.com about the newly-founded Western Springs Residents Concerned about Fluoride and hoped to address their concerns. President Rodeghier thanked Dr. Maragos for his bringing this information to the Board's attention and said the Public Works and Water Committee will review the facts and make a decision and recommendation to the Board about adding fluoride to the water after the reverse osmosis conversion process is complete. The Public Works and Water Committee meetings are open to the public.

Sharon Cloghessy, 4343 Lawn, asked about the status of the Openlands proposal. Director Scott informed her that the Village expected to receive the analysis of Openlands Financial Impact Study from Kane, McKenna and Associates, Inc. by the end of March. The analysis will be shared with Openlands so that they can complete their application which would start the public hearing process. Ms. Cloghessy asked if Manager Higgins was available to answer questions as they arise. He said there was nothing new to report since he last met with Mr. Karas and Ms. Hoffmann.

CONSIDERATION OF AGENDA ITEMS DURING THE "WORKSHOP" MEETING PORTION OF THE COMBINED MEETING

1) PUBLIC WORKS AND WATER – TRUSTEE GLOWIAK

A) Approval of Transformer Purchase for Water Plant

The Public Works and Water Committee met on March 9 and reviewed CDM Smith's recommendation that the Village proceed with purchasing a 1,000 KVA pad-mounted transformer for the water treatment plant. The recommended option is to purchase a 1,000 KVA transformer from Cooper Power Systems in the amount of \$37,138. Eaton is the firm the Village would most likely use for maintenance of the transformer and they will provide start-up of the transformer. ComEd will install two utility poles on the south side of Hillgrove Avenue as well as metering equipment which is contracted directly by Joseph J. Henderson with no additional costs borne by the Village. The Board agreed to approve this purchase later in the special meeting portion of the combined workshop meeting. Attorney Jurusik recommended that the Board approve the motion to waive the bid process and award a contract for the purchase and associated start-up costs in an amount not to exceed \$50,000.

Modifications to the general contractor's scope of work are required for the installation of the new transformer by Joseph J. Henderson, Inc. A resolution authorizing change order number two to the contract for the construction of a low pressure reverse osmosis

water treatment plant between the Village of Western Springs and Joseph J. Henderson, Inc. was reviewed. To insure the timely installation, the Board agreed to approve the resolution authorizing the change order for installation and related equipment needed for installation in an amount not to exceed \$42,000 during the voting portion of the combined workshop meeting.

B) Vehicle Purchase

Trustee Glowiak said the committee would like to declare as surplus a 1999 GMC Hook Lift truck and replace it with a new 2012 International 4x6 dump truck. The cost for the new vehicle will be \$117,850.27, which will include the truck chassis, hydraulics, the dump box and related snow removal equipment. This item is budgeted at \$130,000 in the 2012 budget. The committee recommended that the Village purchase the vehicle from Prairie Archway International Trucks who won the 2012 State of Illinois vehicle purchase bid. The disposal of the 1999 vehicle and purchase of the 2012 vehicle will be added to the omnibus voting list on March 26, 2012.

C) RO Status Update

Milestones are on target for the project plan.

D) Tischler Parking Agreement

The committee recommended that the Village enter into an agreement with Peter Brennan, owner of the Tischler's parking lot, to provide additional commuter and business employee parking for a time during the resurfacing of Hillgrove Avenue this summer. Adequate space for parking during the construction project would be provided by this license agreement. Some minor modifications need to be made to the terms of the agreement prior to approval. The construction on Hillgrove Avenue will be between Wolf Road and Hampton Avenue. The Board will consider approval of the agreement later in the evening based on those modifications.

E) Arbor Day Proclamation

The Public Works and Water Committee provided an Arbor Day proclamation which President Rodeghier would read later in the meeting.

2) PROPERTIES AND RECREATION – TRUSTEE HANSEN

A) No report.

3) FINANCE – TRUSTEE HORVATH

A) Call for BOLI Meeting

Trustee Horvath requested a call for a BOLI meeting preceding the March 26 Board meeting. The Village has incurred some additional environmental and legal expenses

relating to Timber Trails which have been paid by the Village and reimbursement is requested. President Rodeghier set the BOLI meeting for March 26 at 6:59 p.m. Director Turi will provide the Board with back-up material prior to the meeting for their review.

- B) Fire Pension Fund Update – No report.
- C) Police Pension Fund Update – No report.

4) GENERAL GOVERNMENT – TRUSTEE LYONS

- A) Special Events Liquor License Request – Theatre of Western Springs
(American Diabetes Association Fundraiser – Second City)

Trustee Lyons reported that a Class “I” special events liquor license request was received by the General Government Committee from the American Diabetes Association for a fundraiser they are planning for April 27, 2012. The event would include a one hour wine and cheese reception before the Second City Comedy Troupe performs. It will be held at the Theatre of Western Springs. The Theatre has hosted, sponsored, or leased their facility for several events over the past few years. They have complied with all the regulations and operated events without any incident. The General Government Committee met on March 6 and reviewed the request with Bill Hammack, the Theatre’s Managing Director. The committee agreed that it should continue through the review process. President Rodeghier recommended that the application be sent to the Liquor Commission for their review and recommendation.

- B) Special Events Liquor License Request – Theatre of Western Springs
(Congregation of St. Joseph – Laugh for Literacy Fundraiser)

The Congregation of St. Joseph of LaGrange Park is again requesting a class “I” special event liquor license for an event planned at the Theatre of Western Springs. The “Laugh for Literacy” event is scheduled for Wednesday, June 6, 2012. The request is for permission to serve beer and wine prior to the performance and during intermissions. This same event was approved in 2011 and took place without any problems or need for Village involvement. There will be a raffle at the event so they requested a raffle license, too.

The General Government Committee discussed this request on March 6 and agreed that it should continue through the review process. This matter will be sent to the Liquor Commission for their review. The raffle license will be added to the omnibus voting list for March 26, 2012.

- C) Regulation of Animals and Electric or Electronic Pet Containment

The Board reviewed a draft ordinance which the General Government Committee worked on with Attorney Jurusik to address pets unleashed and unattended on residents property behind electronic fences. This ordinance was created in response to a resident

who recently came to the Board and expressed concern that when he is out walking or running aggressive pets may be left unattended out in the front yard. It may not be apparent that the pet is behind an electronic fence. The committee took a look at neighboring communities and recommended that a few changes be made to our ordinance to address these situations. A permit process for electronic fencing handled through the Community Development Office will be established for a fee of \$25. A six foot setback from the sidewalk or property line will be required, and at least two signs will be required on the lawn to alert passersby that there is an electronic fence. Existing electronic fences are grandfathered in but any fencing that is changed or newly installed will need to follow the new rules. The Board encouraged all residents with electronic pet fencing to post signs in their yard. The committee recommended that the Board adopt these changes. Residents will be advised of the proposed changes by way of an article in Tower Topics. The matter was added to the omnibus list for March 26.

D) Rules of Conduct and Regulations for Village Public Buildings and Land

Trustee Lyons said the General Government Committee had reviewed regulations and rules of conduct for Village public buildings and land. The reason for this is that the Police Department has received complaints about persons acting in an offensive manner but the Police Department has not had specific rules that they could apply uniformly. Many communities have ordinances with rules such as these in place. This ordinance would cover all Village buildings and lands. This matter was added to the omnibus vote list for March 26.

5) PLANNING AND ZONING – TRUSTEE TYMICK

A) No report. Trustee Tymick reminded everyone that there would be a Planning and Zoning committee meeting on Friday, March 16, at 3 pm.

6) PUBLIC HEALTH AND SAFETY – TRUSTEE WORD

A) No report.

CONSIDERATION OF AND ACTION ON AGENDA ITEMS DURING THE “SPECIAL MEETING” PORTION OF THE COMBINED MEETING

EXPLANATION OF THE OMNIBUS VOTING PROCEDURE

President Rodeghier stated the Illinois State Statutes allow a municipality to collectively vote on a group of ordinances, resolutions, and other motions, such as awards of contract, appointments, etc. This is known as an omnibus vote. All the items contained on the omnibus vote list have been previously discussed by the President and Board of Trustees on at least one occasion, and often on several occasions. By placing them on the omnibus vote list, a single vote may be taken to approve them. Prior to the omnibus vote, a Trustee may remove any item from the list and have it discussed and voted on separately.

MOTION:

Trustee Glowiak moved, seconded by Word, to remove that agenda item 8 and 9 from the omnibus vote list.

President Rodeghier read the two proclamations relating to agenda items 11 and 12. The first proclamation honored the Girls Scouts of the USA and proclaimed March 12, 2012 as the 100th anniversary of Girl Scouts of the USA. The second proclamation named April 27, 2012 as Arbor Day in the Village of Western Springs.

CONSIDERATION OF AN OMNIBUS VOTE (*)

- 7) *APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING OF FEBRUARY 27, 2012 AS READ
- 10) *MOTION TO APPROVE A LICENSE AGREEMENT FOR TEMPORARY USE OF PARKING LOT (4441 Wolf Road)
- 11) *MOTION TO APPROVE A PROCLAMATION HONORING THE GIRL SCOUTS OF THE USA AND PROCLAIMING MARCH 12, 2012 AS THE 100TH ANNIVERSARY OF GIRL SCOUTS OF THE USA
- 12) *MOTION TO APPROVE A PROCLAMATION PROCLAIMING APRIL 27, 2012 AS ARBOR DAY IN THE VILLAGE OF WESTERN SPRINGS

The motion was seconded by Trustee Hansen.

The motion passed on a roll call vote. Voting aye: Trustees Horvath, Lyons, Tymick, Word, Glowiak, Hansen and President Rodeghier. Voting nay: none.

- 8) MOTION TO WAIVE THE BID PROCESS IN LIEU OF SOLICITATION OF COMPETITIVE PROPOSALS AND AWARD A CONTRACT FOR THE PURCHASE OF A GROUND/PAD MOUNTED 1,000 KVA TRANSFORMER TO SERVICE THE NEWLY BUILT WATER PLANT AT A COST NOT TO EXCEED \$50,000

MOTION:

Trustee Glowiak moved, seconded by Word, to waive the bid process in lieu of solicitation of competitive proposals and award a contract for the purchase of a ground/pad mounted 1,000 KVA transformer to service the newly built water plant at a cost not to exceed \$50,000.

The motion passed on a roll call vote. Voting aye: Trustees Lyons, Tymick, Word, Glowiak, Hansen, Horvath. Voting nay: none.

- 9) MOTION TO APPROVE A RESOLUTION APPROVING AND AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF CHANGE ORDER NO. 2 TO THE CONTRACT FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF A LOW PRESSURE REVERSE OSMOSIS WATER TREATMENT

PLANT ENTERED INTO BY THE VILLAGE OF WESTERN SPRINGS (OWNER) AND JOSEPH J. HENDERSON, INC. (GENERAL CONTRACTOR) IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$42,000 FOR TRANSFORMER INSTALLATION WORK ONLY

MOTION:

Trustee Glowiak moved, seconded by Word, to approve a resolution approving and authorizing the execution of change order number 2 to the contract for the construction of a low pressure reverse osmosis water treatment plan entered into by the Village of Western Springs (Owner) and Joseph J. Henderson, Inc. (General Contractor) in an amount not to exceed \$42,000 for transformer installation work only.

The motion passed on a roll call vote. Voting aye: Trustees Tymick, Word, Glowiak, Hansen, Horvath and Lyons. Voting nay: none.

13) VILLAGE PRESIDENT RODEGHIER

President Rodeghier reported that he would be attending a conference held by the Metropolitan Mayors Caucus regarding the Emerald Ash Borer problem and best management practices on the scourge. He will report to the Board in the near future.

14) VILLAGE MANAGER HIGGINS

15) VILLAGE ATTORNEY JURUSIK

16) VILLAGE CLERK JASICA

Election Day – March 20, 2012

Clerk Jasica reminded residents about early voting and absentee voting dates for the March 20 Primary Election. She also encouraged residents to check their new voting cards to make sure they go to the correct precinct since some precincts have been eliminated.

OTHER

ADJOURN

With no further business to come before the Board, President Rodeghier asked for a motion to adjourn.

MOTION:

Trustee Horvath moved, seconded by Tymick, to adjourn the meeting. The motion passed on a unanimous voice vote.

The meeting adjourned at 8:01 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Jeanine M. Jasica
Village Clerk