

MINUTES OF THE WORKSHOP OF  
THE PRESIDENT AND BOARD OF TRUSTEES  
Monday, April 9, 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  
Patrick Word

Absent: Edward Tymick

Others Present

Patrick R. Higgins, Village Manager  
Ingrid Velkme, Director of Administrative  
Services  
Grace Turi, Director of Finance  
Matt Supert, Director of Municipal Services  
Martin Scott, Director of Community  
Development  
Tracy Alden, Director of Recreation  
Patrick Kenny, Director of Fire & EMS  
Michael Jurusik, Village Attorney

**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**

There were none.

**SEASPAR PRESENTATION BY EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR SUSAN FRIEND**

Trustee Hansen introduced Susan Friend of SEASPAR who provided the Board with an overview of SEASPAR programs and shared a DVD presentation showcasing some of the many opportunities SEASPAR provides to the people who they serve. Ray Jasica serves as the SEASPAR representative for the Village of Western Springs and Director Tracy Alden and Recreation Coordinator Rita Ligeikis provide lots of support and assistance. President Rodeghier thanked Ms. Friend and said he is deeply appreciative for the work that SEASPAR

does for all of our residents. Trustee Horvath complimented Ms. Friend on the DVD which she shared with the Board.

## **CONSIDERATIONS**

### **1) PUBLIC WORKS AND WATER – TRUSTEE GLOWIAK**

#### **A) Reverse Osmosis Status Update**

Trustee Glowiak reported that the most recent Public Works and Water Committee meeting included a number of residents and there was a great deal of discussion about fluoride in the water. Information was shared and it is anticipated that the residents will return to the committee as the construction draws to a close to review fluoridation further.

The reverse osmosis construction project was ongoing. There may be some delay as we wait for the transformer. The transformer delivery date is not yet firm. A monthly report of the construction process was provided to the Board to keep them up-to-date on the project. There was discussion of acronyms, pending action items and issues contained in the monthly report.

#### **B) Water Restrictions**

The committee anticipates that if the upcoming summer is a hot one, that there will be a need for a lot of water to irrigate plants and lawns outside. The committee recommended that the Board institute some restrictions to summer watering because due to the ongoing reverse osmosis construction, we are running on one well (well # 4) which produces a certain amount of water that can be used. During the hottest summer months, the demand is greater than the Village can provide with this one well. A second well (well #1) can be added but the committee wanted to put watering restrictions in place because there are other hardness issues with this second well. The Village also needs to insure adequate water pressure for fire suppression.

The committee recommended that the Board implement temporary even/odd water restrictions that are similar to the ones utilized by neighboring communities on lake water. These restrictions on irrigation and non-potable uses would help alleviate demand in high temperature periods and minimize the output needed from well #1 which would supplement water provided by well #4 during the summer months. A draft ordinance was provided which implements temporary watering restrictions from 10:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. each day with watering allowed on even/odd days corresponding with residential addresses outside that time period. The proposed restrictions would take effect May 1, 2012 and continue through September 30, 2012.

Discussion of the restrictions followed. The restrictions will be publicized so that residents are aware of the changes and the need to be mindful of good use of our water resource. The Board reviewed the draft ordinance and this matter was added to the omnibus list to be considered at the Board meeting on April 23, 2012.

C) Motor Fuel Tax (MFT) Salt Purchase

The Illinois Department of Transportation (IDOT) allows municipalities to utilize motor fuel tax funds to repair roads and for accessory items to roads. This resolution as well as the next resolution the Board considered relate to sidewalks and needs to be updated on an annual basis at IDOT's request. This resolution pertains to the 2012 roadway salt purchase and allows for the purchase of \$20,000 of roadway salt using MFT funds. Director Supert said he would provide a third detail page to the Board as part of this resolution and the next which will be addressed on omnibus on April 23. Director Turi said these expenditures exist in the 2012 budget. These resolutions authorize the Village to use MFT funds for these purposes.

D) MFT Sidewalk

A resolution which allows the Village to use \$20,000 of MFT funds for sidewalk repairs will be on the April 23 omnibus list.

E) Woodland Avenue Bid Results

The Woodland Avenue reconstruction project bid opening was held on March 29, 2012. The reconstruction on Woodland Avenue will run from Ogden Avenue to Chestnut and the project is expected to start in the spring and end in late fall. Seven contractors submitted bids which were reviewed by JJ Benes & Associates for accuracy. The lowest bidder is G&M Cement with a bid price of \$1,464,826.45 for the concrete portion of the project. The total budget for the Woodland Avenue project is \$1,861,110 which includes water main and sewer repair work. The G&M Cement bid came in under the engineer's estimate and the committee would like to award the bid to them. Director Supert said that G&M had done work in town in the past. The Board discussed the wide variance of the bids. The award of contract to G&M Cement was added to the April 23 omnibus. A meeting with Woodland Avenue residents will be scheduled in the near future to inform them of the construction project and what to expect during construction.

**2) PROPERTIES AND RECREATION – TRUSTEE HANSEN**

A) Village Electrical Rates

Trustee Hansen reported that many of the Village facilities receive their

electrical services for free due to a franchise agreement with the ComEd utility. Village operations that operate under an enterprise fund or that are not critical infrastructure (decorative street lights) must pay for electrical usage. The Village has been purchasing its power from Vanguard Energy Services since 2006 and the current contract expires at the end of 2012. Staff recommended that the Village execute a new contract with Vanguard Energy at a projected reduced rate of \$0.04990/kWh. Prices in the energy market are purchased as futures and the proposed prices from each firm are only good for approximately one week. Staff would recommend renewing the energy contract with Vanguard with updated prices to be provided the week of April 23. The contract is a three year contract which will go into effect January 1, 2013. Vanguard provided the lowest bid price. The contract approval was added to the April 23 meeting omnibus list for approval. Attorney Jurusik said the Village has the authority to enter into multi-year energy contracts by state statute.

B) Grand Avenue Window Replacement Base Bid Approval and Change Order

The Grand Avenue window replacement project continues. The budgeted amount for Grand Avenue window replacement for 2012 is \$50,000 but the committee recommended approval of a contract to All American Exterior Solutions for replacement windows for 2012 in an amount not to exceed \$54,061. The reason for the change in price is that the proposal includes ten additional large windows and nine replacement basement windows which were added to the project. Director Alden said that the actual price from All American Exterior Solutions should come in less than \$54,061 because a different type of basement window, from a different manufacturer than the remaining windows in the proposal, may be utilized and is available at a lower cost. Ken Hubbard and Director Alden are verifying that the lower cost window will work as a replacement for the basement windows. To expedite the approval of the project, Attorney Jurusik will include a "not to exceed" amount of \$54,061 in the resolution and authority for Manager Higgins to approve the higher expenditure. In the event the lower cost windows are not suitable for the basement windows, the higher amount will cover the additional expense. This matter was added to the April 23, 2012 omnibus list.

C) Recreation Commission Opening

Recreation Commissioner Peter Shapiro's term ends in June of 2012. The committee would like to reappoint Mr. Shapiro who has agreed to serve again. President Rodeghier added his reappointment to the April 23 Board meeting.

**3) FINANCE – TRUSTEE HORVATH**

**A) Bond Refunding**

Trustee Horvath reported that the Fire Pension Board will meet on April 23 at 6:00 p.m. to discuss first quarter 2012 results. The Police Pension Board will also meet soon to review first quarter results.

The Finance Committee recommended refinancing of three of the Village's bonds, Series 2003B, 2003F and 2005 to take advantage of lower interest rates. This proposed refunding will result in net savings to the Village in the amount of approximately \$70,000 for 2003B, \$80,000 for 2003F and between \$12,000 and \$15,000 for 2005. The savings are estimates and are dependent on the actual rate available to the Village on April 23. The actual auction of the bonds will occur on the morning of April 23. Speer Financial is handling the transaction for the Village. The Village expects to receive a bond rating from Moody on Thursday, April 12, according to Director Turi. At the Board meeting on April 23, the Board would need to approve the issuance by ordinance. If the desired rates are not achieved, the bonds will be pulled and will not be auctioned. The new replacement bonds will have the same expiration date as the existing bonds. For example, the 2003B bonds are scheduled to terminate on December 1, 2017 and the new bonds that replace the 2003B will expire on the same date. The consideration of approval will be added to the April 23 omnibus.

**4) GENERAL GOVERNMENT – TRUSTEE LYONS**

**A) Application for License to Conduct Raffle – Theatre of Western Springs – Annual Taste of the Arts Event**

Trustee Lyons reported that the General Government will meet on Wednesday, April 11, at 5:00 p.m. to discuss a number of items including this request. The Theatre of Western Springs has asked to conduct a raffle to raise funds for their annual Taste of the Arts event. The raffle would start on May 31 with their event to be held on July 21. They have requested a license fee waiver and bond waiver. The resolution approving this request was added to the April 23 omnibus list.

**5) PLANNING AND ZONING – TRUSTEE HORVATH**

**A) ACES Ride – Temporary Use Permit**

Trustee Horvath presented a Temporary Use Permit for the second annual Adolescent Counseling Education and Support (ACES) "Races for the ACES" which is a new agency serving teens within Lyons Township. They are requesting a temporary use permit which provides permission to hold this bike

rally within the internal streets of Springdale. A route map was provided. They plan to notify all residents along the route days in advance so that they know what is going on. Residents are encouraged to assist by not having cars on the street and by exercising caution when backing out of driveways. The actual timeline is being finalized but the event will conclude by 6:00 p.m. with one hour set aside for clean-up. This event was conducted in 2011 with no problems. This matter was added to the omnibus list for April 23. Director Scott will provide the Board with the actual timeline once it is final.

B) Building Code Amendment Related to Fences

A resident came to the Village requesting a variance with respect to an 8' side yard fence to provide screening between their home and a multi-family building located next door and presented a very positive case for making a change. The Planning and Zoning Committee discussed the issue on March 16 and agreed that an amendment to the Building Code would be appropriate. The Committee understood that aside from the property requesting the variance, single family properties should be allowed extra height to screen neighboring townhomes, condos or duplexes. The Committee agreed that it would be practical to consider amending the code to address this issue Village-wide (rather than processing the variation request). Recently, the Board amended the fence regulations to allow 8 foot high fences on properties within the Municipal Government district and the current commercial districts are allowed the same height. The proposed ordinance allows for 8 foot (or 96" high) fences in situations described above. This matter was added to the April 23 omnibus list.

C) St. John of the Cross Fun Run 2012

Last year St. John of the Cross conducted a 5K Fun Run in conjunction with the Family Festival anniversary event and carnival which took place on a Saturday morning. There is no festival this year and they have scheduled this event for Friday evening. Trustee Horvath said that the committee preliminarily reviewed this request but that he had some reservations about approving the event because of the time of the event and that he would like to receive information from the parish confirming their approval of use of their facility for the event. Director Scott said that some of the questions that were pending had been answered by the organizer and that he had a proposed route map which is internal to Springdale. The final details of the Fun Run will be further reviewed by the Board on April 23 and considered on omnibus if everything is in order.

**6) PUBLIC HEALTH AND SAFETY – TRUSTEE WORD**

A) Fire Department 2011 Annual Report

Trustee Word reported that Chief Pat Kenny and his staff completed the Fire Department's 2011 annual report which was provided to the Board for their

review. He encouraged Board members to read the information and thanked Chief Kenny for the excellent job he and his staff did. One major highlight is that the Village now has a new fire department up and running. Another is that the number of Fire & EMS incidents in 2011 decreased from 2010. The report includes some very good fire prevention and education information. The report will be posted to the Village website.

B) Request to Declare Surplus Property – Fire Department

The Public Health and Safety Committee requested approval to declare a 2001 F350 Pick-up Truck from the Department of Fire and EMS as a surplus item. The vehicle does not serve any practical or functional purpose for the department and has high mileage. The approval of the disposal was added to the omnibus list for April 23, 2012.

C) DLES 2011 Annual Report

Chief Church and her department have compiled the Law Enforcement Services Department annual report and it contains a great deal of good information about what they have accomplished over the past year. Trustee Word encouraged the Board to review the document. Photographs of all twenty-nine of the department's employees were included in the report. This information will be posted to the Village website and the photos allow the residents to see who is serving them. One of the highlights is that 2012 burglaries and thefts decreased 62% and 38% respectively over 2010 which is an excellent trend which is a result of the concern and oversight actions of our department. Training and programs are explained in detail and are very informative. He encouraged everyone to view the information on the Village website.

D) National Telecommunicator Week: April 8-14

The week of April 8 through 14 is National Telecommunicator Week. The first full week of April was established as such in Congress in 1981 and this is an annual event. Trustee Word recognized the Village telecommunicators who handle calls 24/7 by reading their names and their length of service. A picture of the telecommunicators is in the annual report.

- Kymethia Madkins – 7 years of service
- Barbara Drobney – 6 years of service
- Valerie Lawson – 6 years of service
- Shaun O'Connor – 6 years of service
- Kelly Vabro – 4 years of service

E) **Police on Board for Rail Safety**

On Tuesday, May 8, the Department of Law Enforcement Services will coordinate a Regional Railroad Safety Enforcement campaign. The campaign is called "Police on Board for Rail Safety". Officers, students from Lyons Township High School, members of the Safety Village Team, and BNSF Railroad police officers will be distributing educational flyers to commuters at our train station prior to the enforcement date starting at 6:00 a.m. Each year in Illinois, 50 - 60 people are killed and 70 – 100 are injured at rail grade crossings or while trespassing on railroad property. As a reminder, the state law states that no pedestrian shall enter, remain upon, or traverse over a railroad grade crossing or pedestrian walkway crossing a railroad track when an audible bell or clearly visible electric or mechanical signal device is operational giving warnings of the presence, approach, passage, or departure of a railroad train. There is a \$250 fine for such an offense.

7) **VILLAGE PRESIDENT RODEGHIER**

A) **Neat Cleanup – Saturday, April 14**

President Rodeghier reminded residents that Saturday, April 14, is Neat Cleanup Day in Western Springs. Volunteers clean up public areas, rake leaves and pick up litter. He encouraged any groups interested in participating to pre-register with the Recreation Department. Individuals who wish to participate can arrive at 8 a.m. and they will be assigned a task in the Village to help out. This is a great community effort by all the groups and young people in our community and the Village benefits from their efforts.

B) **Preservation Kitchen Cookbook by Paul Virant**

President Rodeghier reported that Chef Paul Virant of Vie Restaurant has created a cookbook, "The Preservation Kitchen: The Craft of Making and Cooking with Pickles, Preserves and Aigre-Doux" (Ten Speed Press, \$29.99) which is available for sale at his restaurant.

8) **VILLAGE MANAGER HIGGINS**

No report.

9) **VILLAGE ATTORNEY JURUSIK**

No report.

**OTHER**

Trustee Horvath reported that Officer Danielle Stevens announced her resignation effective April 13, 2012. She has been a wonderful asset to Law Enforcement working with the schools, submitting applications for grants, winning awards for the department, establishing the Neighborhood Watch program and teaching proper safety seat installation. She will be truly missed. A cake and coffee farewell reception at 10 a.m. on Wednesday at Village Hall was scheduled.

**ADJOURN**

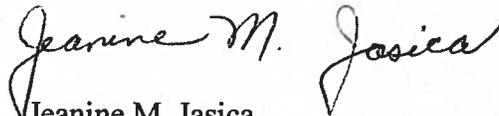
With no further business to come before the Board, President Rodeghier asked for a motion to adjourn.

**MOTION:**

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

The meeting was adjourned at 9:18 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Jeanine M. Jasica". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned above the printed name.

Jeanine M. Jasica  
Village Clerk