

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR BOARD MEETING
OF THE PRESIDENT AND BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Monday, October 22, 2012

7:00 p.m.

(Preceded by BOLI meeting)

President William T. Rodeghier, Presiding

Call to Order, 7:02 p.m.

Elaine Haeske, Deputy Village Clerk

Board Members Present

Suzanne Glowiak

Sheila Hansen

James Horvath

Deborah Lyons

Edward Tymick

Patrick Word

Others Present

Patrick Higgins, Village Manager

Lance Malina, Village Attorney

Grace Turi, Dir. Finance

Tracy Alden, Dir. Recreation

Ingrid Velkme, Dir. Administrative Services

Matthew Supert, Dir. Municipal Services

Pamela Church, Dir. Law Enforcement

Martin Scott, Dir. Community Development

Patrick Kenny, Director of Fire & EMS

Brian Budds, Deputy Chief Law

Enforcement

Lt. David Dayhoff, Law Enforcement

Jeff Ziegler, Village Engineer

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 7:02 p.m.

ROLL CALL

As noted above.

Electronic attendance at meeting: None

**PRESENTATION OF PRESERVATION AWARDS BY THE WESTERN SPRINGS
HISTORICAL SOCIETY**

Western Springs Historical Society Preservation Co-Chairs Shauna Lambright and Cathryn O'Malley presented the 2012 Western Springs Historical Society Preservation Awards.

The awards, which the Historical Society has been giving since 1996, recognize local home owners who contribute to the historic character of the Village by restoring or preserving their

residences while maintaining the architectural and historic integrity of the structure. Nominations are accepted each May during Historic Preservation month and judging takes place in the fall. Properties are judged by a panel of architects with a background in historic preservation using criteria established by the US Department of the Interior. The final category, The Good Neighbor Award, is for a newer structure, either residential or commercial, that fits in with and enhances the character of the surrounding neighborhood.

The 2012 Historical Award winners are as follows:

Preservation Award

1206 Walnut owned by Scott and Barb Hudson

Compatible Addition Award

4143 Grove owned by Kevin and Grace Halm

Good Neighbor Award

4216 Grand owned by Joe and Julie Niego

President Rodeghier congratulated the homeowners on their awards and thanked the Historical Society for their fine work for the enhancement of the quality of life of residents and for preserving the Village.

RECOGNITION OF WESTERN SPRINGS HISTORICAL SOCIETY BOARD OF TRUSTEES AND VOLUNTEERS FOR THEIR WORK ON THE EKDAHL HOUSE MUSEUM

President Rodeghier read a proclamation honoring the Western Springs Historical Society Board of Trustees and volunteers for their efforts on the Ekdahl house project. The museum's grand opening was held on November 5, 2011. The President and Board of Trustees recognized the significant contributions of the Western Springs Historical Society Board of Trustees to the Village and presented President Allyson Zak with a framed photograph of the Ekdahl museum.

President Zak thanked the Board of Trustees for the honor and for the supportive relationship the Historical Society enjoys with the Board. She thanked all the many volunteers who worked on the Ekdahl project.

RECOGNITION OF LITTLE LEAGUE 11 YEAR OLD STATE BASEBALL CHAMPIONS

President Rodeghier read resolution 12-2195 honoring the Western Springs Little League 11 year old 2012 state baseball champions and said he is very proud of them. The President and Board recognized team members Danny Feldmeier, Dominic Fera, Andrew Gatland, Jack Hammond, Sam Hojnar, Nolan Niego, Nick Panos, Thomas Remijas, Stone Saloum, Graham Sands, Eric Steensma and Owen Waunn. The President and Board also thanked team manager Bob Waunn and coaches Dean Panos and John Remijas.

SWEARING-IN OF POLICE OFFICER RYAN POSTAL

Chief Church introduced and congratulated new Village of Western Springs Police Officer Ryan Postal. Clerk Jasica officially swore-in Officer Ryan Postal who graduated from the Suburban Law Enforcement Academy on September 28 after successful completion of twelve weeks of basic academy training. His twelve week field training program is ongoing. Chief Church also introduced Sergeant Joe Rourke who was is in charge of the department's field training program. President Rodeghier welcomed Officer Postal to the force and wished him great success.

SWEARING-IN OF AUXILIARY OFFICERS JAMIE HENNEMAN AND JAMES DEMONTE

Clerk Jasica officially swore-in Auxiliary Officers Jamie Henneman and James Demonte who are in training with the Police Department. President Rodeghier welcomed them to the Village's Police Department.

RECOGNITION OF DEPUTY CHIEF BRIAN BUDDS ON OBTAINING HIS CERTIFIED ELIGIBLE POLICE CHIEF DESIGNATION

Chief Church reported that Deputy Chief Brian Budds recently became a Certified Eligible Police Chief through the Illinois Association of Chiefs of Police Voluntary Certification Program. The certification process allows for continuous professional growth and educational development and offers candidates an opportunity to demonstrate a higher level of competence in their profession. President Rodeghier congratulated Deputy Chief Budds on this high honor and wished him the best of luck.

PRESENTATION OF CERTIFICATES OF RECOGNITION TO CITIZENS

Chief Church presented Certificates of Recognition to Western Springs' residents Martin and Joseph Glynn for their exceptional efforts on May 20, 2012, assisting the police department. The Fire Department was dispatched to the 4200 block of Linden Avenue for a fence that was on fire. Martin, Joseph and several other neighbors mostly extinguished the fire which protected the power lines and limited the damage to a nearby garage. Mr. Glynn noted that two other neighbors, Connor and Griffin Gibbons, spotted the fire. President Rodeghier thanked the Glynn's for their efforts.

PRESENTATION TO OFFICER TERRENCE MADLER OF A LIFE SAVING AWARD

Chief Church presented one of the Department of Law Enforcement highest awards, the Life Savings Award, to Officer Terry Madler for his actions that resulted in the saving of lives during a fire that occurred at a residence in the 3800 block of Grove Avenue on April 3, 2011. She congratulated and thanked him for this fine and courageous work. President Rodeghier also thanked Officer Madler on behalf of the Board for his heroic efforts.

HONORING JANE BURNS STACY FOR SIXTY-EIGHT YEARS OF SERVICE TO THE THEATRE OF WESTERN SPRINGS AND THE COMMUNITY

President Rodeghier read resolution 12-2196 honoring Jane Burns Stacy for her 68 years of service to the Theatre of Western Springs and the community. In recognition of her long and dedicated service, the President and Board declared that the paved driveway immediately west of the Theatre, beginning at Hillgrove Avenue and terminating to the north at Mary Cattell Drive, shall forever be known as “Jane Burns Stacy Way”. Former Village President and Theatre of Western Springs member Lou Schauer accepted the proclamation on her behalf and said she was most grateful for the award. At a future date, she would like to come before the Board and thank them for the award.

READING OF AGENDA – ADDITIONS – DELETIONS

CITIZENS COMMENTS

There were none.

EXPLANATION OF 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.

Trustee Horvath asked to remove agenda item number 2 from the omnibus vote list. President Rodeghier removed that item.

CONSIDERATION OF AN OMNIBUS VOTE

MOTION:

Trustee Lyons moved that the following ordinances, resolutions and motions as contained on the meeting agenda for October 22, 2012, be adopted and/or approved under an omnibus vote:

AGENDA ITEM NO. 1 - APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF SEPTEMBER 24, 2012 AS READ

AGENDA ITEM NO. 3 – RESOLUTION 12-2197 APPROVING THE REGULAR MEETING SCHEDULE FOR THE 2013 CALENDAR YEAR OF THE PRESIDENT AND BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE VILLAGE OF WESTERN

SPRINGS

AGENDA ITEM NO. 4 - RESOLUTION NO. 12-2198 APPROVING BUDGET AMENDMENTS AND TRANSFERS OVER \$10,000 TO THE FISCAL YEAR 2012 OPERATING BUDGET IN THE GENERAL, CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT AND SPECIAL PURPOSE RESERVE FUNDS

AGENDA ITEM NO. 5 – RESOLUTION NO. 12-2199 DETERMINING TO LEVY AN ADDITIONAL LIBRARY TAX FOR CONSTRUCTION, MAINTENANCE, REPAIRS AND ALTERATIONS OF LIBRARY BUILDINGS AND EQUIPMENT FOR THE FISCAL YEAR COMMENCING JANUARY 1, 2013 AND ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2013

AGENDA ITEM NO. 6 - MOTION TO WAIVE THE BID PROCESS AND AWARD A CONTRACT IN THE AMOUNT OF \$20,252.01 TO SOLE SOURCE PROVIDER FLAME-SIM, LLC. OF HOFFMAN ESTATES, IL PAYABLE FROM A SAFER GRANT TO PAY FOR THE PURCHASE OF OFFICER DEVELOPMENT TRAINING SOFTWARE AND HARDWARE

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

- 2) ORDINANCE NO. 12-2695 PROVIDING FOR THE ISSUANCE OF A \$560,000 GENERAL OBLIGATION PROMISSORY NOTE, SERIES, 2012, OF THE VILLAGE OF WESTERN SPRINGS, COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS, TO PAY THE ACQUISITION COSTS OF REAL PROPERTY COMMONLY KNOWN AS 4368 HAMPTON AVENUE AND PROVIDING FOR THE SECURITY FOR AND PAYMENT OF SAID NOTE

Trustee Horvath reported that the Finance Committee had reported to the Board on the promissory note at the October 1 workshop meeting. In order to facilitate the purchase of the 4368 Hampton property, the Village planned to issue a promissory note with a ten year maturity in the amount of \$560,000. The Village received bid results on October 5, 2012. Based on the results of the bid process, the Finance Committee recommended that the Village accept the Heartland Bank and Trust bid of 1.875% fixed interest rate for a ten year maturity note. Trustee Horvath thanked Heartland Bank for their favorable response to the Village's bid request. The draft ordinance approving issuance of the note was provided to the Board for their review.

MOTION:

Trustee Horvath moved, seconded by Tymick, to approve Ordinance No. 12-2695 providing for the issuance of a \$560,000 General Obligation Promissory Note, Series, 2012, of the Village of Western Springs, Cook County, Illinois, to pay the acquisition costs of real property commonly known as 4368 Hampton Avenue and providing for the security for and payment of said note. The motion passed on a roll call vote. Voting aye: Trustees Lyons, Tymick, Word, Glowiak, Hansen and Horvath. Voting nay: none.

REPORTS

7) MONTHLY FINANCIAL REPORT – September 2012 (Horvath)

A) Monthly Report

The monthly report for September on a cash basis was presented for the Board's review. Trustee Horvath thanked Director Turi for providing a memo, a recap of all funds, a list of cash and investments, check register, and cash flow schedules. The General Fund ended the month with a surplus of \$1,525,388. This favorable balance is partly a result of timing as the largest revenue source (tax levy) has been received and will fund future fourth quarter expenditures. Sales tax receipts are tracking 2% higher than the same time last year. Photo enforcement and utility taxes continue to exceed projections while income tax receipts continue to be three months in arrears. The fund's expenditures include \$97,206 in encumbrances which will be paid in the fourth quarter. Municipal Services expenditures for snow removal and salt are weather dependent and will occur in the next few months.

MOTION:

Trustee Horvath moved, seconded by Tymick, to approve the September 2012 monthly financial report. The motion passed on a roll call vote. Voting aye: Trustees Tymick, Word, Glowiak, Hansen, Horvath and Lyons. Voting nay: none.

B) Tax Levy Determination

Trustee Horvath noted that the Board received a memo dated October 19, 2012 from Village Manager Higgins and Director Turi regarding the proposed 2012 property tax levy collected in 2013. The total levy including the Thomas Ford Library levy is \$6,752,110 which represents an increase of 4.056% compared to the 2011 levy. The proposed levy will be discussed over the next month or so. The proposed schedule calls for adoption of the tax levy determination by the Board on November 19, 2012.

On December 3, 2012, there will be a public hearing on the 2012 levy. On December 17, the Board will vote to adopt the 2012 levy. President Rodeghier asked Director Turi to report to the residents on the confines that the Village works with as a non-home rule community with respect to the levy. Director Turi said that because the Village is a non-home rule community the levy is split into capped and non-capped line items. The capped line items which primarily fund operations include the allowable Consumer Price Index (CPI) increase of 3% and the capture of new growth of about 1%. The new growth factor is an estimate. The goal is to capture all new growth that has been recognized by the County. If the estimate is too high, the County will reduce the levy amount and extend a lesser levy amount. Unfortunately, the converse does not apply; any underestimation is not captured and is lost to the Village.

8) VILLAGE PRESIDENT RODEGHIER

President Rodeghier expressed his sadness about the death of the Village's dear friend and citizen, James Tilden. Mr. Tilden was a Village Trustee, the first Liquor Commissioner and a former Citizen of the Year. He was a true friend to our Village. Mr. Tilden passed away earlier this month and he will be dearly missed by all.

President Rodeghier also reminded residents of Halloween trick-or-treating hours which are scheduled for Wednesday, October 31, from 3 to 8 pm. He urged residents to be careful of the children who will be out trick-or-treating during those hours.

9) VILLAGE CLERK JASICA

Clerk Jasica reminded citizens that early voting for the November 6 election started on October 22. The closest location for early voting is the Hodgkins Village Hall. She also reminded Village residents of the local election in April 2013 for Village Board, Library Board and Park Board positions. Caucus Party Chair Jack Lynch has scheduled an Open Information Session for the Tower Caucus Party at Village Hall on Thursday, October 25, at 7:00 p.m.

10) MANAGER HIGGINS

No report.

11) VILLAGE ATTORNEY MALINA

No report.

ADJOURN

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

MOTION:

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

The meeting adjourned at 7:54 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Jeanine M. Jasica
Village Clerk