

**Minutes of the Committee of the Whole Workshop of the President and the Board of Trustees  
Held on Monday, March 23, 2009  
In the Boardroom**

Mayor Waldorf called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. Present were: Trustee Manning, Trustee Racich, Trustee Dement, Trustee Fay, and Trustee Lamb. Trustee Vaupel was absent. Others present: Don Bennett, Interim Village Administrator; Michelle Gibas, Village Clerk; Joe Baber, Building Official; Allen Persons, Public Works Director; Michael Garrigan, Village Planner; Traci Pleckham, Management Services Director; and Kevin Greco, Acting Police Chief. There were 3 persons in the audience.

Trustee Fay moved to approve the Minutes of the Committee of the Whole Workshop and Executive Sessions held on March 9, 2009. Seconded by Lamb. Voice Vote. All in favor, 0 opposed. Motion carried.

Administrator Bennett requested a moment of silence in honor of the Oakland Officers that were killed in the line of duty on Saturday.

**PRESIDENTIAL COMMENTS**

Mayor Waldorf reminded everyone of Early Voting that is being conducted at the Village Hall and the Chamber of Commerce Business Expo.

**TRUSTEES COMMENTS**

Trustee Fay requested that the topic zoning and process for placement of cell towers be placed on a future Committee of the Whole Workshop Agenda.

Trustee Dement stated that he, Mayor Waldorf, and Don Bennett recently went to Springfield again and met with the Governor's Staff and explained the whole scenario with the Illinois Health Facilities Planning Board and Edward Hospital and offered solutions to the problem.

Trustee Racich stated that there is a Press Conference in Romeoville regarding the I55 Interchanges and questioned why the Village was not involved. There was some general discussion regarding the Village involvement with the Interchanges.

Trustee Dement congratulated Janet Lundquist on her recent engagement.

**WORKSHOP MEETING**

Trustee Dement moved to amend the Agenda to include an Executive Session, at the end, for the purposes of land acquisition, not to reconvene. Seconded by Trustee Lamb. Vote by roll call. Manning, yes; Racich, yes; Vaupel, absent; Dement, yes; Fay, yes; Lamb, yes. 5 yes, 0 no, 1 absent. Motion carried.

**#1 REORGANIZATION OF THE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT**

Administrator Bennett stated that he feels that the Community Development Department, especially now without a director, needs reorganization. Administrator Bennett recommended Michael Garrigan as Supervisor of the Planning Department; Joe Baber as the Supervisor of the Building Department; and that GIS and Information Technology as well as the Supervisors report directly to the Village Administrator. Administrator Bennett pointed out that he met with the Directors and all of the individual employees that will be affected prior to bringing this recommendation to the Village Board. It was the consensus of all those that he met that the change needed to occur.

Trustee Lamb, Trustee Manning, Trustee Racich and Trustee Dement indicated support for the change. Trustee Fay indicated that he is reluctant to support the change and felt that with the election coming in a few weeks, that the new Administration should set the tone.

**#2 COPS HIRING PROGRAM**

Administrator Bennett reviewed the COPS hiring grant that is part of the President's \$797 billion stimulus plan. The key stimulus in the proposed COPS Community Policing Grant is the Federal Government will fund 100% of the cost of new officers at the starting level salary with benefits for three (3) years. The unit of government must employ the officer for at least one (1) year after the grant expires.

The COPS program is a competitive grant and not automated. Staff would like to submit a request for funding for three (3) officers. Administrator Bennett pointed out that he is not suggesting taking the money because it is there, but rather because the Village has actual need for the officers.

Administrator Bennnett then reviewed option and the cost factors to the Village. Trustee Dement expressed some concern with funding for the additional year of hire. Trustee Fay also expressed concern with funding for the additional year. Trustee Lamb expressed concern with funding for the additional year, but felt that the Village has three years to plan for the funding. Trustee Manning stated that he shares the other Trustees' concerns regarding funding and agreed with Trustee Lamb about having time to plan. Trustee Racich supported the program.

**ANY OTHER BUSINESS**

None

Trustee Fay moved to adjourn to Executive Session as permitted under the Open Meetings Act, Section 2 (c) (5) for the purposes of land acquisition, not to reconvene. Seconded by Trustee Dement. Vote by roll call. Manning, yes; Racich, yes; Vaupel, absent; Dement, yes; Fay, yes; Lamb, yes. 5yes, 0 no, 1 absent. Motion carried.

The meeting adjourned at 7:36 p.m.