

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

Mayor Waldorf called the meeting to order at 7:49 p.m. Present were: Mayor Waldorf, Trustee Fay, Trustee Lamb, Trustee Manning, Trustee Vaupel, and Trustee Dement. Trustee Racich was absent. Others present: Don Bennett, Interim Village Administrator; Jim Harvey, Attorney; Michelle Gibas, Village Clerk; Allen Persons, Public Works Director; Michael Garrigan, Village Planner; Sara Javoronok, Planner; Traci Pleckham, Management Services Director; and Kevin Greco, Acting Police Chief.

Trustee Lamb moved to approve the minutes of the Special Meeting and Committee of the Whole Workshop held on February 9, 2009 and the minutes of the Budget Meeting held on February 12, 2009 with a change to the Budget Workshop Minutes noting that Trustee Fay asked for discussion regarding a Full-time Economic Development Director and the same time that PEP gives a presentation to the Village Board regarding funding. Seconded by Dement. Voice Vote. All in favor, 0 opposed. Motion carried.

PRESIDENTIAL COMMENTS

Mayor Waldorf:

- Stated that on Friday he will attend shopping spree sponsored by Jewel the donations will be made to the Plainfield Food Pantry.
- Offered condolences for the families and friends of Dick Eldred and Bess Eichelberger.

TRUSTEES COMMENTS

Trustee Manning offered condolences to the friends and family of Bess Eichelberger.

Trustee Fay offered condolences to the friends and family of Bess Eichelberger.

Trustee Manning moved to declare Thursday, February 26, 2009 as Bess Eichelberger Day in the Village of Plainfield. Seconded by Trustee Dement. Vote by roll call. Fay, yes; Lamb, yes; Manning, yes; Racich, absent; Vaupel, yes; Dement, yes; Waldorf, yes. 6 yes, 0 no, 1 absent. Motion carried.

WORKSHOP MEETING

#1 VOLUME CAP

Mrs. Traci Pleckham, Management Services Director, stated that the Village, based on its Home Rule statues, receives an annual allocation of private activity bonding cap (Volume Cap) that can be used to issue tax exempt private activity bonds for certain qualifying low income housing and industrial development projects. It can also be ceded to another municipality or development agency for similar uses. Based on a population of 35,366, the Village's Volume Cap is \$3,182,940. State law requires that all home-rule municipalities reserve their allocation before May 1st. If the Village does nothing, the cap reverts to the Governor's Office for relocation of projects around the State. In 2008,

the Village allocated its Volume Cap to support the Assist *First Time Home Buyer Assistance Program* which provides a 30 year, fixed interest rate (below market) first mortgage and a 4.25% of cash assistance to reduce down payment and closing cost burdens. The 2008 allocation was unexpended due to unfavorable bond market conditions. The 2008 allocation can be carried forward to the 2009 Assist *First Home Buyer Assistance Program*.

Mrs. Pleckham reviewed several options to reserve the 2009 Volume Cap. Staff recommends that the Board adopt an ordinance that reserves the 2009 Volume Cap of \$3,182,940 for an industrial or mortgage revenue bond project to be determined at a later date. By adopting this ordinance, the Village maintains control over how these private activity funds are used.

Mr. Tom Gavin, Robert W. Baird and Company, reviewed the Assist First Time Home Buyer Assistance Program.

It was the direction of the Board to carry forward the 2008 allocation and to prepare an Ordinance for the 2009 allocation.

#2 CRIME REPORT DEMO

Interim Administrator Bennett stated that the Police Department has seen an increase in individual homeowners and homeowners associations seeking crime data information for their subdivisions. There is now an online service available. CrimeView Community is a browser based community policing application that enables the public to quickly access crime data in the neighborhood. Administrator Bennett then gave an online demonstration of the program. The Plainfield Police Department plans to unveil this program to the community on March 1. Crime Report data may be accessed via the Village's website or by going directly to Crimerport.com and typing in "Plainfield, IL." The cost for this service is \$99/month.

ANY OTHER BUSINESS

None

Trustee Fay moved to adjourn to Executive Session for the purposes of Personnel and for the sale or lease of property. Seconded by Trustee Lamb. Vote by roll call. Fay, yes; Lamb, yes; Manning, yes; Racich, absent; Vaupel, yes; Dement, yes. 5 yes, 0 no, 1 absent. Motion carried.

The meeting adjourned at 8:10 p.m.

Michelle Gibas, Village Clerk