

**Minutes of the Committee of the Whole Workshop of the President and the Board of Trustees
held on Monday, March 10, 2008
at Village Hall**

Mayor Waldorf called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. Present were: Mayor Waldorf, Trustee Vaupel, Trustee Dement, Trustee Fay, Trustee Lamb, Trustee Manning, and Trustee Racich. Also present were: Chris Minick, Administrator; Jim Harvey, Attorney; Michelle Gibas, Village Clerk; Doug Kissel, Wastewater Superintendent; Jim Testin, Community Development Director; Traci Pleckham, Management Services Director; Jon Proulx, Planner; Michael Garrigan, Planner; and Don Bennett, Chief of Police. There were approximately 23 persons in the audience.

Trustee Fay moved to approve the Minutes of the Committee of the Whole Workshop and Executive Sessions held on February, 2008. Seconded by Trustee Lamb. Voice Vote. All in favor, 0 opposed. Motion carried.

PRESIDENTIAL COMMENTS

Mayor Waldorf commented on the Plainfield Exchange Club; there are 40 members. Mayor Waldorf also commented on the recent activity at Plainfield Academy – Soup It Up.

TRUSTEE COMMENTS

Trustee Fay encouraged public education of the CN acquisition of the E.J.&E railroad and possibly form a public coalition. He would support an open house and would like to see weblinks as well as some information on Channel 6. Administrator Minick stated that he recently attended a meeting with several regional councils of government. The result of the meeting was to put together a regional coalition consisting of several councils of government to speak in a unified voice to voice opposition.

Trustee Lamb stated that he too supports educating the Public and suggested partnering with the School District to help get the word out and possibly use Plainfield Central auditorium.

BUSINESS MEETING

Trustee Fay moved to amend the Agenda to include an Executive Session, at the end, for the purpose of personnel, not to reconvene. Seconded by Trustee Dement. Vote by roll call. Vaupel, yes; Dement, yes; Fay, yes; Lamb, yes; Manning, yes, Racich, yes. 6 yes, 0 no. Motion carried.

#1 O’SULLIVAN’S IRISH PUB AND RESTAURANT – ST. PATRICK’S DAY REQUEST

Mr. Don Bennett, Chief of Police, stated that the Village ordinance allow for special events not to exceed 72 hours and live music can be played at the special event until 10:00 Sunday – Thursday and 11:00 p.m. Friday and Saturday. Mr. Dale Lewis, O’Sullivan’s Irish Pub & Restaurant, requested that the Board consider a variance to allow him to have a 4-day event March 14-17 and to allow outdoor music until Midnight on those four days. Mr. Lewis pointed out that he had sent a letter to the surrounding residents that day; and that the Plainfield Police Department will provide security for the entire event.

After some general discussion, it was the Board consensus to allow the four day event and to allow the outdoor music until Midnight on Friday and Saturday. Outdoor music must end on Sunday and Monday at 10:00 p.m.

#2 PLAINFIELD ECONOMIC PARTNERSHIP

Mr. Alex Harris, Executive Director, gave an update on the progress of the Plainfield Economic Partnership. Mr. Harris pointed out that there are currently 18 Board Members. Mr. Harris reviewed some commercial projects that PEP has worked with. PEP frequently communicates with financial investors, has participated in corporate visits, and events. PEP has several committees including retention, marketing, and transportation.

Trustee Lamb stated that the contribution that PEP brings to Plainfield is 10 times over the financial contribution that the Plainfield gives to PEP. Trustee Manning thanked PEP for their input and efforts and encouraged staff to continue working with PEP. Trustee Racich also encouraged staff to continue working with PEP and encouraged PEP to continue bringing updates to the Village Board.

#3 NEW WORLD SYSTEMS – PUBLIC SECTOR SOFTWARE COMPANY

Mrs. Traci Pleckham, Management Services Director, stated that staff has been involved in an extensive review process for a Village-wide software system (ERP system). Representatives from Accounting, Utility Billing, Reception, Human Resources, IT, GIS, Planning, and Building reviewed proposals from six vendors, and based on the vendor's responses, qualifications, and capabilities, the group narrowed down the search to four vendors. Four vendor demonstrations were held at the Village Hall, and Staff recommended moving forward with two vendors, New World Systems and MUNIS. Both vendors returned to provide more extensive demonstrations. Site visits were then held at various locations to see "hands-on" how other municipalities use both systems. Reference calls were made by Staff to provide additional feedback in order for Staff to make a recommendation. After careful consideration, Staff is recommending New World Systems as the provider for the Village's new Enterprise Resource Planning system.

Mrs. Pleckham pointed out that the current accounting system has been in place for over 20 years. Additionally, the New World System will replace multiple disparate applications, improve integration, increase access to information across all departments, and provide a more streamlined solution for the Village and its Staff now and into the future. The system will also provide a direct line between all modules. The current software does not have that capability.

Mr. Kaul Lefief and Mr. Thomas York, New World Systems, gave a presentation on their company. New World Systems was founded in 1981 in Troy, Michigan. They have over 330 employees and have not had any mergers or acquisitions. Their client retention rate is 98.9%. Their market focus is Local Government only. They are financially stable, profitable, and debt-free.

Administrator Minick stated that he would bring this to the Village Board for formal adoption at the next Board Meeting.

#4 GAS CITY SITE PLAN

Mr. John Argoudelis, attorney for the applicant, stated that the applicant has revised their previous prototypical architectural plans that were previously reviewed by the Village Board during the concept stage. The applicant is seeking guidance on what architectural design to pursue as well as orientation of the site plan. Mr. Chris Kalieschiefski, architect, reviewed the differences between this plan and the previous plan.

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Trustee Dement expressed concern with the entrance points; it looks difficult for the vehicles to enter and exit. Trustee Dement also expressed concern with the canopy and outside storage. He thought the architecture of the food panty looked better, but the canopy ruined it.

Trustee Lamb stated that he prefers the panty being set back and thought that the design criteria needed to match the strip mall, but would defer to the Plan Commission. Improvements to the design could be busy, and he did not like the canopy.

Trustee Manning indicated that he supported having the pumps in front, but did not like the canopy.

Trustee Racich stated that the design was acceptable, but the applicant needs to continue to work with the Planning Department.

Trustee Vaupel indicated that he was not in favor of the canopy and expressed concern about the roof top mechanicals as well as outdoor storage. Trustee Vaupel thought the architecture should mirror the strip mall, not copy it.

Mr. Argoudelis stated that he appreciated the comments from the Board and that they will continue working with staff.

ANY OTHER BUSINESS

Trustee Manning inquired as to the length of time a commercial development takes to get through the Village's process. A general discussion ensued regarding the process.

Mayor Waldorf read the reminders.

Trustee Fay moved to adjourn to Executive Session for the purposes of personnel, not to reconvene. Seconded by Trustee Lamb. Vote by roll call. Racich, yes; Vaupel, yes; Dement, yes; Fay, yes; Lamb, yes; Manning, yes. 6 yes, 0 no. Motion carried.

The meeting adjourned at 9:05 p.m.

These minutes were prepared by Michelle Gibas, Village Clerk.