

**Minutes of the Committee of the Whole Workshop of the President and the Board of Trustees
Held on October 24, 2011
In the Boardroom**

Mayor Collins called the meeting to order at 7:05 p.m. Present were: Mayor Collins, Trustee Lamb, Trustee Peck, Trustee Racich, Trustee Rippy, Trustee Bonuchi, and Trustee Fay. Others present: Brian Murphy, Administrator; Michelle Gibas, Village Clerk; Allen Persons, Public Works Director; Michael Garrigan, Planning Supervisor; Dean Marquez, Building Supervisor; and Traci Pleckham, Management Services Director.

Trustee Fay moved to approve the Minutes of the Committee of the Whole Workshop held on October 10, 2011. Seconded by Trustee Bonuchi. Voice Vote. All in favor, 0 opposed. Motion carried.

PRESIDENTIAL COMMENTS

No Comments.

TRUSTEES COMMENTS

Trustee Peck welcomed new downtown businesses.

Trustee Racich encouraged everyone to attend the Village of Screamfield Haunted House and thanked everyone for their hard work.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

No Comments.

WORKSHOP MEETING

#1 PUBLIC WORKS & CAPITAL BUDGET

Mr. Allen Persons, Public Works Director, reviewed the draft budget for the Street Division and Capital Improvement Fund. Mr. Persons pointed out that the Emerald Ash Borer will continue to have an impact on many of the Village's parkway trees. The Street Division Budget has been developed with two options for consideration. Mr. Persons reviewed the different options. Mr. Persons reviewed potential costs for treatment, removal, and replacement. Mr. Persons pointed out that the Village Board will need a detailed policy to handle address the situation.

There was some general discussion regarding the Emerald Ash Borer. Trustee Bonuchi expressed concern regarding the treatment option because it's not guaranteed to work and there is no guarantee how many years the treatment will have to take place. She felt that replacing the trees should be based on Village Policy. Trustee Fay suggested replacing trees only if funding is available and asked the staff to continue to monitor the situation as diligently as they have been. Trustee Peck stated that if there will be subcontractors doing the work, he would like to see the municipal price extended to residents. He also requested a detailed cost analysis regarding any equipment purchase including total cost of ownership, insurance, maintenance, etc. Trustee Rippy pointed out that treatment

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options are not 100% effective and suggested putting in a policy that restricts new developments from putting in ash trees.

Administrator Murphy stated that there may be an issue in getting municipal pricing for residents because of location of trees and different circumstances. Administrator Murphy also expressed concern that the Village may wind up in the middle of homeowner and contractor disputes. Trustee Lamb stated that he would still like to see the option explored.

Trustee Racich stated that treatment is an option and the Board should look into it.

Mr. Persons pointed out that because funds are budgeted, that does not mean that they have to be spent.

Mr. Persons then reviewed the Capital Improvement Budget and reviewed several recent project as well as future projects including IDOT's Route 30 reconstruction plan, Renwick Road Corridor; MFT Program, 143rd Street Extension Route 59 to Route 126, traffic control devices, and Lockport Street Pedestrian Bridge.

Mayor Collins thanked staff for the presentation.

Trustee Fay moved to adjourn. Seconded by Trustee Racich. Voice Vote. All in favor, 0 opposed. Motion carried.

The meeting adjourned at 8:15 p.m.

Michelle Gibas, Village Clerk