

**Minutes of the Committee of the Whole Workshop of the President and the Board of Trustees
Held on Monday, March 9, 2009
In the Boardroom**

Mayor Waldorf called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. Present were: Mayor Waldorf, Trustee Lamb, Trustee Manning, Trustee Vaupel, Trustee Dement, Trustee Fay. Trustee Racich was absent. Others present: Don Bennett, Interim Village Administrator; Jim Harvey, Attorney; Michelle Gibas, Village Clerk; Michael Schwarz, Planner; Jon Proulx, Planner; Michael Garrigan, Village Planner; Kevin Greco, Acting Police Chief; Amy De Boni, Community Relations Director; Allen Persons, Public Works Director; and Traci Pleckham, Management Services Director. There were approximately 5 persons in the audience.

Trustee Fay moved to approve the Minutes of the Special Meeting, Committee of the Whole Workshop, and Executive Sessions held on February 23, 2009. Seconded by Lamb. Voice Vote. All in favor, 0 opposed. Motion carried.

PRESIDENTIAL COMMENTS

No Comments.

TRUSTEES COMMENTS

Trustee Fay thanked everyone involved in the Irish Parade as well as Plainfield Emergency Management.

Trustee Dement stated that he, Don Bennett, and Mayor Waldorf attended a meeting with the Governor's staff regarding Canadian National and Edward Hospital. Trustee Dement thanked Mayor Waldorf and Don Bennett for representing the Village and also thanked Senator Linda Holmes and Representative Tom Cross.

WORKSHOP MEETING

#1 AMERICAN RECOVERY AND REINVESTMENT ACT (FEDERAL ECONOMIC STIMULUS PLAN)

Mr. Allen Persons, Public Works Director, stated that Staff has participated in two web seminars that were conducted in part to outline the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009. Tonight's focus is on Transportation and Water and Sewer.

Mr. Persons stated that IDOT Will utilize an approximate \$693 million for improvements within the State Highways System and the remaining \$281 million will be distributed to the Municipalities and Counties based on population and a strict set of requirements. Mr. Persons then reviewed some of the requirements to receive the economic stimulus funding. Mr. Persons anticipates that Plainfield's portion of the funding will be between \$200,000 and \$400,000.

Mr. Persons then reviewed some possible transportation projects that would qualify for funding including: Drauden Road South – Patching and Resurfacing; 143rd Street and Route 30 Permanent

Traffic Signals; Old Route 30 (Wallin Drive North) – Patching and Resurfacing; 127th Street and Naperville-Plainfield Road Intersection and Bridge Improvements; and Renwick Road Patching by Renwick Community Park.

After some general discussion, it was the consensus of the Board to have staff move forward with the transportation funding.

Mr. Persons then reviewed the Water/Wastewater Improvements. The Illinois EPA is expected to receive over \$260 million to provide grants and no interest loans. Mr. Persons reviewed the funding provisions. Mr. Persons pointed out that pre-applications must be completed by the end of March. Mr. Persons then reviewed some possible water/sewer projects including: Naperville Road Water Main; Main Street Water Main; Nature's Crossing Sewer; Marybrook Improvements; Main Street Sewer; and Commercial Street Sewer.

After some general discussion, it was the consensus of the Board to have the staff move forward with discussions with the IEPA.

#2 ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT ACTION PLAN

Mr. Michael Garrigan, Mr. Jon Proulx, and Mr. Michael Schwarz gave a presentation for an Action Plan for Economic Development. The Action Plan includes three (3) main areas of focus:

- 1) Business Recruitment and retention
 - Involve Stakeholders
- 2) Promotions and Marketing
 - Branding Strategy
 - Implement Village-wide Marketing Campaign
 - Adopt “shop local” initiative
 - Leverage historic and natural resources
 - Historic Tourism emphasizing route 66 and Lincoln Highway
- 3) Process and Technology Enhancements
 - Location One Info Systems (LOIS)
 - Generate Maps and Data
 - Enhance Website – online business resource center; web polls
 - Peer Review/Process Audit – Look at and compare other communities
 - Enterprise initiative including an administrative review of site plans, allow final engineering after site plan, waiver of annexation and building fees, property tax reimbursements, water and sewer tap freeze for 3 years.

Trustee Fay stated that he likes the idea of branding and marketing as well as web site enhancements. Trustee Fay suggested looking into a policy against buildings going dark. Trustee Fay indicated that he would not support final engineering after site plan and encouraged staff to interface several documents that the Village already has in place, like the open space plan, the design guidelines, etc.

Trustee Manning stated that he thought that feedback meetings with the stakeholders is a good idea and suggested that staff work with the Plainfield Economic Partnership.

Trustee Lamb stated that he would like to see more detail at a future meeting. Trustee Lamb suggested looking at other communities. Trustee Lamb also suggested that staff get input from the Plainfield Economic Partnership. Trustee Lamb stated that we should start with things that we can do ourselves and then get others to help with the gap. Trustee Lamb also cautioned the staff not to lose track of the other planning objectives that were previously presented to the Board.

Trustee Dement stated that staff is taking the right step with communication between staff, the Board, residents and businesses. Trustee Dement stated that staff should have an inventory of all businesses in the Village as well as what their needs are. Trustee Dement stated that there should be some focus on bringing offices to the Village. Trustee Dement encouraged everyone to get the Riverfront project moving.

Mr. Garrigan stated that staff will proceed with website updates, and expediting procedures, and working on speakers for the Business Forum.

ANY OTHER BUSINESS

None

Trustee Fay moved to adjourn to Executive Session as permitted under the Open Meetings Act Section (2) (c) (1) “to discuss the appointment, employment, compensation, discipline, performance, or dismissal of employees or legal counsel” not to reconvene. Seconded by Trustee Lamb. Vote by roll call. Lamb, yes; Manning, yes; Racich, absent; Vaupel, yes; Dement, yes; Fay, yes. 5 yes, 0 no, 1 absent. Motion carried.

The meeting adjourned at 8:30 p.m.

Michelle Gibas, Village Clerk