

**Minutes of the Committee of the Whole Workshop of the President and the Board of Trustees  
Held on Monday, May 11, 2009  
At Village Hall**

Mayor Collins called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. Present were: Trustee Bonuchi, Trustee Fay, Trustee Lamb, Trustee Peck, Trustee Racich, and Trustee Vaupel. Also present: Don Bennett, Interim Village Administrator; Jim Harvey, Attorney; Michelle Gibas, Village Clerk; Allen Persons, Public Works Director; Joe Baber, Building Supervisor; Michael Garrigan, Planning Supervisor; Amy De Boni, Community Relations Director; Traci Pleckham, Management Services Director; Rick Kaczanko, IT Coordinator; Valerie Hastings, GIS Manager; and Kevin Greco, Acting Police Chief.

Trustee Fay moved to approve the Minutes of the Committee of the Whole Workshop held on Monday, April 27, 2009. Seconded by Trustee Lamb. Voice Vote. All in favor, 0 opposed. Motion carried.

**PRESIDENTIAL COMMENTS**

Mayor Collins stated that he met with the PAR Group, the firm doing the Administrator search. There have been approximately 20 applicants. The Village Board will be conducting interviews in the near future.

**TRUSTEES COMMENTS**

None

**WORKSHOP MEETING**

Trustee Fay moved to amend the Agenda to include the topic of sale or lease of public Real Estate in the Executive Session at the end, not to reconvene. Seconded by Trustee Peck. Vote by roll call. Bonuchi, yes; Fay, yes; Lamb, yes; Peck, yes; Racich, yes; Vaupel, yes. 6 yes, 0 no. Motion carried.

**#1 NEWLY ELECTED OFFICIAL PRESENTATION**

The Village Staff gave a presentation highlighting their respective departments, "Hot Topics" and current projects. The staff reviewed the Freedom of Information Act, Open Meetings Act, Agenda Preparation, Community Relations Projects, current and future IT projects, GIS projects, Management Services Projects, Employee Census and Credentials, Building Department Information, Planning Department Projects and information, Police Department information, and Public Works projects and information.

**#2 SANITARY SEWER SERVICE POLICY**

Mr. Allen Persons, Public Works Director, stated that the current policy identifies that each property owner is responsible for maintenance of their water service line from the building to the b-box, generally located near the property line. Conversely, the property owner is responsible for maintenance of the sanitary sewer service from the building to the Village's sewer main, regardless of the property line location.

On a few occasions, Village residents have been faced with the challenge of making repairs that are outside of their respective property. Two weeks ago, staff inspected a sanitary sewer service line that had collapsed near the center of Commercial Street. After discussing the Village policy, that was established about 90 years ago, the resident hired a contractor and the repair was completed. Since this repair required the excavation of both asphalt and concrete pavement, the related costs were higher than what we would normally anticipate a homeowner to endure. Additionally, several other

residents are concerned with our current policy and the possible cost that they would incur if a similar problem occurred.

Mr. Persons pointed out that several other communities have updated their regulations, and are now accepting the responsibility of the service line outside of the resident's property. Staff is seeking direction on whether or not the Village Board would like the staff to prepare a draft Sanitary Sewer Policy for the Board's review.

Trustee Fay stated that he would support having the staff draft a new policy and felt that the policy should also identifies who is liable and responsible for items such as tree roots as well as negligence.

Trustee Racich stated that he would support the staff drafting a new policy as well as remediation of the bill for the resident on Commercial Street.

Trustee Bonuchi stated that she too supported drafting a policy.

Trustee Lamb stated that he supported drafting a policy and suggested adding that the Homeowners are not responsible for the resulting road work or handling the any issues on a variance basis.

Trustee Vaupel stated that he supported drafting a policy.

Trustee Peck stated that he supported drafting a policy as well as helping the resident with the cost.

### **#3 PURCHASE OF HOME AT 24242 MAIN STREET**

Administrator Bennett stated that the previous Village Board approved the purchase of the property at 24242 Main Street in connection with the Riverfront Master Plan. The property has been earmarked as a good location to place the north side footbridge over the DuPage River. Staff is seeking Board direction regarding the asbestos abatement and demolition of the home. Administrator Bennett provided the Board with price quotes for the required work.

It was the consensus of the Board to proceed with the work as quoted and bring the proposals to the next Village Board Meeting for formal approval.

### **ANY OTHER BUSINESS**

Trustee Fay asked the staff to bring the Board an update on the current status of residential development projects. Trustee Fay also clarified the hours that Lockport Street will be closed due to SpringFest.

Trustee Fay moved to adjourn to Executive Session as permitted under the Open Meetings Act under Section 2 (c) (5) to discuss the purchase or lease of property and under Section 2 (c) (6) to discuss the sale or lease of public property, not to reconvene. Seconded by Trustee Lamb. Vote by roll call. Bonuchi, yes; Fay, yes; Lamb, yes; Peck, yes; Racich, yes; Vaupel, yes. 6 yes, 0 no. Motion carried.

The meeting adjourned at 8:15 p.m.