

MINUTES OF THE WORKSHOP OF THE PRESIDENT AND BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE VILLAGE OF WILLOWBROOK HELD ON MONDAY, FEBRUARY 12, 2007, AT THE VILLAGE HALL, 7760 QUINCY STREET, IN THE VILLAGE OF WILLOWBROOK, DUPAGE COUNTY, ILLINOIS.

1. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at the hour of 7:50 p.m. by Village President Gary Pretzer.

2. ROLL CALL

Those present at roll call were Trustees Dennis Baker, Michael Mistele, Michael Brown, Robert Napoli Timothy McMahon and President Pretzer. ABSENT: Trustee Paul Schoenbeck. Also present were Village Clerk Leroy Hansen, Village Attorney Thomas Good, Village Administrator Phil Modaff, Director of Municipal Services Timothy Halik, Director of Finance Sue Stanish, Chief of Police Edward Konstanty, Superintendent of Parks & Recreation Walter Righton and Planner Sara Hage.

A QUORUM WAS DECLARED

3. DISCUSSION - Smoke Free DuPage

Maureen McHugh, Executive Director of the DuPage County Health Department, advised that she was in attendance this evening to set the stage for the Village Board to have a good discussion about potentially considering a smoking ordinance. She provided an overview of the health impacts or effects of second hand smoke, the economic impact, smoking statistics for DuPage County and the smoke free activity that is going on within DuPage County. Ms. McHugh noted that this information was compiled as a result of a Municipal County Task Force that took place in the later part of 2006.

In January of 2006, the ability for municipalities to enact a more stringent smoking policy went into effect. Unfortunately, language was left off that would have allowed unincorporated areas in DuPage County to enact more stringent smoking policies, which was corrected in June 2006.

President Pretzer noted for information purposes that all the restaurants and tobacco license holders were notified of this evening's workshop. No action will be taken this evening. The Chamber, restaurants and tobacco licenses will be notified prior to any discussion and action by the Village Board regarding this matter.

Paolo Rodriguez, owner of Senor Tequila Mexican Restaurant, commented that he non-smokers can go anywhere but smokers are limited and that Joliet is about to pass a smoking ban only if the State passes it (Mr. Rodriguez owns another restaurant in Joliet).

A Willowbrook resident expressed her concerns about limiting freedom of choice and although Cook County will be smoke free this year, she liked the fact that DuPage County is different.

The owner of Stogies tobacco establishment commented that no one addresses the issue of the air pollution caused by cars standing in front businesses running for 10-15 minutes.

Ms. McHugh informed the Village Board that the Illinois House was to consider State-wide smoking ban legislation in the upcoming week and that Willowbrook can contact Representative Bellock, who sits on the Environmental Committee that is supporting this bill.

PRESENTED, READ and APPROVED,

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Village President

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