

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE PRESIDENT AND BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE VILLAGE OF WILLOWBROOK HELD ON MONDAY, JANUARY 14, 2008, 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 7:33 p.m. by President Pro Tem Robert Napoli.

2. ROLL CALL

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

A QUORUM WAS DECLARED

3. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

President Pro Tem Napoli asked everyone to join him in saying the Pledge of Allegiance.

4. OMNIBUS VOTE AGENDA

- a. Waive Reading of Minutes (APPROVE)
- b. Minutes - Regular Board Meeting - December 10, 2007 (APPROVE)
- c. Warrants - January 14, 2008 - \$527,270.74 (APPROVE)
- d. Monthly Financial Report - December 31, 2007 - \$19,050,623.91 (ACCEPT)
- e. MOTION TO APPROVE EXPENDITURE - THREE (3) REPLACEMENT VEHICLES - Suburban Purchasing Cooperative - \$107,376.00 (APPROVE)

President Pro Tem Napoli asked if any Board member(s) wanted to remove any item(s) from the Omnibus Vote Agenda. No Board member(s) wanted to remove any item(s) from the Omnibus Vote Agenda.

MOTION: Made by Trustee Mistele, seconded by Trustee Baker, to approve the Omnibus Vote Agenda.

ROLL CALL VOTE: AYES: Trustees Baker, Mistele, Brown, Napoli, Schoenbeck and McMahon; NAYS: None; ABSENT: President Pretzer.

MOTION DECLARED CARRIED

NEW BUSINESS

5. VISITOR'S BUSINESS (Public comment is limited to three minutes per person)

Hale Bartlett, 7736 Blackberry Lane, a long term resident of the Village, commented that he just paid his garbage bill, which has doubled on a monthly basis. He felt the cost of the new garbage service was too high.

Administrator Modaff responded that there a number of small or single families who indicated that they do not even use one bag of garbage per week. The whole system was based on one bag per week in evaluating the costs. It was understood that there were people who threw out more than that on one the end of the spectrum and people who threw out less than that on other end of the spectrum but the vast majority threw out at least one bag per week. Comparatively, going to the carts was almost the same price as the lowest new sticker price quote we received. In 1993-94 when the Village switched to the sticker program, it became a good deal for people who did not throw away as much and for people who were recycling. Unfortunately, the whole industry discovered that by recycling more, people were buying fewer stickers, when they bought fewer stickers the price of the stickers had to go up because that was their only source of revenue. The people who were not throwing garbage out but were recycling were in effect getting free service which was then carried on the backs of the people who did have to buy stickers. The vast majority of residents are being served well compared to the lowest sticker price quote we received, going up from \$2.20 to \$3.63 per sticker.

Trustee McMahon noted that the Village did a study where carts were provided to a number of families around the Village, of varying sizes, and asked them what they thought of this cart program versus stickers. The response from 100% of the residents in the study was that they preferred the cart system. He did recognize that it was independent of what the cost was to be, it was about the convenience aspect. When the proposals came in, the cost of the stickers for the average individuals compared to the monthly cost of the cart was actually a rough equivalent. The overwhelming success of the experiment in terms of the preference of the residents was what led the Board to choose to go with the cart program.

Phyllis Zimmer, 6446 Tennessee Avenue, commented that the Village continues to use her private property for storm water runoff.

6. PRESIDENTIAL APPOINTMENT AND ACCEPTANCE OF RESIGNATION -
STEPHEN LANDSMAN

Administrator Modaff informed the Board that there is a vacancy on the Board of Police Commissioners and the Village President recommended the appointment of Stephen Landsman to serve on that Board. The Board was also requested to accept Mr. Landsman's resignation as the Village's Ethics Officer.

Trustee Brown commented that when Mr. Landsman was still on the Board, he was involved with a contentious matter regarding the Police Department and questioned if it would be appropriate to appoint Mr. Landsman to the Board of Police Commissioners.

Attorney Good responded that the Board of Police Commissioners has a very limited function. The Board is in charge of hiring, promoting and disciplining Police Officers and had no jurisdiction over the Chief of Police nor the day to day activities of the Police Department.

MOTION: Made by Trustee Schoenbeck, seconded by Trustee Mistele, to concur with the Village President's recommendation to appoint Stephen Landsman to the Board of Police Commission and to accept Stephen Landsman's resignation as the Village's Ethics Officer.

PREVIOUS ROLL CALL VOTE: AYES: Trustees Baker, Mistele, Brown, Napoli, Schoenbeck and McMahon; NAYS: None; ABSENT: President Pretzer.

MOTION DECLARED CARRIED

7. DELINQUENT WATER BILLS

Director Halik reported that there were no delinquent water bills.

8. RESOLUTION - A RESOLUTION WAIVING THE COMPETITIVE BIDDING
PROCESS AND AUTHORIZING THE PRESIDENT AND VILLAGE CLERK TO
ACCEPT A PROPOSAL FOR THE COMPLETION OF THE 61ST STREET
RIGHT-OF-WAY DRAINAGE IMPROVEMENT PROJECT - SCOTT
CONTRACTING, INC.

Trustee Mistele informed the Board that the Municipal Services Committee reviewed this project and recommended that the Board approve the proposal by Scott Contracting, Inc. for the completion of the 61st Street right-of-way drainage improvement project.

Trustee Schoenbeck pointed out that H&R was the second lowest proposal by only a few hundred dollars. He noted that they are a local firm that does other Village work and asked if we should give job to them.

Director Halik noted that Scott Contracting is one of the smaller contractors that had been given Village drainage projects over the years. They perform quality work and the most recent project they had done was at 63rd Street and Tennessee Avenue and they did an excellent job for us.

MOTION: Made by Trustee Mistele, seconded by Trustee Brown, to adopt Resolution No. 08-R-01.

PREVIOUS ROLL CALL VOTE: AYES: Trustees Baker, Mistele, Brown, Napoli, Schoenbeck and McMahon; NAYS: None; ABSENT: President Pretzer.

MOTION DECLARED CARRIED

OLD BUSINESS

9. COMMITTEE REPORTS

Trustee Baker had no report.

Trustee Mistele had no report.

Trustee Brown had no report.

Trustee Napoli had no report.

Trustee Schoenbeck had no report.

Trustee McMahon had no report.

10. ATTORNEY'S REPORT

Village Attorney Good had no report.

11. CLERK'S REPORT

Village Clerk Hansen had no report.

12. ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

Administrator Modaff informed the Board that they will be contacted by Mary Partyka in order to identify dates for the next Personnel Manual update workshop as well as to confirm the Board budget workshop date proposed for March 1.

President Pro Tem Napoli inquired with respect to the status of a proposed zoning overlay for the larger properties within the Village. Administrator Modaff responded that the project had been stopped and started several times, and as a point of clarification it is an architectural overlay district not necessarily a zoning overlay. Staff has recently reviewed the idea. Attorney Good noted that a couple of years ago when the project started there was no clear authority to have an architectural overlay district, now there is. Administrator Modaff suggested that this might be appropriate to present this issue at the Board's budget workshop.

Trustee Schoenbeck offered two suggestions with regard to the Village's newsletter. The first suggestion was to include in the newsletter the date the next newsletter will be coming out. The second suggestion was to profile Trustees, department heads and staff members in the newsletters so that residents can get to know who everyone is.

Trustee Baker noted that the focus of the residents with regard to the garbage contract was how much the stickers had cost versus what the stickers would have cost if the Village had renewed the existing garbage contract. He suggested that information be provided in the newsletter identifying what residents would have been paying for garbage service if the Village had just renewed the contract and not gone with the cart program.

Trustee McMahon noted that the pickup dates for the garbage service has changed and he suggested that the Village inform the residents of this. Administrator Modaff advised that the change of the pickup dates is in the current newsletter.

Trustee Baker commented that he felt the print of the newsletter was very light and requested that it be looked at.

Administrator Modaff summarized the direction of the Board to the Staff:

1. Publish the next date of publication in the newsletter.

2. Consider newsletter articles that might feature Trustees and/or key staff members or departments
3. Explain the details to the residents of how the Village arrived at the new garbage contract
4. Investigate how to enhance the readability of the newsletter

13. EXECUTIVE SESSION

President Pro Tem Napoli asked for a motion to adjourn into Executive Session to discuss personnel.

MOTION: Made by Trustee Baker, seconded by Trustee Schoenbeck, to adjourn into Executive Session to discuss personnel at the hour of 7:59 p.m.

PREVIOUS ROLL CALL VOTE: AYES: Trustees Baker, Mistele, Brown, Napoli Schoenbeck and McMahon; NAYS: None; ABSENT: President Pretzer.

MOTION DECLARED CARRIED

SEE APPROPRIATE EXECUTIVE SESSION MINUTES

PRESENTED, READ and APPROVED,

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Village President

Minutes transcribed by Mary Partyka.