

**VILLAGE OF CARPENTERSVILLE
BOARD OF TRUSTEES
REGULAR BOARD MEETING
December 18, 2012**

The regular meeting of the Village Board of Trustees was called to order at 7:00 p.m. Those present for roll call were Trustees Rehberg, Teeter, Burroway, Schultz, McFeggan, Humpfer and President Ritter. Also present were Village Manager Rooney, Assistant Village Manager Wade, Attorney Rhodes, Police Chief Popp, Fire Chief Schuldt, Public Works Director Cole, Community Development Director Hock, Finance Director Haley, IT Director Goethals, Human Resource Director Mogren, Assistant Public Works Director/Village Engineer Gray and Intern McGovern.

The Pledge of Allegiance followed.

INVOCATION

Pastor Dexter Ball from Faithwalk Harvest Center provided this evening's Invocation.

PUBLIC COMMENT

1. Kent Baldwin, 45 Wren Road; a resident who read aloud a speech that he believes is inspirational for the holiday season and wished everyone a Merry Christmas.

CONSENT AGENDA

President Ritter asked if any Board Member wished to remove an item from the Consent Agenda for further review and discussion. Trustee McFeggan requested Item D. be removed and Trustee Rehberg requested Item J. be removed.

Trustee Humpfer moved to approve A. Bills for Fiscal Year 2012 - 2013 Totaling \$2,059,331.53 B. Minutes from the Regular Board Meeting of November 20, 2012; C. Resolution Approving the Village of Carpentersville 2013 Insurance Program, Coverage Costs, and Continuation of a Deductible System; E. Resolution Approving a Riverboat Grant Agreement; F. Ordinance Abating the Extension of Taxes for the Series 2004 \$3,280,000 General Obligation Refunding Bond Issue; G. Ordinance Abating the Extension of Taxes for the Series 2006 \$10,000,000 General Obligation Bond Issue; H. Ordinance Abating the Extension of Taxes for the Series 2008 \$10,000,000 General Obligation Bond Issue; I. Ordinance Abating the Extension of Taxes for the Series 2010 A and B \$20,000,000 General Obligation Bond Issue; K. Ordinance Authorizing the Levy and Collection of Taxes In and For the Village of Carpentersville Special Service Area Number One for the Fiscal Year Beginning May 1, 2012 and Ending April 30, 2013; L. Ordinance Authorizing the Levy and Collection of Taxes In and For the Village of Carpentersville Special Service Area Number Two for the Fiscal Year Beginning May 1, 2012 and Ending April 30, 2013; M. Ordinance Authorizing the Levy and Collection of Taxes In and For the Village of Carpentersville Special Service Area Number Three for the Fiscal Year Beginning May 1, 2012 and Ending April 30, 2013; and N. Ordinance Authorizing the Levy and Collection of Taxes In and For the Village of Carpentersville Special Service Area Number Twenty One for the Fiscal Year Beginning May 1, 2012 and Ending April 30, 2013. Trustee Teeter seconded.

Vote: 6 – ayes (Schultz, McFeggan, Humpfer, Rehberg, Teeter, Burroway) 0 – nay.

Motion passed.

Trustee Schultz moved to suspend the rules to allow discussion of Item J. before the Consent Agenda is considered. Trustee Humpfer seconded. Vote: 6 – ayes (Teeter, Burroway, Schultz, McFeggan, Humpfer, Rehberg) 0 – nay. Motion passed.

Trustee McFeggan moved to adopt an Ordinance Authorizing the Levy and Collection of Taxes for the Corporate and Municipal Purposes of the Village of Carpentersville for the Fiscal Year Beginning May 1, 2012 and Ending April 30, 2013. Trustee Rehberg seconded.

Trustee Rehberg noted there is a 15% increase this year in the Police and Fire Pension funding; although this funding is mandated by the State, Trustee Rehberg stated he believes residents should be educated on this issue and contact their state representatives to demand pension reform. He also noted the 2% increase in the tax levy for corporate and municipal purposes that is coming very soon after the water rate increase and believes this is not the appropriate time to increase the levy amount. While this includes a 2% increase in the trash collection contract, he expressed concern over the impact both increases will have to the residents.

Trustee Schultz concurred with comments made by Trustee Rehberg and requested the tax levy amount be reconsidered. Although she and the residents realize the expense of operating the Village, the residents are being fiscally impacted from various levels of government.

Trustee Humpfer stated the increase in the tax levy has been discussed many times by the Audit and Finance Commission. He provided details of the programs that need to be implemented and funded, the increase in healthcare costs, increase in trash collection, with a majority of the increase being necessitated to fund the Police and Fire pensions obligated by actuarial figures. While he does not want to vote for an increase in the tax levy amount, the use of an amount of cash reserves has already been considered leaving the only remaining option to continue providing the level of services to the residents would be an increase in the tax levy. President Ritter noted that in an effort to be fiscally responsible, no new programs have been added in many years; however, the Tree Replacement Program is a program that is necessitated by the Emerald Ash Borer problem. He discussed the numerous state mandated expenses that have impacted local budgets.

Vote on Motion: 4 – ayes (Burroway, McFeggan, Humpfer, Teeter) 2 – nay (Schultz, Rehberg)
Motion passed.

Trustee Teeter moved to adopt an Ordinance Amending the Carpentersville Municipal Code Prohibiting Skateboarding. Trustee Rehberg seconded.

Trustee McFeggan read aloud Section B. 1 that indicates *“Skateboarding is prohibited on all public property owned or controlled by the Village and on all public property owned or controlled by other governmental entities, except as may be specifically authorized by the appropriate governmental entity”* that he interpreted to mean that skateboarding is prohibited on any sidewalk or roadway. While the intent of the ordinance is to assist the Police Department’s enforcement of those skateboarding on private property, Trustee McFeggan questioned the prohibition on all public property. After several discussions this past week with staff who have indicated that skateboarding would be allowed on sidewalks, he requested the provision be amended to exempt sidewalks. Attorney Rhodes stated the Illinois Vehicle Code addresses enforcement of roadway areas that local Ordinances cannot be inconsistent with; however, sidewalks can be exempted in the local Ordinance. To avoid future misinterpretation of the intent of the ordinance, Trustee Humpfer moved to amend the Ordinance exempting sidewalks from the prohibited areas indicated in the Ordinance. Trustee McFeggan seconded. Brief discussion ensued regarding the proposed amendment that does not include streets and how the Ordinance will assist the Police Department to enforce the prohibition in certain areas of the Village.

Vote on Amendment: 6 – ayes (McFeggan, Humpfer, Rehberg, Teeter, Burroway, Schultz) 0 – nay.
Motion passed.

Vote on Original Motion as Amended: 6 – ayes (McFeggan, Humpfer, Rehberg, Teeter, Burroway, Schultz) 0 – nay. Motion passed.

REPORTS OF MANAGER, OFFICERS, COMMITTEES AND STAFF

- Intern Sean McGovern provided an update of the proposed plans for Carpenter Park; the concept plan that was created by staff with input from the Parks Commission includes a paved trail around the perimeter of the park. One of the issues, Intern McGovern stated was lack of funding to pave the trail; one option would be to obtain OSLAD grant funding. He has been working closely with the grant officer in Springfield who has strongly recommended that the Village explore every option to involve the public for citizen input primarily including a public comment forum to obtain comments from the residents not only on the trail but the entire park. Intern McGovern indicated this has been the most competitive grant that has been applied for since his internship began, the Village would score higher if this forum was offered. His recommendation would be to offer this forum sometime in January; staff had concurred earlier, to hold the forum before a board meeting in late January. Manager Rooney stated this forum would be similar to the Old Town Area forum that would provide detailed information and offer various concept plans for the residents to provide their input with the ability for them to leave written comments. Brief discussion followed and request was made that the residents in near proximity to the park and various community groups be mailed information relative to the forum with the information also being available on the website. The Board concurred that this forum will be an hour before the January 15th Village Board Meeting.

President Ritter noted that a similar presentation will be made for the Keith Andres Bike Trail Project; however, Intern McGovern stated a first draft of a concept plan has been completed, which CAMBr will be presenting to the public in the near future.

- Fire Chief Schuldt provided a brief update on the project the Fire Department began two weeks ago of collecting food items for the FISH Food Pantry; these items will be delivered at the end of the week. Chief Schuldt will report on the amount of items that were collected.
- Police Chief Popp reported on the success of the recent Shop With a Cop Program and stated what an enriching time it was for all those that participated. With the help of 42 Police Officer from 10 area communities, the Program serviced 76 families involving 174 children. Along with 60 civilian volunteers that included President Ritter; \$12,000 was spent at the local Wal-Mart. He recognized those local organizations and businesses that contributed to this worthwhile event.

Business Development Commission

Trustee Teeter noted the Commission is on hiatus until the January meeting.

Parks Commission

Trustee Schultz stated the Commission is hoping to meet sometime in January for CAMBr to present the first draft of the concept plan to the Commission.

Audit and Finance Commission

Trustee Humpfer noted that the Commission is taking a break until budget sessions begin in late January. Although Item C. was not removed from the Consent Agenda this evening, Trustee Humpfer stated the Resolution was for approval of the Village of Carpentersville 2013 Insurance Program, Coverage Costs and Continuation of a Deductible System. Manager Rooney provided details of the 2013 program and efforts by the Insurance Broker and Village staff, primarily Village Engineer Gray, which reduced the Village's premium by addressing certain properties that were listed in the floodway that should not have been and will consequently reduce the Village's

premium. He also stated that Department Heads are continuing to diligently enforce the safety program that has impacted worker's compensation claims and safety in the workforce.

TRUSTEE REPORTS

Trustee McFeggan had the following report:

- He discussed how the new Eco machine operates that is located in Spring Hill Mall that allows a person to turn in their old cell phones and MP3 players and receive the cash value for them.

Trustee Humpfer had the following report:

- He wished everyone a happy holiday and to drive safely.

Trustee Rehberg had the following report:

- He has been working with IT Director Goethals to provide the Village Board Meetings live on the website with the possibility of streamlining them; various vendors are being considered and a recommendation will be brought to the Board in the near future. He is happy to be a part of this process and commended Director Goethals for his work.

Trustee Teeter had the following report:

- She apologized for missing the last Board meeting; she was attending the birth of her grandson.
- She wished everyone a happy, safe, joyful holiday season.

Trustee Burroway had the following report:

- He also wished everyone a Merry Christmas and a safe, prosperous New Year. He thanked everyone on the Village Board for their efforts in moving the Village forward this past year.

Trustee Schultz had the following report:

- She wished staff a happy holiday and stated the Board does know staff has been diligent this past year and the upcoming year will also be a difficult one. She also wished the residents a happy holiday. Trustee Schultz stated the Village's thoughts and prayers are with the residents of Newtown CT who recently experienced a horrifying, tragic event.

President Ritter had the following report:

- This past week, President Ritter and Manager Rooney met with a representative from Senator Kirk's office to express concerns the Village has with the state and federal governments. Earlier this year President Ritter met with a representative from Senator Durbin's office and stated he appreciates the invitations to seek input from the Village.
- He enjoyed participating in Shop With a Cop and meeting nice families. He stated what a great time everyone had.
- President Ritter stated the statewide pensions that are funded in Springfield will be discussed more in the future; however, the local pensions have the same dramatic effect on the residents as statewide pensions have. He encouraged citizens to become informed and to advise their representative that they want pension reform to be fair and equitable.

- He met with an organization who is interested in starting a youth football league for 6 to 12 year olds in the community. There will be a link on the Village's website for more information.
- President Ritter wished everyone happy holidays from the Village Board and Staff and stated how nice Village staff is and how proud he is of them.

ADJOURNMENT

As there was no further business, Trustee Teeter moved to adjourn the meeting. Trustee Burroway seconded. Voice vote was unanimous.

The meeting adjourned at 7:52 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Therese Wilde, Village Clerk