

**VILLAGE OF CARPENTERSVILLE
BOARD OF TRUSTEES
REGULAR BOARD MEETING
December 4, 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, Burroway, 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, Assistant Public Works Director/Village Engineer Gray and Capital Projects Manager Szydlowski.

Trustee Teeter was absent and Trustee Schultz subsequently arrived at 7:12 p.m. President Ritter announced that Trustee Teeter was absent due to her first grandchild's birth this evening.

The Pledge of Allegiance followed.

INVOCATION

Pastor Phil Zilinski from Fox Valley Baptist Church provided this evening's Invocation.

PROCLAMATIONS, CONGRATULATORY RESOLUTIONS, AND AWARDS

Proclamation Declaring December 2012 as Drunk and Drugged Driving Prevention Month in the Village of Carpentersville

President Ritter requested Trustee Rehberg to read aloud the Proclamation declaring December 2012 as Drunk and Drugged Driving (3D) Prevention Month in the Village of Carpentersville that recognizes the number of deaths that occur from vehicle crashes involving a driver impaired by alcohol and or drugs. Because the month of December is traditionally one of the most deadly times of year for accidents involving impaired driving, the Village of Carpentersville is proud to join in the many organizations and campaigns across the state and nation that foster public awareness of the dangers from impaired driving and anti-impaired driving law enforcement efforts to make the roads and streets safer.

APPOINTMENTS, CONFIRMATIONS, AND ADMINISTRATION OF OATHS

Reappointment of Ms. Sherry Dobson to the Carpentersville Planning and Zoning Commission

Trustee Humpfer moved to approve the Reappointment of Ms. Sherry Dobson to the Carpentersville Planning and Zoning Commission. Trustee Burroway seconded. Vote: 4 – ayes (Burroway, McFeggan, Humpfer, Rehberg) 0 – nay. Motion passed.

CONSENT AGENDA

President Ritter asked if any Board Member wished to remove an item from the Consent Agenda for further review and discussion. No removals were requested.

Trustee Humpfer moved to approve **A. Bills for Fiscal Year 2012 - 2013 Totaling \$1,442,751.18; C. Resolution to Reimburse the Property Owner of 59 Wren for Sewer Repairs in the Amount of \$9,100.00; D. Resolution Approving a Request for Approval of Change in Plans No. 1 and Final to Reflect the Actual Contract Quantities Used for the 2012 West Side Glen Eagle Resurfacing Program; E. Ordinance Authorizing the Acquisition of Thirteen (13) Properties Associated with the**

Maple Avenue Roadway Improvement Project in an Amount Not to Exceed \$75,000; and F. Resolution Authorizing a Two-Year Banking Services Contract with First American Bank. Trustee McFeggan seconded. Vote: 4 – ayes (McFeggan, Humpfer, Rehberg, Burroway) 0 – nay.
Motion passed.

President Ritter noted that Item D indicates a cost savings of approximately \$20,000 that can be used for another road project within the Village.

REPORTS OF MANAGER, OFFICERS, COMMITTEES AND STAFF

Governor's Hometown Award

Fire Chief Schuldt provided details of the award that was presented to the Village for two projects that were among 30 awards that were given and only one of two municipalities to receive more than one award, the other being Springfield; the Village projects that received the awards were the 9-1-1 Memorial and the Healing Fields Event. Chief Schuldt discussed the reception in Springfield that was attended by him, President Ritter, Manager Rooney, Trustee Burroway and Mr. Jerry Christopherson to accept the awards; each award was summarized, a plaque and a Hometown Award sign were presented for each. The 9-1-1 Memorial plaque will be displayed at Fire Station #1 and Mr. Christopherson has indicated he would like the Healing Fields' plaque to be displayed at Village Hall. Chief Schuldt displayed the entranceway signs that were also presented for each project; Mr. Christopherson had indicated he would prefer a sign for the Healing Fields be on Mr. Roeser's property at the bottom of the Main Street hill and with Board's permission, copies of the 9-1-1 Memorial signs be placed at each entranceway along Route 25, Route 31 and Randall Road. However, the Village cannot duplicate the signs; copies must be purchased from the State of Illinois for \$125 each. Manager Rooney requested the Board to email him with their thoughts regarding the purchase of additional signs and he will direct staff based upon this input.

Chief Schuldt continued discussing the projects that received the 2012 Honoree Awards and classifications of the award categories; because all four nominees that included the Village's two projects in the category were exceptionally emotional and memorable all received the honoree award. A short news clip was shown describing both events that occurred on September 11, 2012.

Mr. Jerry Christopherson came forward and displayed the plaque that was presented for the Healing Fields Event and stated what an honor it was to present the award to the Village. He discussed the efforts put forth to make the event a moving success; while he hopes to continue remembering 9-1-1, a celebration event is being considered to honor and thank World War II and Korean Conflict Veterans for their service.

Fire Chief Schuldt provided an update on the following items:

- Village staff is 100% compliant with NIMS (National Incident Management System) training that is required by the Federal Government that involved staff attending 653 in person and on-line classes; the Village is one of the first communities in the County to be 100% compliant. It is hoped the Village does not ever need the training, but should an event occur the Village would be ready and trained for the emergency.
- Chief Schuldt provided details of the Carpentersville and Countryside Fire Protection District Board meeting that he and Manager Rooney attended this evening. The District services those 4,200 residences in unincorporated Kane County and with the drop in the EAV, the amount of money the Village receives from the District for fire protection services that are provided to the District has also dropped. The District this evening has agreed to increase the rate that is paid to the Village due to benefits the District realizes with the new equipment that was purchased by the Village and certain improvements have been made to the water flow. These

improvements have increased the District Insurance Service Rating from 8B to a 3 that is the same as the Village's, which is one of the few communities that the District has the same ISO rating as the Village. District residents, like the Village, will realize a savings on their homeowners' fire protection coverage.

- Based on Chief Schuldt's meeting with FISH Food Pantry representatives who have indicated the pantry is experiencing a grave shortage of food for those in need; over the next few weeks, the Fire Department will be collecting food for the pantry. Anyone wishing to donate can contact the Fire Department who will arrange to pick up the food with the fire engine and deliver to the Pantry; hopefully this will advertise this service to the public.

Presentation by Finance Director Haley on the Upcoming Tax Levy

Finance Director Haley provided an overview of details of the Tax Levy that the Board recently approved an estimated amount and will be considering approving the final amount at the December 18th Regular Board Meeting. The levy consists of general corporate funding that includes refuse collection, police and fire pension funding and debt service which comprises approximately 22% of a resident's total tax bill.

Based upon Trustee Schultz's question, Director Haley noted that based on actuarial numbers, required pension funding increased the tax rate to ensure obligated funding was complied with. She discussed how the lower EAV increases the tax rate enabling the Village to receive the same amount of funding as the prior year with an anticipated increase that is obligated for pensions and debt service and for operations of Village services. Manager Rooney briefly discussed the various factors that need to be considered in the tax levy amount noting the only new program implemented in three years is necessitated to address the Emerald Ash Borer issue. Discussion followed regarding how pension funding and affordable health care has impacted municipal budgets.

January 2013 Village Board Meeting Dates

Due to the January 1st holiday being on the first Tuesday of the month; the Board concurred that the first meeting in January should be held on Wednesday, January 2nd, leaving the second meeting on Tuesday, January 15th.

NEW BUSINESS

Consideration of a Resolution Denying a Variation from Title 16, "Zoning", Section 16.34.070.A.1, South Main LLC, for Property Located at 130-140 S. Lincoln Avenue

Trustee Humpfer moved to pass a Resolution Denying a Variation from Title 16, "Zoning", Section 16.34.070.A.1, South Main LLC, for Property Located at 130-140 S. Lincoln Avenue. Trustee Schultz seconded.

Community Development Director Hock shared photographs of the referenced property that were taken this evening and provided details of the request by Otto Engineering for a variance of the Code provision requiring dumpsters to be enclosed; this provision has been amended by the Board to require these enclosures to be either chain link fence with slats in them or a wooden fence and not to require the enclosures to be concrete. He noted the original site plan was approved with a wooden fence enclosing the dumpster. The Planning and Zoning Commission has reviewed the request and found the request did not provide a hardship or met any of the criteria that is established in the zoning ordinance to allow such a variation; this Resolution recommends the Village Board deny the requested variation. Discussion ensued regarding issues with the dumpsters that currently have no screening around them relative to the request for a variance.

Vote on Motion: 4 – ayes (Humpfer, Rehberg, Burroway, McFeggan) 1 – nay (Schultz).
Motion passed.

Consideration of a Resolution Waiving the Bidding Requirements and Accepting a Quote from Vermeer Midwest in an Amount Not to Exceed \$37,789 for the Purchase of a Stump Grinder

Trustee Rehberg moved to pass a Resolution Waiving the Bidding Requirements and Accepting a Quote from Vermeer Midwest in an Amount Not to Exceed \$37,789 for the Purchase of a Stump Grinder. Trustee McFeggan seconded.

Manager Rooney reiterated information provided of the need for this purchase that will enable the Public Works Department to re-plant trees in the Village parkways with the depth required for the planting.

Public Works Director Cole provided an update on tree removals of those Ash Trees infested with the Emerald Ash Borer; McGinty Tree Removal Service has removed 82 trees and have fulfilled their contractual amount. The removal of the remaining larger trees will go out for bid early next spring. The Public Works Department began removing trees in early October and has been making great progress; approximately 600 of the 700 trees that need to be removed have been removed. Director Cole stated the next step in the process is stump grinding; last fall, crews stumped down 16-18 inches in depth and were not able to remove the entire tree ball, which would cause problems when a tree would be re-planted. With this purchase a tree can be planted in the same hole with the required depth and will pay for itself with the amount of stump removals that are needed throughout the Village and the expense that will be saved by not needing to rent a grinder on a weekly basis or utilize an outside contractor to provide this service. Trustee Humpfer noted that the Public Works Department would be completing this work thereby minimizing the risk and alleviating concerns expressed at the last Board meeting of residents digging holes and hitting utility lines. Director Cole stated the Department would have an inventory of where utility lines are located to assist residents or Homeowners' Associations of their location.

President Ritter recognized and thanked Trustee McFeggan for his expertise and guidance in establishing the Emerald Ash Borer Policy, determining the types of trees that should be planted and how they should be planted; his help has saved the Village future problems and issues.

Vote on Motion: 5 – ayes (Rehberg, Burroway, Schultz, McFeggan, Humpfer) 0 – nay.
Motion passed.

TRUSTEE REPORTS

Trustee Burroway had the following report:

- He stated what a pleasure it was to attend the award ceremony in Springfield to accept the Hometown Awards and to witness the volunteerism that is widespread across the state. Trustee Burroway thanked Mr. Christopherson for his involvement with the events.

Trustee Schultz had the following report:

- She thanked Chief Schuldt for his efforts in the events that received the Hometown Awards.
- She thanked all those that extended their well wishes to her during her recent hospital stay.
- She noted that the Parks Commission is on a brief hiatus through the winter months.

Trustee McFeggan had the following report:

- He thanked Director Cole for his patience through discussions he and Trustee McFeggan have had over the stump grinder and EAB Policy. He also thanked Manager Rooney for moving forward with the purchase of the stump grinder that the numbers have justified its purchase and will provide a cost savings for many years to come.

Trustee Humpfer had the following report:

- He noted the Boy Scouts are also collecting items for the FISH Food Pantry and suggested the Fire Department partner with the Scouts; they could earn a badge and facilitate their program with more of a response with the Village's assistance. He commended the Fire Department for taking the lead in this very worthwhile cause.
- He was unable to attend the Hometown Award Ceremony in Springfield due to him attending an Illinois Government Financial Officers Association meeting along with Finance Director Haley. Trustee Humpfer provided details of the items that were discussed that focused primarily on increasing revenue to meet rising expenses. He noted the Village has considered the options to raise revenue that were presented, one of which was regionalization of services.

Trustee Rehberg had the following report:

- With the recent de-regulation of electrical providers, residents now have a choice who they choose to provide this service. Trustee Rehberg noted with the many choices now available, the website www.pluginillinois.org provides a vast amount of information that could assist the residents in making their choice.

President Ritter had the following report:

- He stated the Salvation Army Red Kettle Drive is underway that provides assistance to those in need over this holiday season and noted the generosity that is shown throughout the community.
- He enjoyed participating in the Hometown Award Ceremony.
- President Ritter attended a meeting that provided information on the FEMA/Fox River Flood Plan and its plans to regionally update the map that could assist Village residents should they be eligible to be removed from the flood plain.
- He received an invitation from Pastor Phil to participate in the Shop With a Cop on Saturday, December 15th; any Trustee is invited to attend to assist shopping with one of the 180 children that will be participating this year.
- Today he attended the Kane/Kendall Council of Mayors that functions in distributing funds for road projects, it is important that the Village is represented to protect its interests and to also receive updated information on public transportation plans.
- Next year, President Ritter stated he hopes the Village will be presented with a Hometown Award for the Keith Andres Bike Trails project.
- He thanked Chief Schuldt for his efforts in planning the Tree Lighting Ceremony held at Village Hall this evening before the Board meeting.

Attorney Rhodes stated on behalf of the Village Clerk, legislation was recently passed that extends the period of time for filing of election petitions. Under the prior law, the last day to file was December 24, 2012; with legislation that was passed, the election code was amended to reflect December 26, 2012 as the last day to file petitions. Information will be available on the Village's website indicating petitions can be filed from December 17th to 5:00 p.m. on December 26th.

ADJOURNMENT

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

The meeting adjourned at 8:12 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Therese Wilde, Village Clerk