

MINUTES OF THE WORKSHOP MEETING
OF THE PRESIDENT AND BOARD OF TRUSTEES
HELD ON THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 25, 2014

GOALS AND OBJECTIVES

CALL TO ORDER

President Roth called the Workshop to order at 6:03 p.m.

ROLL CALL

Trustee William Harper	Present	Trustee Mary Thon	Present
Trustee Guy Patterson	Present	Trustee William Carlson	Present
Trustee Michael Baumer	Present	Trustee James Cecille	Present
President Billie D. Roth	Present		

All those answering “present” were physically present at the meeting.

Also present was Village Clerk Kittie Kopitke; Village Manager Gary O’Rourke; Planning/Human Resources Director Sharon Caddigan; Community Development Director John Peterson; Finance Director Mary Johnson, Senior Accountant Josh Peacock, and IT Coordinator Victor Ambroziak; Fire Chief Chris Clark and Deputy Fire Chief Marv Kramer;; Police Chief Jim Gremo and Deputy Police Chief Ed Valente; Public Works Director Matt Mann and Civil Engineer Alex Riegler. Facilitators from Executive Service Corps (ESC) – Jim Young, John Mayer, Doug James, Marijana Ignjatovic, and Eleanor Hamilton.

The Village Board and staff met to continue planning the 2015 Goals and Objectives.

Planning/HR Director Sharon Caddigan provided an update regarding economic development and the TIF analysis done for the area at Streamwood Boulevard and South Bartlett Road. Representatives from Kane McKenna provided information to the CEDC at a recent commission meeting and reviewed the options for this area being redeveloped as residential or commercial; industrial is not a proper use for the area. Residential density would need to be very high. Commercial was the best possible use for at least one of the largest parcels in the area, but the actual property is in disrepair. Current users generate low property taxes and very little sales tax as the occupying uses are primarily service uses rather than retail.

Ms. Caddigan provided an overview of the commercial shopping centers throughout the Village and reviewed their valuations, sales tax generation, property taxes and reinvestment by the owners.

Board and staff took a break from 7:30 p.m. and returned to the workshop at 7:50 p.m.

Ms. Caddigan reviewed the Shop Streamwood campaign and stated it is being marketed aggressively to the local businesses. Currently 31% of local businesses have a presence on the site. With the launch of the mobile app, we hope to see this number increase. The current app version is a “lite” version; a more robust version is available at an additional cost. This will be evaluated as the site gains usage.

Additionally, Cook County is going to be participating in a 7A incentive program for redevelopment of commercial shopping centers. This program is similar to the 6B incentives for industrial property development/redevelopment.

The CEDC is planning a manufacturer’s “camp” in conjunction with Streamwood High School, offered over spring break week, specifically targeting the industrial arts students.

Public Works Director Matt Mann and Engineer Alex Riegler provided information regarding the Emerald Ash Borer and its effect on the Village’s trees. Approximately 3,500 infested trees are on Village property or in the parkways and rights-of-way. Starting in 2011, trees have been removed; removal of all 3,500 should be done by 2016. Replanting is following and replacement trees for those removed should be completed by 2017. Contractors have been hired to assist Public Works with the removal and replanting; additional outside contractors may be needed as the branch pickup and chipping has been overwhelming, especially when a resident removes entire trees from their private property and all of the material is at the curb. Residents have been seeking information regarding their private trees and removal recommendations. The 50-50 tree replacement program allows residents to purchase a tree at full price and have it installed on their private property. The Village is providing the replacement parkway trees at no cost to the resident.

A survey was requested through Northwest Municipal Conference and Morton Arboretum regarding how other municipalities are handling the EAB tree removal, replacement, etc., and any funding available for residents. It was found that only three communities offer any type of financial assistance, and those are entitlement communities that receive federal funding and two of those also had programs in place for years – going back to the Dutch Elm disease blight in the late 1960s and early 1970s. All are income-eligible programs providing a small financial assist to a resident for tree removal on private property.

Senior Accountant Josh Peacock stated the Village’s contract for refuse and recycling will be ending June 30, 2015. He reviewed some new potential options proposed by Advanced Disposal, the Village’s contract provider for the past 10 years (2 contracts) including the use of trash and recycling totes provided to residents on an “opt out” basis. He stated 25% of the village’s account holders currently rent the totes on a monthly basis. This contract and options will be discussed at a workshop early in 2015.

Deputy Police Chief Ed Valente reviewed the concerns for residents financially unable to properly maintain their property, and sometimes their person. He stated Social Worker Karyn

Woolsey works with the individuals and determines the options available. DC Valente stated that Hanover Township has a one time “crisis intervention” funding of \$500, but this is income-restricted and can only be utilized once in 18 months’ time. In addition, the individual must be sustainable financially going forward.

Northwest Housing Partnership is going to be receiving CDBG funds from Cook County for use in the northwest suburbs; specific guidelines and criteria will be forthcoming.

Ms. Caddigan reviewed current leadership development within departments and also provided statistics regarding the turnover within departments, particularly at the leadership level, over the past four years. She stated that additional training opportunities are being sought and provided to allow newer employees to grow within their positions, as well as leadership training for those who have been promoted into new positions. She also cited an aging workforce, and anticipates additional significant turnover within the next several years.

Board and staff took a short break from 9:17 p.m. to 9:27 p.m.

Mr. Young reviewed the Board’s ongoing goals and the proposed 2015 goals. The Board will meet for budget workshops on Thursday, October 9 and 23, 2014.

Trustee Harper moved to adjourn the Workshop. Trustee Baumer seconded the motion. A voice vote approved the adjournment. The workshop adjourned at 9:47 p.m.

Billie D. Roth
Village President

Kittie L. Kopitke
Village Clerk

Approved this 16th day of October 2014.