



**THE VILLAGE OF HAWTHORN WOODS
SPECIAL VILLAGE BOARD MEETING MINUTES
MARCH 5, 2007
7:30 P.M.**

I. CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL

The special meeting was called to order by Mayor Hunt at 7:42 p.m. in the Village Hall, 2 Lagoon Drive, Hawthorn Woods, IL 60047.

Roll Call indicated the following members were present: Mayor Hunt; Trustees Silvers, Gehrke, Riess, Wright and Weick.

Also attending were Village Administrator Jim Krischke, Finance Director Nancy Caine, Village Engineer Chris Burke and Village Executive Assistant Denise Kauffman.

II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

III. OPPORTUNITY FOR THE PUBLIC TO ADDRESS THE BOARD

IV. PUBLIC HEARING

V. REPORTS BY VILLAGE OFFICIALS

A. Comments by Village Board Members

1. Appointment of Susy Rein as Committee Chairperson for the Zoning Board of Appeals and Planning Commission – Motion by Trustee Riess, seconded by Trustee Wright to approve the nomination.

Voice Vote: Ayes: 5 Nays: 0 Absent: 0 Motion approved.

2. Appointment of an additional Plumbing Inspector, Carl Ullrich. A motion was made by Trustee Gehrke, seconded by Trustee Silvers to approve his appointment. Trustee Riess proposed that the nomination be tabled. The Board asked Mr. Ullrich to come forward and present his credentials and answer questions. Mr. Ullrich began in the plumbing business in 1967 and is a licensed plumber, currently retired. He owned a company for 25 years. He discussed sump pumps, air tests and corrugated drain tile. He said the role of a plumbing inspector is to look for compliance with the code and to not allow

unlicensed plumbers on a job site. He would do all the work himself as the inspector. Administrator Krischke noted that work between inspectors would be split according to odd or even number permits and there is a great deal of work coming this year. Trustee Gehrke pointed out this is just an additional resource for the Village.

Motion to table the appointment of Carl Ullrich was made by Trustee Riess and seconded by Trustee Wright.

Roll Call Vote on that Motion:

Ayes: Weick, Wright, Riess

Nays: Gehrke, Silvers, Mayor Hunt

Motion fails.

Motion to concur with appointment of Carl Ullrich was made by Trustee Gehrke and seconded by Trustee Silvers.

Roll Call Vote on that Motion:

Ayes: Gehrke, Silvers, Mayor Hunt

Nays: Weick, Wright and Riess

Motion Fails

Mayor Hunt made an interim appointment of 30 days for Carl Ullrich and asked that the appointment be put on the March 19 Board Meeting Agenda.

VI. NEW BUSINESS

A. Aquatic Center – Administrator Krischke discussed update and current budget as presented in packet by Finance Director Nancy Caine. Discussion of costs not included in original projected costs. A Trustee comment question and answer period followed. Mayor Hunt discussed a splash pad as opposed to a sand play lot. Discussion of phasing in the splash pad concluded that the savings to do so would only be about \$10,000 as the plumbing and concrete needs to be completed at construction and the only part to “phase in” would be the spray pods. Landscape presentation will be on the March 19 agenda by Pamela Self Landscape Architecture, Ltd. A discussion of phasing in landscaping as a cost saving measure was discussed. Pamela Self advised that perennials and ornamentals will be used and recommended not phasing this in. She recommended not phasing in anything in the pool area, but said the berm to Midlothian could possibly be phased in. Some landscape planned has utility and function and should not be phased in. Pamela Self said getting the trees in as soon as possible is important and the ornamental grass is not available until June. It was discussed that there is a tremendous coordination between building and landscaping and phasing in landscaping is not an option to complete the project on schedule.

The Board asked Kim Lynch if there is any other major cost that she could foresee coming up for construction. Kim Lynch replied that only life safety features may be missing and those would come out of the operating budget. She said it is possible to phase-in the costs for deck chairs. She also mentioned doing a towel service or having a guest shop as revenue makers.

Trustee Silvers asked the Board what is the cap on spending for the Aquatic Center. Discussion among the Board was that there should be a \$5.9 million cap on add-on spending, setting 6% as contingency fees.

Discussion was held on hosting a groundbreaking ceremony for the Aquatic Center and publicity and membership sale promotion.

Trustees also asked to be provided a weekly update on the construction progress. Lee Burke from Chris Bell has been doing this weekly and it will be shared with the Board.

- B. Phone System Proposal – Trustee Riess said that of the three proposed systems, two were very similar – Blue Wire and N. Illinois Telecom. Discussion of these two proposals comparing them to each other and N. Illinois was not considered as a match for the Village’s needs. That led to a comparison between Blue Wire and Black Box Companies. Blue Wire has built in fax capability at every desk top and dedicated training, whereas the Black Box proposal would require the Village to buy phones, there was no special carrier rate, no server and there would be a need to recable the Village Hall at a cost of \$6,000. Blue Wire services allow for upgrading the village phone system w/out as much cost. There is a net operating expense with Blue Wire of \$120 increase per month.

Motion made by Trustee Riess to accept leased service with Blue Wire for 60 months with buyout, seconded by Trustee Wright.

Roll Call Vote:

Ayes: Weick, Wright, Gehrke, Silvers, Riess

Nays: 0

Motion carries.

VII. ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Riess, seconded by Gehrke to adjourn the Special Meeting. There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 10:01 p.m.

Voice Vote:

AYES: 5

Nays: 0

Absent: 0

Motion Carried.

Reported By: _____
Denise Kauffman, Village Executive Assistant

Approved at the regular meeting on _____.