



**THE VILLAGE OF HAWTHORN WOODS
VILLAGE BOARD MEETING
2 LAGOON DRIVE, HAWTHORN WOODS, ILLINOIS
FEBRUARY 18, 2008
7:30 P.M.**

MEETING MINUTES

I. CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Hunt at 7:34 pm in the Village Hall, 2 Lagoon Drive, Hawthorn Woods, Illinois.

Roll Call indicated the following members were present: Mayor Hunt, Trustees Riess, Morgan, Gehrke, Weick. Trustee Silvers arrived at 7:36 pm. Trustee Wright was excused absent.

II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Mayor Hunt and Trustees were joined by two Cub Scouts from Pack 92 who led the assembly in the Pledge of Allegiance. Following the Pledge of Allegiance, a moment of silence was observed for the victims and families of the students shot last week at Northern Illinois University.

III. OPPORTUNITY FOR THE PUBLIC TO ADDRESS THE BOARD **

None.

VI. MAYOR'S REPORT AND ACTION ITEMS

- A. Presentation to Corporal Steven Andrew Saam – Mayor Hunt and the Board recognized Andrew Saam, resident of Hawthorn Woods, for his military service and four tours of duty in Iraq.
- B. Presentation to Cub Scout Pack 92 – 50th Anniversary – Mayor Hunt and the Board recognized Cub Scout Pack 92 from St. Matthews Lutheran Church on their 50th anniversary.

*** If you wish to address the Village Board, you may do so at this time; however, you must register before the meeting with the Village Clerk. If the item you wish to discuss is currently listed on the agenda, we ask that you wait to address the Board until the time that issue is being discussed.*

- C. Finance Committee Appointments – Mayor Hunt announced two new appointments to the Finance Committee – Kelly Corrigan and Jim Ketcham. Trustee Gerhke made a motion to approve the appointments to the Finance Committee and it was seconded by Trustee Morgan. On a voice vote, unanimous ayes.
- Motion carries.
- D. Motion by Trustee Gehrke and seconded by Trustee Weick to approve A Resolution Authorizing The Execution Of A Contract – Ron Heller – Interim Finance Director. Discussion included reviewing the terms of the contract including inquiries by the Board if there is a “minimum” hour provision, independent status and not being offered benefits, confidentiality agreement, on-site vs. off-site work, and insurance liability. Village is still continuing to search for a permanent Finance Director. Motion to amend the principal motion to approve the retention of Mr. Heller with direction to the attorney to make the changes that were discussed tonight and have the final ready for approval at the next meeting made by Trustee Gehrke and seconded by Trustee Morgan. On a voice vote of the amendment, all ayes, motion passes. On the principal motion as amended, roll call vote:
Ayes: Riess, Silvers, Morgan, Gehrke, Weick
Nays: none
Abstain: none
Absent: Wright
Motion passes
- E. Motion to approve and execute the grant application made by Trustee Gehrke and seconded by Trustee Morgan for the IDNR Grant And A Resolution For A Grant Application To The Illinois Department Of Natural Resources – Recreational Trails Grant Programs – Bike Path Grant. Discussion included a presentation by Lee Fell of CBBEL on the bike path plan and the grant application cycle. Fell said that the grant application can be submitted yearly and awards of grants are made in the Fall. Grant applications are ranked on the cost and cost-benefit and if awarded the Village has two years to spend the grant money if it is awarded. The Village applied for the IDNR last year and did not receive it. Grant applications are looked at each year. The Village didn’t receive the grant last year because there was not a cost benefit due to lack of development down the Midlothian Corridor, but the Village has the Aquatic Center and Heritage Oaks Park now in that corridor. \$685,000 is total for construction and engineering of the plan as presented. There was discussion among the Trustees on spending money for a grant. Trustee Gehrke pointed out that if the Village does not apply they will get no money. Trustee Weick discussed that she felt it was inappropriate to apply for a matching grant that would cost the village over \$250,000 to implement when the village is laying people off from work. Her concern was the cost of the project even if we

received the grant because of the matching funds. Trustee Gehrke said the worst thing that can happen here is that the Village turns back money and the Village should be forward thinking enough to apply for this grant. Discussion included putting off applying for another year. Mayor Hunt pointed out that the Board authorized CBBEL to prepare this application and it would now be a waste of money to not approve the application for submission.

Roll Call Vote:

Ayes: Morgan, Gehrke

Nays: Riess, Silvers, Weick

Absent: Wright

Abstain: none

Motion fails.

- F. EJ&E Update – Mayor Hunt provided an update on the community meeting held last week at Lake Zurich High School co-hosted by Congressman Mark Kirk and Congresswoman Melissa Bean. It was a forum for public to submit comments. Mayor Hunt announced that Phil Lagro had been asked to act as the liaison for the Village on the issue of the EJ& E Railway being sold to the Canadian National Railway. Phil Lagro made comments that included that he feels the CN representatives at the meeting at the high school had “deaf ears” and the comments were dismissed by Canadian National. Lagro also said he feels our elected officials are all sincere in efforts to help with this problem.

V. CONSENT AGENDA

Items C, D, E and L were removed from the Consent Agenda.

Items remaining on the Consent Agenda include:

- A. Minutes of the Regular Meeting – January 22, 2008
- B. Minutes of the Special Meeting – January 22, 2008
- F. Open Invoice Listing Dated February 14, 2008
- G. Paid Invoice Listing Dated February 14, 2008
- H. A Resolution Authorizing The Execution Of A Contract – Family Services of South Lake County
- I. A Resolution Authorizing The Mayor And Village Clerk To Execute A Certain Utility Easement Agreement – Lake Zurich Rural Fire Protection District –
- J. A Resolution Authorizing The Removal Of Finance Director From Bank Accounts And Adding Village Administrator.
- K. Letter Of Credit Reduction Request – Donations – Hawthorn Ridge
- M. A Resolution In Recognition Of Corporal Steven Andrew Saam
- N. A Resolution Acknowledging Cub Scout Pack 92 – 50th Anniversary

Motion by Trustee Riess and seconded by Trustee Morgan to approve the Consent Agenda.

Roll Call Vote:

Ayes: Riess, Silvers, Morgan, Gehrke, Weick.

Nays: none

Abstain: none

Absent: Wright.

Motion passes.

- C. Minutes of the Special Meetings – April 23, 2007, May 7, 2007, May 10, 2007, May 14, 2007, May 16, 2007, May 23, 2007, May 30, 2007, June 4, 2007, June 11, 2007, June 26, 2007, August 9, 2007, August 27, 2007 and September 17, 2007
- D. Minutes of the Regular Meetings – July 23, 2007 and October 15, 2007
- E. Minutes of the Town Hall Meetings – October 16, 2007 and October 23, 2007

Motion by Trustee Riess to table approving the minutes from these meetings until the next Village Board meeting and seconded by Trustee Silvers. Discussion included Trustee Riess asking for more time to review the minutes. In an effort to conserve paper, it was agreed that copies of the minutes didn't need to be re-printed and passed out in the packets for next meeting that Trustees would retain the copies supplied tonight.

On a voice vote, ayes 4 and one nay. Motion carries.

- L. Motion by Trustee Gehrke and seconded by Trustee Riess to approve a resolution Authorizing The Acceptance of Certain Required Improvements For Hawthorn Woods Country Club.
Discussion included Trustee Morgan bringing up some concerns of the Recreation Committee. Tom Good said that in the improvement agreements that \$15 million in funds is being held to secure guarantees. Jim Hepler from Toll said he is confident that improvements ok, will know in the Spring. Lee Fell and Christopher Burke concur with that.

On a voice vote, ayes unanimous, no nays. Motion carries.

VI. ITEMS FOR SEPARATE ACTION

- A. Motion by Trustee Weick and seconded by Trustee Gehrke to approve an Ordinance Amending The Village Code Of The Village Of Hawthorn Woods – Title 9, Chapter 3, Adding A New Section 9-3-15 – Portable Storage Units And Dumpsters; Amending Title 11, Chapter 1, Adding A New Section 11-1-1K – Permit Fees.

Roll Call Vote:

Ayes: Riess, Silvers, Morgan, Gehrke, Weick

Nays: none

- B. Motion by Trustee Riess and seconded by Trustee Gehrke to approve an Ordinance Amending The Village Code Of The Village Of Hawthorn Woods – Title 11, Section 11-1-1E. Fees, Motor Vehicle Licenses.

Roll Call Vote:

Ayes: Riess, Silvers, Morgan, Gehrke, Weick

Nays: none

Absent: Wright

Abstain: none

Motion carries.

- C. Motion by Trustee Gehrke and seconded by Trustee Morgan to direct the Village Attorney to draft an ordinance Granting Final Planned Unit Development Plan And Plat Approval And Related Matters - Hawthorn Woods Country Club Phase 6 – 24.59 Acres On The North And South Sides Of Schwerman Road, 3,500 Feet West Of Gilmer Road.
On a voice vote, unanimous approval.
Motion carries.
- D. Motion by Trustee Gehrke and seconded by Trustee Weick to approve the Repeater Expense For Radio Tower And A Resolution Authorizing The Execution Of A Contract – Sikich – Cy Pres Grant Auditing Services.
Discussion included a summary that the Board is approving two conditions on this vote – there is a \$10,000 shortfall on the line item and this would authorize the expense and as a condition of the grant, the audit will cost about \$1,000. Chief Paulus said that it basically comes down to spending \$10,000 to \$11,000 now or \$30,000 later. The money will be coming to the Village next month and has to be spent. Mayor Hunt asked if the project can be done in phases. Chief Paulus was not sure and she would check to see if it can be done in phases. The Board asked Chief Paulus if we need it and she said yes for officer's safety. Mayor Hunt asked if it was more for convenience for when they are not in the car – and Chief Paulus said anytime an officer is out of the car it is a safety issue. Chief Paulus said no money was budgeted at this point for the \$12,000 expense and Chief Paulus also said this is the most important thing right now, even more important then getting an officer back. Chief Paulus also suggested that the DUI money account could be used. Discussion included having Chief Paulus look into the possibility of doing this in phases and bring it back before the Board at a special meeting that is scheduled for March 4th.
Motion by Trustee Weick to amend the motion to approve and instead table considering the repeater expense until the March 4 meeting and seconded by Trustee Gehrke.
On a voice vote, 4 ayes and one nay, Trustee Silvers.
Motion passes and item tabled to March 4.
- D. 2008 SSA Program - Landscaping presentation by Lee Fell of Christopher Burke Engineering. He discussed two options for completing the six islands. Option One would cost the Village \$119,176 and work would all be contracted to Staples or Option Two would allow Public Works to work with Staples to complete some of the work. Option Two would cost \$96,202 at a savings of a little under \$23,000. Public

Works Director Maiworm said that he is confident and comfortable that the PW staff can do this work.

Motion by Trustee Gehrke and seconded by Trustee Morgan to approve Option Two.

Roll Call Vote:

Ayes: Riess, Silvers, Morgan, Gehrke, Weick

Nays: none

Absent: Wright

Abstain: none

Motion carries.

VII. REPORTS BY VILLAGE OFFICIALS

- A. Parks and Recreation -----*Neil Morgan*
- B. Environmental Committee -----*Steve Riess*
Trustee Riess presented to the Board the insert on Dutch Elm Disease that he would like included with the next Village newsletter.
- C. Zoning Board of Appeals-----*Keith Hunt*
- D. Plan Commission ----- *Keith Hunt*
- E. Architectural Review Commission -----*Cliff Wright*
- F. Finance Committee -----*Jim Silvers*
- G. Police and Public Safety -----*Joanne Weick*
- H. Water & Infrastructure Committee-----*Greg Gehrke*

VIII. VILLAGE ADMINISTRATOR AND STAFF REPORTS

- A. Red Speed Illinois Presentation –Jason Chorazy was in attendance to discuss the issue of red light cameras. Discussion included safety and security issues, the products to be used, the benefits to the Village, possible intersections to house the cameras – Gilmer and Midlothian or Old McHenry and Midlothian. It was discussed that it would take about 4 months to get permits from IDOT and it would be 6 months after Village approval to get the cameras operational. At no time does the Village have to come up with money upfront for project. Chief Paulus would review the tape before sending the tickets. There would be a plateau in number of tickets generated and then about a 40% reduction over time.
- B. Financial Update -- Financial update deferred to March 4 meeting.

IX. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Trustee Gehrke asked for an update on the Glennshire water situation. CBBEL will be at a meeting on next Monday to get an update. The County is in the design process.

X. NEW BUSINESS

None.

XI. EXECUTIVE SESSION

Motion by Trustee Gehrke and seconded by Trustee Morgan to adjourn to Executive Session to discuss pending litigation and employee matters.

On a voice vote, all ayes.

Mayor Hunt announced that no new business would be entertained after returning from Executive Session. The Board adjourned to Executive Session at 9:46 pm.

XII. ADJOURNMENT