



**THE VILLAGE OF HAWTHORN WOODS
SPECIAL VILLAGE BOARD MEETING
2 LAGOON DRIVE, HAWTHORN WOODS, ILLINOIS
NOVEMBER 26, 2012
7:00 P.M.**

MINUTES

I. CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL

Mayor Mancino called the meeting to order at 7:09 p.m. Roll call indicated the following members were present: Mayor Mancino, Trustees Ponzio, Riess and Corrigan. Absent were Trustees Morgan, DiMaggio and David.

Also present were Chief Operating Officer Pamela Newton, Chief Administrative Officer and Village Clerk Donna Lobaito, and Chief Financial Officer Kristin Kazenas

II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

III. PUBLIC HEARING ON THE ELECTRIC AGGREGATION PLAN OF OPERATIONS AND GOVERNANCE

Motion by Corrigan, second by Ponzio to open the public hearing on the electric aggregation plan of operations and governance.

Voice vote.

Ayes:	4
Nays:	0
Absent and not voting:	3

Motion carried.

Mr. Larry Shover, NIMEC, was introduced to the Board. Mr. Shover acknowledged that in November the residents of Hawthorn Woods authorized the Village to move forward in securing better pricing for electricity for those who decide to participate. Bids will be sought by NIMEC on behalf of the Village with no obligation of the Village to accept any if the pricing is not better than the current pricing structure with ComEd. Mr. Shover stated NIMEC is paid by the supplier and that the Village controls the process.

Mr. Shover stated that by law ComEd cannot make money on the sale of electricity and that if the Village does find a different supplier to contract with, residents would still receive their electric bill from ComEd, but they would see the name of the electric supplier on their bill. Furthermore, Mr. Shover stated that once the new electric supplier is in place, it is still ComEd that will perform all maintenance operations.

Mr. Shover stated the goal is to go out to bid quickly so that residents can start realizing savings by March. Ms. Newton stated that ComEd worked with Hawthorn Woods to find an electric aggregation representative, and they support our efforts. She noted that currently, Kildeer and Lake Zurich, who are already realizing savings from electric aggregation, are receiving rates of 4.05 and 4.75 respectively.

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

Bev Matre, 1 Fox Hunt Trail – Ms. Matre said she is currently receiving ComEd real time pricing with a smart meter and saving 10% - 26% already, but still welcomes the benefits yet to be realized.

Eric Abbott, 28 Sequoia Road – Mr. Abbott thanked the Board for bringing this program forward for the benefit of the residents. He commented on various trends, such as smart energy and solar energy, and the fact that in years to come the incremental savings will diminish.

Trustee Corrigan spoke about the options available to the Village, such as green energy, which would have to be identified in our bid. With each variable added to our bid, the savings for energy cost is affected. Mr. Shover will get theoretical savings to the Village before the bid date.

John Maskel, 1 Fox Hunt Trail – Mr. Maskel asked about the three components to the ComEd bill and which one would be affected by electric aggregation. Mr. Shover said the electric supply portion, which amounts to about 70% of the bill may see up to a 40% savings.

Bill Zanchi, 7 Rosewood – Mr. Zanchi noted that it took him four months to convert to a separate electric supply. He asked what the anticipated notice time frame would be if someone chooses to no longer participate. He said he has to give 30 days' notice to drop, and that he has to be on ComEd to be included in aggregation. Mr. Shover said he would be considered automatically out since he is not currently with ComEd. He also stated that there would be no opt in/out penalties, which were a part of the negotiations.

Mr. Shover noted there would be one rate, with the savings being blended with summer and winter rates.

Bill Zanchi, 7 Rosewood – Mr. Zanchi asked if there was going to be a Village franchise fee associated with the program. Trustee Corrigan stated this was discussed by the Finance Committee, and the recommendation to the Board was that there would be no franchise fee. She said a straw poll of the Village Board indicates no franchise fee would be enacted. Mr. Zanchi also asked if the ComEd rate were to drop below the negotiated rate, would residents be able to go back to ComEd. Mr. Shover said yes by opting out.

It was noted that no response by our residents is necessary if they want to participate in the program. The only response on their part is if they want to opt out.

Motion by Riess, second by Corrigan to close the public hearing.

Voice vote.

Ayes: 4

Nays: 0

Absent and not voting: 3

Motion carried. The public hearing was closed.

V. ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Corrigan, second by Ponzio to close the Special Village Board meeting.

Voice vote.

Ayes: 4

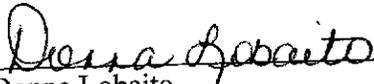
Nays: 0

Absent and not voting: 3

Motion carried.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 7:49PM.

Respectfully submitted,



Donna Lobaito
Village Clerk