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**MANAGER'S REPORT FOR OCTOBER 28, 2011**  
**GENERAL INFORMATION AND RESPONSES TO MAYOR & COMMISSIONER REQUESTS**

***Places to be this Week...***

**Tuesday, November 1, 2011** – The Village Council meeting will be held in the Village Council Chambers at 7 p.m.

***Future Calendar Reminders...***

**Tuesday, November 8, 2011** – The Village Council meeting will be held in the Village Council Chambers at 7 p.m.

**DuPage Mayor's & Managers Conference (DMMC) Membership** – The November 1 Village Council meeting agenda includes consideration of re-joining the DMMC. Commissioner Barnett requested that copies of the minutes of the Council meetings when this issue was discussed be provided. The minutes from the June 8, 2010 and July 6, 2010 Village Council meetings are attached.

**Code Enforcement Activity at Donegal Property** - The November 1 Village Council meeting agenda includes a discussion of proposed truck traffic restrictions on the streets near Donegal Construction. Staff anticipates that residents may inquire about the status of the Village's code enforcement efforts for Donegal. After several months of trying to achieve compliance with no success, the Village filed a six count complaint. Five of the six violations relate to failure to comply with Chapter 26 of the Municipal Code, the Stormwater and Floodplain Ordinance. The violations are:

1. Removal of vegetation and creation of impervious area without a permit.
2. Failure to provide functional stormwater facilities.
3. Failure to incorporate best management practices.
4. Failure to provide detention facilities.
5. Failure to provide sediment and erosion control measures.
6. Violation of a consent decree, by not meeting fence, landscape, parking and paved surface requirements.

The complaints were filed three separate times and all are anticipated to come before the field court judge for the first time this Monday, October 31st. The tickets were issued in advance of Donegal's submittal of an approvable site plan showing the required improvements. The permit for the work was approved on September 9, 2011, but not paid for and picked up until October 5, 2011. Work began soon thereafter and remains underway.

Neighbors recently notified police of trucks parked along Lacey Road. While not uncommon during a construction process, advanced permission is required and none was sought by Donegal, nor agreed to by Village staff. There appears to be adequate space on site to accommodate the movement and parking of all vehicles belonging to Donegal and the construction crew.

**Electronics Recycling** – Beginning November 5, 2011, the Village will begin offering on-going electronics recycling for residents on the first Saturday of each month from 9 a.m. to 12 p.m. in the rear parking lot of Village Hall. Creative Recycling, the Village's electronics recycling vendor for the annual recycling extravaganza will also provide this service. The event will be staffed by Creative Recycling employees, volunteers and a representative from the Village Manager's Office, and PSRT will be available for assistance as needed.

**Smart Grid Bill** – This week, the Illinois General Assembly voted to override Governor Quinn’s veto of the Smart Grid bill. The bill has now amended the Public Utilities Act to provide ComEd with a rate structure to upgrade and modernize its electricity grid. ComEd estimates that the rates will increase customer bills by approximately \$3.00 per month. The override was secured by passing a trailer bill, which made some changes to the original legislation including a reduction on the return on equity, funding for a low-income assistance program and clarifications to the financial penalties if ComEd does not meet performance standards. The complete package now includes the following:

- \$1.3 billion over five years for existing system refurbishment and upgrades, including \$200 million to reduce the potential of storm damage
- \$1.3 billion over ten years for the Smart Grid
- An increase in the percentage of renewable electricity used in the total supply
- Performance standards including
  - o Twenty percent improvement in the SAIFI index (measure of the average number of outages) for the Southern Region, within which the Village of Downers Grove is situated
  - o Fifteen percent improvement in the CAIDI index (measure of the average length of outages)
  - o Seventy-five percent reduction in the number of customers within the ComEd system whose service does not meet the reliability targets already established in the Public Utilities Act, which vary depending on the voltage but include standards for duration and frequency of outages

**North Platform Replacement Added to Belmont Project** - Metra received approval from their funding partners to add the replacement of the north platform at the Belmont Station to the project. The cost of this is just approximately \$330,000.

**Projects Receive Recommendation for Grant Funding** - The DuPage Mayors and Managers Transportation Committee meeting this week approved a recommendation for 2012-2017 Surface Transportation Program (STP) grant funding that includes four Downers Grove projects. These projects include one intersection improvement at 55th and Fairview, and three resurfacing projects:

- Main Street - Maple Avenue to 55th Street
- Fairview - 55th Street to 75<sup>th</sup> Street
- Dunham Road - 55th Street to 63<sup>rd</sup> Street

The total STP grant funding recommended for our projects in this year’s program is \$1,682,500 and these projects will be scheduled between the years of 2012 and 2017. The committee’s recommendations will be reviewed and acted upon by the full DuPage Mayors and Manager’s Board at their next meeting.

**Leak Detection Complete** - M.E. Simpson recently completed their leak detection work for the Village, which included a survey of the entire Village. A total of 12 leaks were identified which were estimated to result in the loss of a total of 113,000 gallons of lost water per day. The cost of the contracted work was \$34,950 and the estimated savings from eliminating the leaks is \$92,000/year.

**Street Sweeping** - Illinois Central Sweeping is scheduled to begin the second sweeping cycle on Tuesday, November 1.

#### **Pavement Patching for Utility Repairs**

Chicagoland Paving will in starting pavement restorations for water related work on Monday next week. We currently have 38 locations that need to be restored. The restorations should be completed by November 16th.

## ONGOING PROJECTS

### **Belmont Underpass**

The opening of the Belmont Road underpass to two lanes of traffic occurred on Wednesday, October 26<sup>th</sup>. The intersection of Hitchcock Avenue at Belmont Road was closed on Wednesday, October 26<sup>th</sup> in order to begin lowering the street to meet the new Belmont Road profile.

#### Work Performed This Week:

- Miscellaneous electrical work for the pump station and systems integrations.
- Completed the remainder of stage 1 asphalt.
- Forming and placing concrete for stage 1 curbs and sidewalks in various locations.
- Final grading behind curbs and sidewalks at various locations.
- Stage 1 landscaping work involving 6" topsoil and sod/seedling.
- Concrete staining and graffiti coating miscellaneous concrete structures.
- Stage 2 storm sewer work north of Prairie Avenue on the east side of Belmont Road.
- Erection of roadway and platform light poles.
- Moved to stage 2, opening one lane of traffic in either direction under the new bridge.

#### Work Anticipated Next Week:

- Removal of existing northbound pavement & excavate for aggregate subgrade south of tracks.
- Install sanitary sewer on the east side of Belmont Road north of Prairie Avenue.
- Install electrical/process piping equipment & paint walls, ceiling and process piping.
- Install structural steel for south pedestrian tunnel canopy & south stairwell canopies.
- Place concrete for sidewalk between retaining wall E & F walls and south platform.
- Information about the project is provided on the Village's and Metra's web sites.
- Percent Complete: 77%

### **Lot A (Warren Avenue) Retaining Wall Rehabilitation (P-012-11)**

Award Amount: \$86,800.00

Construction Duration: 60 days

#### Work Performed This Week:

Completed review of contractor's shop drawings.

#### Work Anticipated Next Week:

Saw cutting of retaining wall.

Percent Complete: 7%

### **2011 Roadway Maintenance Program, Street Resurfacing (B) Phase 2**

Awarded Amount: \$1,676,260.57

Contract Completion Date: 11/17/11

#### Work Performed This Week:

Curb and gutter removal and replacement operations continued in the Coral Berry, Downers Dr, Arrowwood and Buckthorn area.

Asphalt driveway replacement continued along Barneswood, Holly, Goldenbell, Venard (S), and Hickory Court.

Parkway restoration preparation continued along Barneswood area.

Surface course paving completed on Venard (N) and part of Pomeroy Road. Paving was interrupted by inclement weather.

#### Work Anticipated Next Week:

Concrete sidewalk work may be completed on Parrish and Wood / Belle Aire.

Curb and gutter removal and replacement operations should continue throughout the Coral Berry, Buckthorn, Arrowwood, and Downers Drive area and possibly Goldenbell and Venard (S) area the week of 10/31.

Parkway restoration preparation is planned to continue in the Coral Berry area.

Surface removal operations are scheduled to begin along Barneswood area and Oak Hill Ct 10/28 or week of 10/31. Base patching operations to follow.

Storm sewer work is planned to begin on 39<sup>th</sup> Street.

Surface course paving should continue the week of 10/31 on Hickory Court and 35<sup>th</sup> / Pomerory area.

- Percent Complete 60%

### **Lacey Creek (Sub D), 39<sup>th</sup> St., West of Saratoga, SW-075**

Review of the draft Drainage Improvement Study report was completed and the consultant is finalizing the design of the roadway improvements along 39<sup>th</sup> Street. The construction of these improvements is taking place as part of the 2011 Roadway Maintenance Program.

### **Street Light Replacement, Concord Square II**

Awarded Amount: \$31,930.52

Contract Completion Date: November 18, 2011

All of the street lights have been replaced. All wiring is completed. Restoration will be completed this week and next week.

- Percentage Complete: 75%

### **75<sup>th</sup> St Street Light Removal**

Project bid opening is scheduled for October 24th and will be on a future council agenda with construction planned to start this winter.

### **2<sup>nd</sup> and Cumnor Stormwater Improvements**

Award Amount: \$1,055,141.50

Contract Completion Date: November 4, 2011 (excluding restoration)

#### Work Completed This Week

Completed 3<sup>rd</sup> Street and Cumnor Road improvements

#### Work Anticipated Next Week

Complete 2<sup>nd</sup> Street roadway improvements

Begin pathway paving

Begin site and parkway restoration

- Percent Complete: 80%

### **Storm Sewer Replacement on Washington Street, Grant to Ogden**

Award Amount: \$304,765.00

Estimated Construction Duration: 60 days

#### Work Completed This Week

Installed curb at Washington Street and Sheridan Place

Removed traffic control and detour signage

#### Work Anticipated Next Week

Install pavement at Washington Street and Sheridan Place

Install sod

- Percent Complete: 93%

### **Prentiss Creek Sub E – Kensington Place**

Concept Design Award Amount: \$14,808.00

Concept Design Report completed. A meeting with representatives from the home owners associations was completed on October 18<sup>th</sup>.

### **Davis Street Storm Sewer**

Current Contract Amount: \$438,292.50  
Contract Completion Date: November 1, 2011

Work Performed This Week:

Completed installation of curb on both sides of Davis and Sterling.

Work Anticipated Next Week:

Install sidewalk on east side of Sterling  
Restore disturbed concrete driveways  
Begin restoring asphalt pavement on Davis and Sterling

- Percent Complete: 80%

**Lacey Creek (Sub G) Stormwater Improvements - 35<sup>th</sup> St between Saratoga and Venard**

Design underway. Staff is currently reviewing draft report and 50% plan set. Due to expected permitting delays, construction of project has been pushed to 2012.

**Streambank Stabilization - St. Joseph South Branch**

Design/Build contract amount \$387,750.00

A neighborhood meeting was held to discuss preliminary plans with the affected residents. Design modifications are currently being made, based on resident input, in anticipation of upcoming permit submittals. A pre-application site meeting with a representative from the Army Corps of Engineers has been scheduled for next week. A pre-application meeting with DuPage County Staff will be scheduled in the near future.

**Green Streets/Sustainable Water Program and Downtown Business District Water Quality Enhancements**

Design contract amount \$26,397.80

Bid documents for the pilot project are in the process of being finalized. A contractor will be acquired over the winter so that the project can be constructed as soon as the weather breaks, with vegetative restoration to follow immediately thereafter. Final report drafts have been delivered and have been reviewed for both the Downtown Business District and Green Streets portions of the project.

**Streambank Stabilization - St. Joseph North Branch**

Design/Build contract amount \$298,719.00

Project design continues in preparation for permit submittals. Village Staff is currently weighing options for a design modification.

**COMPLETED PROJECTS**

**SJN Sub B, Storm Sewer on Pershing Ave**

Current Contract Amount: \$364,112.00  
Contract Completion Date: September 30, 2011

Work Performed This Week:

Project closeout and punch list items

Work Anticipated Next Week:

Project closeout and punch list items

- Percent Complete: 99%

**2011 Fall Roadway Patching (ST-004D-11)**

Council Award Date: September 20, 2011

Award Amount: \$175,000.00

Construction Duration: 15 days

Work Performed This Week:

Completed paving operations.

Work Anticipated Next Week:

No work performed.

Percent Complete: 100%

**Storm Sewer Rehabilitation Project - Prospect Avenue Lincoln to Chicago**

Final punch list items being completed.

- Percent Complete: 99 %

**Washington Street/Sherman Street Stormwater Improvements**

Current Contract Amount: \$547,159.12

Contract Completion Date: December 19, 2010

Work Performed This Week:

Project closeout and punch list items

Work Anticipated Next Week:

Project closeout and punch list items

- Percent Complete: 99%

**2011 Roadway Maintenance Program, Street Resurfacing (A) Phase 1**

Awarded Amount: \$1,832,424.50

Contract Completion Date: 8/5/11

Contract Completion Date For Sod: 9/15/11

Work Performed This Week:

Minor sod punch list work ongoing

Work Anticipated Next Week:

Minor punch list work.

**Washington Park Stormwater Improvements**

Contract Amount: \$3,055,860.23

Project is Complete. The Park District has accepted the park improvements.

Village working with contractor to internally close out project.

- Percent Complete (per contract): 100%

**McCullum Park Stormwater Improvements**

Current Contract Amount: \$1,250,204.53

Project is Complete. The Park District has accepted the park improvements.

Village working with contractor to internally close out project.

- Percent Complete (per contract): 100%

**2011 Paver Crosswalk Upgrades (S-007-11)**

Awarded Amount: \$129,727.50

Contract Completion Date: August 5, 2011

Work started on July 11th.

Work Performed This Week:

Inspection of all 13 crosswalks with the contractor.

Work Planned for Next Week:

Completing contract close-out.

**2011 Replacement Sidewalk Program (S-006-11 & S-006-12)**

Awarded Amount: \$186,725.00

Contract Completion Date: August 18, 2011

Completing contract close-out.

**Maple/BNSF Railroad Grade Reduction**

Awarded Amount: \$365,469.28

Contract Completion Date: August 12, 2011

Percentage Complete: 100%

The intersection was completed and opened to traffic Friday, August 19<sup>th</sup>. All work has been completed, pending minor punchlist work.

**2011 New Sidewalk Installation Program**

Contract Amount: \$ 248,407.35

Contract Completion Date: August 22, 2011

Completing punch list items and contract close-out.

**SJN Sub B, Storm Sewer on Pershing Ave**

Current Contract Amount: \$364,112.00

Contract Completion Date: September 30, 2011

Work Performed This Week:

Project closeout and punch list items

Work Anticipated Next Week:

Project closeout and punch list items

- Percent Complete: 99%

**ATTACHMENTS**

Meeting Minutes regarding DuPage Mayor's and Managers Conference



# Village of Downers Grove Meeting Minutes Downers Grove Village Council

Civic Center  
801 Burlington  
Downers Grove, IL 60515  
630-434-5500

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Tuesday, June 8, 2010

7:00 pm

Council Chambers

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## 1. Call to Order

*Mayor Ron Sandack called the regular meeting of the Village Council of the Village of Downers Grove to order at 7:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers of the Downers Grove Village Hall.*

### Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag

*Mayor Sandack led those present in the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.*

## 2. Roll Call

Present: Commissioner Marilyn Schnell, Commissioner William Waldack, Commissioner Sean P. Durkin, Commissioner Bruce E. Beckman, Commissioner Geoff Neustadt and Mayor Ron Sandack

Absent: Commissioner Bob Barnett

Non Voting: Village Manager David Fieldman, Village Attorney Enza Petrarca and Village Clerk April Holden

*The Council meeting is broadcast over the local FM radio station, WDGC. In addition, a tape recording and videotape of the meeting are being made using Village owned equipment. The videotape of the meeting will be used for later rebroadcast of the Council meeting over the Village cable television Channel 6.*

*The Council will follow the rules of conduct for this meeting as provided in Sec. 2.5 of the Downers Grove Municipal Code. These offer the public the opportunity to comment at several points in the meeting. First, immediately following approval of the minutes of the past meetings, an opportunity will be given for public comments and questions of a general matter. If a public hearing is scheduled for this meeting, an opportunity is given for public comments and questions related to the subject of the hearing. Finally, an opportunity is given for public comments and questions on items appearing on the Consent Agenda, the Active Agenda and the First Reading.*

*The presiding officer will ask, at the appropriate time, if there are any comments from the public. If anyone wishes to speak, the individual should raise their hand to be recognized and, after acknowledgment from the presiding officer, approach the microphone and state their name and address. Remarks should be limited to five minutes, and asked that individuals refrain from making repetitive statements.*

*Mayor Sandack said there are agendas located on either side of the Council Chambers, and he invited the audience to pick up an agenda and follow the progress of the Council meeting.*

## 3. Minutes of Council Meetings

*June 1, 2010*

*There being no additions or corrections to the minutes, Mayor Sandack said they would be filed as submitted.*

## 4. Public Comments - General Comments on Matters Not Appearing on Tonight's Agenda

*Keith Hoffman, 1410 Golden Bell Court, provided the Council with an update on the Rotary Club GroveFest. He asked for volunteers, saying information will be posted on the website once*



band contracts are signed. He noted that a cross-section of restaurants have signed up to participate in the event. There are also 2-3 spots left for not-for-profit agencies. Mr. Hoffman indicated that a wide range of sponsorships are also being taken to help support the event. He indicated that they need the names of volunteers by Friday to forward to the Village. Interested individuals can register on site to serve as volunteers, or to request yard signs, which will be delivered and picked up by the Rotary Club. The website is [www.rotarygrovefest.com](http://www.rotarygrovefest.com)

Mayor Sandack thanked Mr. Hoffman for his update, saying that those who were disappointed with the Village's decision concerning Heritage Festival can be heartened by this event, which will be held from July 15-18. He is on the volunteer list and encouraged people to participate.

Commissioner Beckman asked for information about the yard signs. Mr. Hoffman said they have not yet been printed, but should be available within a week. They can be displayed 30 days prior to the event.

Commissioner Neustadt commented about reaching out to youth groups, and Mr. Hoffman responded that information was sent out to 6,300 students.

Bill Wrobel, 7800 Queens Court, commented that the Council is aware of his feelings regarding Change Order #4 for the McCollum stormwater project. He said it was a substantial amount of money.

Mr. Wrobel noted that he is a member of the Chicago Theatre Organ Enthusiasts group, which owns and maintains organs at Downers Grove North and the Tivoli Theater. He reported that Freddy Arnish, the organist at the Tivoli, recently passed away. He contributed greatly to the aura of Downers Grove.

## 5. Public Hearings

## 6. Consent Agenda

**BIL 00-04174** A. List of Bills Payable: No. 5832, June 8, 2010

**Sponsors:** Accounting

**A motion was made to Approve this file on the Consent Agenda.**

**Indexes:** N/A

**BID 00-04170** B. Bid: Award a Contract to Geneva Construction Company, Inc., Aurora, IL, for 2010 Resurfacing (B) Project in an Amount Not-to-Exceed \$1,843,543.38

**Sponsors:** Public Works

**A motion was made to Approve this file. Mayor Sandack declared the motion carried.**

**Indexes:** Roadway Improvements

### Passed The Consent Agenda

**A motion was made by Commissioner Schnell, seconded by Commissioner Beckman, that the consent agenda be passed. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Votes:** Yea: Commissioner Schnell, Commissioner Waldack, Commissioner Durkin, Commissioner Beckman, Commissioner Neustadt and Mayor Sandack

## 7. Active Agenda

**ORD 00-04153**

A. Ordinance: Authorize a Special Use Amendment for Midwestern University to Permit an Expansion and Addition to the Existing Parking Garage with a Variation

**Sponsors:** Community Development and Plan Commission

**Summary of Item:** This authorizes a special use amendment to permit an expansion and addition to the existing parking garage with a variation at Midwestern University.

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING A SPECIAL USE AMENDMENT FOR MIDWESTERN UNIVERSITY, 555 3 1ST STREET, TO PERMIT AN EXPANSION AND ADDITION TO THE EXISTING PARKING GARAGE WITH A VARIATION

ORDINANCE NO. 5 140

*Dr. Goepfinger, President of Midwestern University for the past 15 years, said that they have taken the campus from a run down site to one that is absolutely beautiful. There is a nationally known university with only high-level doctorate programs. The University is a huge economic engine for Downers Grove, with 2100 full time students. She noted that they met with neighbors, and only had two concerns expressed which were minor. They also have the support of the Park District, Pierce Downers Heritage Alliance, the Village staff and the Plan Commission. Dr. Goepfinger noted that the University has been told to come to the Village one project at a time rather than as a PUD. They need the Council's support regarding their request to provide additional parking spaces. They sponsor many special events on campus and experienced a shortage of spaces for their last event. They are happy to accommodate the Village's request for a PUD application. She invited the Council to visit the campus and asked them for their support.*

*Mayor Sandack responded to Dr. Goepfinger saying that the University is a good corporate citizen of the Village.*

*Commissioner Schnell commented that Midwestern University is a gem in Downers Grove and the Village is proud to have them as community members. She views her job as providing guidelines and a road to the future in Downers Grove. She expressed concern about a 28% variation, and that being used against the Village later. In addition, the size and bulk of the structure seems excessive for the space. She acknowledged special events, but she has to go by the traffic study and will not vote for this. She repeated that Midwestern University is a good neighbor.*

*Commissioner Waldack agreed that Midwestern University is a great corporate neighbor, but stated that is not how the Village applies special uses. He recognized that if there was a way to avoid the additional parking need, they would. He has no problem with the special use, and the lighting issue has been addressed. The problem with which he struggled concerns the R-1 zoning, and the setback requirement with the additional height. Commissioner Waldack said he will vote in favor of this, but he wanted to deny that an applicant can create their own unique problem and then obtain a variation. The site's uniqueness should not be created by the owner. He wished them luck.*

*Commissioner Neustadt said he appreciated Dr. Goepfinger's attendance last week and this evening. He agreed that building this one time and finding economics of scale is a good idea. He noted that their auditorium was used by the Village for a citizens' summit meeting. He also noted that when you walk along the eastern boundary of Lyman Woods you can see the campus from a totally different perspective.*

*Commissioner Beckman said that last week he was prepared to support this. He has listened to the comments from others, drove through the campus focusing on the parking garage and the size and impact of the addition. He thinks the parking garage will overwhelm the facility, with no vision as to why they will need 700 additional parking slots other than occasional events. He*

would feel more comfortable with a clearer understanding of the plans for the facility. At this point he cannot support this.

Commissioner Durkin commented that the applicant has gone above and beyond what the Village expects of any corporate neighborhood. The lighting and berming issues were addressed. There is overall support of this organization in the community. The issues noted are not enough to vote against this.

Mayor Sandack stated that he appreciated the comments of his colleagues and the relationship the Village has with Midwestern University. This is the kind of relationship the Village wants to see. The University campus is enclosed and they go out of their way to work with the neighbors. There has been no opposition to the petition and no one appeared to speak against the request. The Plan Commission voted for it. It complies with the Village's Future Land Use Map. He described Midwestern University as a proactive organization with a vision. This site is not in the form of a PUD, but is the type of development the Village ought to encourage and cherish and seek out in this environment.

**A motion was made by Commissioner Neustadt, seconded by Commissioner Durkin, to Adopt this file. Mayor Sandack declared the motion carried by the following vote:**

**Votes:** Yea: Commissioner Waldack, Commissioner Durkin, Commissioner Neustadt and Mayor Sandack  
Nay: Commissioner Schnell and Commissioner Beckman

**Indexes:** Special Use - Midwestern University

## 8. First Reading

**MOT 00-04171** A. Motion: Renew Membership Dues for the DuPage Mayors and Managers Conference (DMMC) for FY10-11

*Village Manager Dave Fieldman said this is a request to renew the Villager's membership dues for the DuPage Mayors and Managers Conference (DMMC). He stated that the \$37,000 dues provide many benefits for the Village including opportunities for professional networking, information access, and legislation status and updates. The Village has been a member since 1977. Mark Beloga, Executive Director of the DMMC, is present at the meeting.*

*Mark Beloga, Executive Director, DMMC, commented that dues are important for budgetary reasons, but it is just as important for DMMC to have Downers Grove on its letterhead. Based on an analysis done about ten years ago, if the Village were not part of DMMC it would have cost \$187,000 (or about \$200,000 now) to replace the services provided by DMMC. The DMMC administers the Federal STP funds for road projects, and Downers Grove has been awarded about \$11 million dollars over the period of its membership. Other benefits include preparation of a tax rate revenue survey; involvement in setting policies and working on various committees; serving as a primary link for municipalities to regional and state-wide links; legislative analysis and monitoring. Downers Grove has its own lobbyist, but the DMMC analyzes all legislation, which numbered over 13,000 pieces of legislation last year.*

*Commissioner Beckman inquired as to the size of communities the DMMC represents and how they balance the needs of varying sized communities. Mr. Beloga responded that there is more complex support to larger communities. They try to focus on issues of universal concern such as pensions.*

*Commissioner Schnell noted that all municipalities are looking at their membership dues, and \$37,000 is a lot of money in the Village's budget. The Village has received value over the years. However, she has heard from some of her colleagues concerns about the DMMC process and the direction the organization is taking. She suggested that Mr. Beloga meet with Mayor Sandack and the Village Manager to discuss the Council's concerns so that they can obtain the*

answers they need. She suggested this take place within two weeks, as it would allow for a better dialogue. Mr. Beloga said DMMC would make themselves available.

Commissioner Neustadt agreed with Commissioner Schnell comments and suggestion. He asked how DMMC is reducing its expenses in terms of salaries, etc. Items such as frozen staff salaries, and the reduction of subscriptions and memberships in other organizations are noted in Mr. Beloga's report. This is also what the Village is facing. He said he appreciates Mr. Beloga's availability and hopes to obtain answers to his own particular concerns.

Commissioner Durkin noted that he serves on the Budget and Operations Committee that reviews expenses. He indicated that this is a great accomplishment with a very small staff, and he has always been a big supporter of DMMC. He expressed a concern, however, about how decisions regarding Senate Bill 580, DuPage Water Commission, were made. He doesn't recall a poll in this instance and thinks that was a mistake. He doesn't want to vote to disband the Village's membership, but he feels that the Village, as a member, should have at least received a call with regard to that decision, and should get calls in the future about particular bills.

Mayor Sandack expressed his appreciation to Mr. Beloga for attending the meeting, and the Mayor said he supported Commissioner Schnell's suggestion. The Village has to find the value in everything it does and he would be happy to sit down and meet with Mr. Beloga and the Village Manager. He respects the organization and that the DMMC wants the Village as part of its membership. He said he looks forward to the discussion.

**Indexes:** DuPage Mayors & Managers

**ORD 00-04177** B. Ordinance: Amend Certain Fees Related to Liquor Licensing

**Sponsors:** Village Attorney and Liquor Commission

Mr. Fieldman said that staff has been involved in a year long effort to review fees and cover Village costs. The liquor fees set in 2009 covered all costs. He highlighted that one of the fines for sale to underage persons is set to discourage behavior.

Mayor Sandack said he and Commissioner Barnett both feel strongly about the need for uniformity and making the process user-friendly.

**Indexes:** Liquor Ordinance Amendments

**BID 00-04180** C. Bid: Award \$466,552 to Earth Werks Land Improvement & Development Corporation, Batavia, IL, for 8th and Cumnor Stormwater Improvements

**Sponsors:** Public Works

Mr. Fieldman asked Public Works Director Nan Newlon to provide the background information on this project.

Nan Newlon, Public Works Director, said that this is one of the Village's high priority Watershed Infrastructure Improvement Projects. She said this project concerns St. Joseph Creek Subwatershed I, which is about 50 acres, bounded by 55th Street, Florence Avenue, Williams Street, and Fifth Street. The general direction of flow is from north to south. The area to the east of Cumnor and north of 55th Street contains a depressional area with a history of flooding. Staff has conducted two public meetings on the project. She noted on an overhead the flooding locations along Cumnor between 6th to 8th Streets. She said the Village has regularly been pumping water from properties in that general area. She reviewed the improvements, saying the Village acquired four properties and will create a dry-bottom basin and construct pipe along Cumnor. Earth Werks was the low bidder, and has provided positive references.

The Mayor asked when the basin is to be done and Ms. Newlon responded on October 1, 2010.

Mayor Sandack said this is an area where the Village has historically heard complaints regarding significant flooding. The Village is responding appropriately in his opinion, and he is pleased to see that they received nine bids on this project. He is pleased also that this is happening for that neighborhood.

Bill Wrobel, 7800 Queens Court, said that this is a comparable project to the McCollum Park project. He asked that Public Works recognize the fact that there is concern about change orders, and he wants Public Works to assure that they stay within the budget.

The Mayor commented that the Village is well aware of the concerns. He noted, however, that there are unknown field conditions that occur which cannot always be foreseen or controlled. He told Mr. Wrobel that the Village will stay on it.

Commissioner Durkin asked if the Village has considered giving this to the Park District after it is completed. Mr. Fieldman said that staff has had on-going dialogue with the Park District. Commissioner Durkin asked for more information.

Commissioner Waldack referenced the list of projects of Earth Werks, and the 118 pages of detail provided by staff. He said that pinching pennies is difficult to do ahead of time. He appreciates the detail provided.

Commissioner Beckman said he developed RFPs in his career. With nine respondents and close bids, he feels comfortable with this bid.

**Indexes:** Watershed Infrastructure Improvement Plan, Stormwater Improvements

**BID 00-04178** D. Bid: Award \$1,013,093.21 to J. Congdon Sewer Service, Inc., Carol Stream, IL, for the 2010 Water Main Improvements

**Sponsors:** Public Works

Ms. Newlon said this is a grouping of four CIP watermain replacement projects, which were bid as one. This is for 3100 feet of 8" water main replacement, 80 residential water main replacements and approximately 10,000 square yards of pavement reconstruction and resurfacing. She reviewed the area to be worked on, noting that the Village received 11 bids and the low bidder, J. Congdon Sewer, has excellent references.

Commissioner Beckman said he saw a wider swing in the bids, but it was skewed toward the higher end.

**Indexes:** Water Main Improvements

## 9. Mayor's Report

### Materials to be Received

### Materials to be Placed on File

## 10. Manager's Report

## 11. Attorney's Report

Village Attorney Enza Petrarca said she was presenting one item to the Council: An ordinance amending certain fees related to liquor licensing.

### Future Active Agenda

## 12. Council Member Reports and New Business

*Commissioner Neustadt said that there will be a Model T and A car night this Friday at the car event. He also noted that today was his brother Matt's birthday.*

*Commissioner Durkin said that Commissioner Neustadt will be replacing him on the Downtown Management Board. He wished him the best, adding that it was a pleasure to serve on the Board.*

*Commissioner Beckman said that the Rotary Club has released a new website at [www.rotarygrovefest.com](http://www.rotarygrovefest.com). He said they can always use more volunteers and this is a way for residents to participate.*

*The Mayor announced the Woodgrove Relay for Life at Downers Grove North to raise money for cancer on Friday at 5:00 p.m.*

### **13. Adjournment**

*Commissioner Schnell moved to adjourn. Commissioner Beckman seconded the Motion.*

*Mayor Sandack declared the motion carried by voice vote and the meeting adjourned at 7:59 p.m.*



# Village of Downers Grove Meeting Minutes Downers Grove Village Council

Civic Center  
801 Burlington  
Downers Grove, IL 60515  
630-434-5500

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Tuesday, July 6, 2010

7:00 pm

Council Chambers

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## 1. Call to Order

*Mayor Ron Sandack called the regular meeting of the Village Council of the Village of Downers Grove to order at 7:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers of the Downers Grove Village Hall.*

## Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag

*Mayor Sandack led those present in the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.*

## 2. Roll Call

Present: Commissioner Marilyn Schnell, Commissioner Bob Barnett, Commissioner William Waldack, Commissioner Sean P. Durkin, Commissioner Bruce E. Beckman, Commissioner Geoff Neustadt and Mayor Ron Sandack

Non Voting: Village Manager David Fieldman, Village Attorney Enza Petrarca and Village Clerk April Holden

*The Council meeting is broadcast over the local FM radio station, WDGC. In addition, a tape recording and videotape of the meeting are being made using Village owned equipment. The videotape of the meeting will be used for later rebroadcast of the Council meeting over the Village cable television Channel 6.*

*The Council will follow the rules of conduct for this meeting as provided in Sec. 2.5 of the Downers Grove Municipal Code. These offer the public the opportunity to comment at several points in the meeting. First, immediately following approval of the minutes of the past meetings, an opportunity will be given for public comments and questions of a general matter. If a public hearing is scheduled for this meeting, an opportunity is given for public comments and questions related to the subject of the hearing. Finally, an opportunity is given for public comments and questions on items appearing on the Consent Agenda, the Active Agenda and the First Reading.*

*The presiding officer will ask, at the appropriate time, if there are any comments from the public. If anyone wishes to speak, the individual should raise their hand to be recognized and, after acknowledgment from the presiding officer, approach the microphone and state their name and address. Remarks should be limited to five minutes, and asked that individuals refrain from making repetitive statements.*

*Mayor Sandack said there are agendas located on either side of the Council Chambers, and he invited the audience to pick up an agenda and follow the progress of the Council meeting.*

## 3. Minutes of Council Meetings

*Council Minutes - June 15, 2010*

*Long Range Financial Planning - June 29, 2010*

## 4. Public Comments - General Comments on Matters Not Appearing on Tonight's Agenda

## 5. Public Hearings

## 6. Consent Agenda

*Mayor Sandack asked for a Motion to approve the Consent Agenda. Commissioner Waldack moved to remove item G, MOT 00-04150, a motion authorizing the Village's participation in the State of Illinois Joint Purchasing Program for Verizon Wireless Internet Cards, from the Consent Agenda for separate consideration. Commissioner Barnett seconded the Motion.*

*VOTE: YEA: Commissioners Waldack, Barnett, Beckman, Neustadt, Durkin, Schnell; Mayor Sandack*

*The Mayor declared the Motion passed and asked for a Motion to approve the Consent Agenda as amended.*

**COR 00-04190** A. Claim Ordinance: No. 5853, Payroll, June 18, 2010

**Sponsors:** Accounting

**A motion was made to Approve this file on the Consent Agenda.**

**Indexes:** N/A

**BIL 00-04191** B. List of Bills Payable: No. 5838, July 6, 2010

**Sponsors:** Accounting

**A motion was made to Approve this file on the Consent Agenda.**

**Indexes:** N/A

**BID 00-04185** C. Bid: Award \$68,433.50 to Wellspring Management, Ltd., Oak Park, IL, for Purchase of 35,000 Gallons of Geomelt Liquid Deicer

**Sponsors:** Public Works

**A motion was made to Approve this file. Mayor Sandack declared the motion carried.**

**Indexes:** Public Works - Standard Supplies & Services

**RES 00-04161** D. Resolution: Authorize a License Agreement with Chicago SMSA Limited Partnership d/b/a Verizon Wireless to Install, Maintain and Operate Antenna Equipment on Village Property

**Sponsors:** Village Attorney

**Summary of Item:** A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING EXECUTION OF A LICENSE AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE VILLAGE OF DOWNERS GROVE AND CHICAGO SMSA LIMITED PARTNERSHIP D/B/A VERIZON WIRELESS TO INSTALL, MAINTAIN AND OPERATE ANTENNA EQUIPMENT ON VILLAGE PROPERTY

RESOLUTION 2010-49

**A motion was made to Pass this file on the Consent Agenda.**

**Indexes:** Antenna Equipment, Water Tower - 2304 Maple

**MOT 00-04196** E. Motion: Authorize Change Order #4 for \$27,000 with Copenhaver Construction, Inc., Gilberts, IL, for the Washington Park Stormwater Improvement Program (SW-042)

**Sponsors:** Public Works

**A motion was made to Authorize this file on the Consent Agenda.**

**Indexes:** Washington Park



**MOT 00-04188** F. Motion: Approve the FY10-11 Budget for the Downers Grove Downtown Management Corporation

**Sponsors:** Manager's Office

A motion was made to Authorize this file on the Consent Agenda.

**Indexes:** Downtown Management Corporation

**MOT 00-04192** H. Motion: Note Receipt of Minutes of Boards and Commissions

**Summary of Item:** Library Board - May 26, 2010

A motion was made to Note Receipt Of this file on the Consent Agenda.

**Indexes:** Boards and Commissions Minutes

### Passed The Consent Agenda

*The Consent Agenda was passed as amended.*

A motion was made by Commissioner Schnell, seconded by Commissioner Barnett, that the consent agenda be passed. The motion carried by the following vote:

**Votes:** Yea: Commissioner Schnell, Commissioner Barnett, Commissioner Waldack, Commissioner Durkin, Commissioner Beckman, Commissioner Neustadt and Mayor Sandack

## 7. Active Agenda

**MOT 00-04150** G. Motion: Authorize Village's Participation in the State of Illinois Joint Purchasing Program for Verizon Wireless Internet Cards

**Sponsors:** Information Services

*Commissioner Waldack said this is for Verizon cards for the laptops. He is concerned about the number of these cards as there are over 100 of them. He said he would like to see the number and usage reviewed for savings.*

*The Mayor noted that this contract was higher last year and agreed with efforts to keep reviewing expenses.*

*Commissioner Beckman agreed that this should be managed, but said that is separate from the item before the Council tonight.*

A motion was made by Commissioner Schnell, seconded by Commissioner Barnett, to Approve this file. Mayor Sandack declared the motion carried by the following vote:

**Votes:** Yea: Commissioner Schnell, Commissioner Barnett, Commissioner Waldack, Commissioner Durkin, Commissioner Beckman, Commissioner Neustadt and Mayor Sandack

**Indexes:** Computers

**ORD 00-04184** A. Ordinance: Amend Parking Restrictions on Hillcrest Road

**Sponsors:** Public Works and Transportation and Parking Commission

**Summary of Item:** This amends parking provisions on portions of Hillcrest Road.

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING PARKING RESTRICTIONS ON HILLCREST ROAD

ORDINANCE NO. 5142

*The Mayor said this item was before the Transportation and Parking Commission, which*

*unanimously approved the motion for parking restrictions. The neighbors and the school jointly sought this action.*

**A motion was made by Commissioner Schnell, seconded by Commissioner Barnett, to Adopt this file. Mayor Sandack declared the motion carried by the following vote:**

**Votes:** Yea: Commissioner Schnell, Commissioner Barnett, Commissioner Waldack, Commissioner Durkin, Commissioner Beckman, Commissioner Neustadt and Mayor Sandack

**Indexes:** Parking Restrictions - Hillcrest

**ORD 00-04186**

B. Ordinance: Amend Parking Restrictions on Curtiss Street

**Sponsors:** Public Works and Transportation and Parking Commission

**Summary of Item:** This amends parking provisions on portions of Curtiss Street.

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING PARKING RESTRICTIONS ON CURTISS STREET

ORDINANCE NO. 5 143

**A motion was made by Commissioner Barnett, seconded by Commissioner Beckman, to Adopt this file. Mayor Sandack declared the motion carried by the following vote:**

**Votes:** Yea: Commissioner Schnell, Commissioner Barnett, Commissioner Waldack, Commissioner Durkin, Commissioner Beckman, Commissioner Neustadt and Mayor Sandack

**Indexes:** Parking Restrictions - Curtiss

**MOT 00-04171**

C. Motion: Renew Membership Dues for the DuPage Mayors and Managers Conference (DMMC) for FY10-11

**Summary of Item:** This authorizes renewal of the FY 10-11 DuPage Mayors and Managers Conference membership and submit dues in the amount of \$36,776.40.

*Mark Baloga, Executive Director, DMMC, thanked the Council for the opportunity to speak at this and a previous meeting. He said he has provided more information and is available for questions.*

*Commissioner Beckman asked if the DMMC has conducted an assessment as to whether the functions of DMMC could be more efficiently performed in a less costly space than the current building.*

*Mr. Baloga said the DMMC has looked at many options. Because they are in ownership of the building, it is far cheaper to stay at their current location.*

*Commissioner Barnett noted that in some of the supplemental information Council received there was a comment about the funding of the SB 580 efforts. He asked as the process for this. Mr. Baloga said there was meeting of the communities of the members of the water commission as an independent body. They decided on this matter to raise funds to work on SB 580 issues.*

*Commissioner Schnell said she has given this matter a great deal of thought. She said \$36,000 is part of a police or firefighter's salary or many other items cut from last year's budget. She is still not convinced her questions have been answered. She has been an active member of DMMC, but said she is not sure it is in the best interest of the community to renew this membership. She would prefer to look at this again in six months as to the effect of the loss of benefits. She noted that the long range financial planning process was difficult and anticipates the same for the budget process. She will vote against this item.*

*Commissioner Neustadt said he agrees with Commission Schnell's sentiments. She has an excellent perspective of DMMC's outreach to the community. This is a significant amount of money. He suggested suspending membership for at least this year. He said he knows staff uses*

*networking opportunities, but urged staff to pursue these opportunities through their individualized areas of interest. He will not be in support of this motion this year.*

*Commissioner Durkin said he echoes the comments of Commissioners Schnell and Neustadt, and he agrees with the budget issues raised. As he looks at expenses and other opportunities, he feels he cannot support renewing the DMMC membership at this time. He said it is painful to do this. He noted, however, that the Village has its own lobbyist and the return on our investment has been outstanding. Further, he said he feels that the DMMC will still represent Downers Grove. He noted that he was not pleased with the process of SB 580.*

*Commissioner Beckman said he made the motion for this item for the purpose of discussion. In the last year he made it a point to become more familiar with DMMC. He discussed receiving value vs. adding value. As a larger member, Downers Grove may be adding more value than we are receiving. He would like to review this in six months.*

*Commissioner Barnett said in this time of budget and renewed emphasis on value, he finds it impossible to justify continued participation in DMMC. While collective advocacy can and will, in the future, be useful, he has found very little with which he finds helpful and much that is borderline offensive and inappropriate. He felt the tone of DMMC at the Springfield drive down in 2009 was adversarial, which he feels was by design. He does not feel this benefits our residents and he does not want to contribute to that rhetoric. He discussed the DuPage Water Commission and SB 580. The process was wrong in his opinion and he cannot support it. Suspending participation is an opportunity to save money. Our duty is to be as frugal and efficient as possible. He plans to vote against this now and in the foreseeable future.*

*Commissioner Waldack said he supports continued membership. He noted that the Village spent the same amount of money on a lobbyist and on this membership. The efforts of the DMMC during the Springfield drive down involved a collection of municipalities lobbying to get action on pensions. We got support when we lobbied for the Belmont underpass. This success is due to collaboratively working with neighboring communities. He noted the list of accomplishments of the DMMC included in the packet. He said he has been a member of the transportation committee. The committees offer opportunities of which we can take advantage and is a good way to partner with our neighbors. He noted that the DMMC did not take a position on the DuPage Water Commission. He feels it is not appropriate to punish the DMMC by withholding our dues. He will vote in favor of this item.*

*Mayor Sandack said he has spoken with his colleagues and the Village Manager about this matter and was struck by the staff comments. He asked if we are getting value for our investment. He said his decision is not due to SB 580, which was a process issue. The Council did not take a position and let the process play itself out. It is his feeling that we are not seeing value for our money. He agrees to a six-month reprieve. He referenced the need for financial sustainability. Any expenditure has to add value and make sense. He said the Village has had varying degrees of participation in DMMC over time. It is appropriate to step back and look at this again at another time; this is a prudent, measured decision.*

**A motion was made by Commissioner Beckman, seconded by Commissioner Neustadt, to Authorize this file. Mayor Sandack declared the motion failed by the following vote:**

**Votes:** Yea: Commissioner Waldack  
Nay: Commissioner Schnell, Commissioner Barnett, Commissioner Durkin, Commissioner Beckman, Commissioner Neustadt and Mayor Sandack

**Indexes:** DuPage Mayors & Managers

**RES 00-04165**

**D. Resolution:** Authorize a Sales Contract with Smeal Fire Apparatus Co.

**Sponsors:** Fire Department

**Summary of Item:** This authorizes execution of a sales contract between the Village and Smeal Fire Apparatus Co. for the purchase of a 2010 Smeal 100' Rear Mount Platform Fire Ladder Truck.

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING EXECUTION OF A SALES CONTRACT BETWEEN THE VILLAGE OF DOWNERS GROVE AND SMEAL FIRE APPARATUS CO.

*Commissioner Schnell moved to table to a date uncertain this and the next item.*

*Village Manager Dave Fieldman said staff recommends considering the purchase of a new ladder truck after the October budget meeting in order to get a better understanding of the overall budget and Equipment Replacement Fund. The existing ladder truck is in service and will remain so until a decision is made and a replacement truck is delivered. Staff will continue to advise the Council and community of any issues pertaining to the operation of the truck.*

*Commissioner Waldack said no one disagrees with the need for the ladder truck; it is matter of when it should be purchased.*

*Mr. Fieldman said we have access to other trucks as part of our mutual aid agreements when our truck is not in service. Staff is comfortable with the decision to table this item.*

**A motion was made by Commissioner Schnell, seconded by Commissioner Barnett, to Table Indefinitely this file. Mayor Sandack declared the motion carried by the following vote:**

**Votes:** Yea: Commissioner Schnell, Commissioner Barnett, Commissioner Waldack, Commissioner Durkin, Commissioner Beckman, Commissioner Neustadt and Mayor Sandack

**Indexes:** Fire Department

**RES 00-04166** E. Resolution: Authorize the Sale of Personal Property Owned by the Village of Downers Grove

**Sponsors:** Fire Department

**Summary of Item:** This authorizes the sale of a Pierce 100' Platform Fire Ladder Truck.

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE SALE OF PERSONAL PROPERTY OWNED BY THE VILLAGE OF DOWNERS GROVE

**A motion was made by Commissioner Schnell, seconded by Commissioner Barnett, to Table Indefinitely this file. Mayor Sandack declared the motion carried by the following vote:**

**Votes:** Yea: Commissioner Schnell, Commissioner Barnett, Commissioner Waldack, Commissioner Durkin, Commissioner Beckman, Commissioner Neustadt and Mayor Sandack

**Indexes:** Fire Equipment - Sale of, Fire Department, Surplus Property

## 8. First Reading

**INF 00-04202** Community Events Commission Report and Recommendation

**Sponsors:** Community Events and Community Events Commission

*Mr. Fieldman said in November 2009 the Council directed staff to work with the Community Events Commission (CEC) to develop a report and recommendation for the operation of community events. Council had one stipulation - that the plan provide for the recovery of all Village direct and indirect costs. Staff recommends shifting from an operator model to a facilitator model. He noted that the Rotary Club is sponsoring GroveFest later this month and recommends no action be taken until after this event. The Community Events Commission will assess this event in August.*

*Mary Scalzetti, Director, Community Events, thanked the CEC for their knowledge and commitment. The CED concluded that the top three desired outcomes for hosting community*

events are: 1) Improve the local economy; 2) Provide entertainment; and 3) Provide community partnership opportunities particularly with not-for-profit organizations.

Ms. Scalzetti said Council's direction and the CEC's guidance results in a paradigm shift from an operator model to a "facilitation model." This will allow the Village to achieve the goal of recovering costs of community events. As "facilitator" the staff would review event permit applications and issue permits; provide certain required public safety services; provide other services and equipment as requested; provide consulting and training services; and provide community relations and marketing services.

Ms. Scalzetti said the proposed model will allow the Village to recover the full costs of facilitating events through the use of certain applicable fees, such as temporary use application fee, staff review and facilitation fee, Village services fee, Village equipment rental fee, and Village property usage fee. With respect to the property usage fee, the Village currently has the ability to charge up to \$1.00 per square foot for the use of Village property. Staff recommends that the property usage fee be charged only in cases where the use of public property would reduce revenue-generating opportunities for the Village.

Ms. Scalzetti stated that the Village would require the event operator to post certain securities to ensure that fees for services provided by staff will be paid and to cover any damage to Village property.

The proposed facilitation model offers the opportunity to not-for-profit organizations and local businesses to operate events consistent with the Community Events Commission's desired outcomes. The model would depend on not-for-profit organizations, either by themselves or partnering with businesses, to become "event operators." The Village would work with all applicants.

Commissioner Neustadt said he serves as Chair of the CEC. He is proud of the residents as they rose to the challenge set forth by Council. He thanked Ms. Scalzetti and the members of the CEC. This model captures the directive to recover all Village costs and allows for the community to still have events, which can be safe and allow not-for-profits to prosper. He said he looks forward to Rotary Club GroveFest and noted that Ms. Scalzetti has worked hard with them. He hopes it is the start of a long tradition.

Commissioner Beckman said he is comfortable with this recommendation. He has changed his perspective slightly as to the value and position of events such as Heritage Festival and its meaning to the community. He has looked at other communities and how they are handling economic changes and still putting on events. He referenced Lombard and a more shared model with community organizations. He hopes we will continue to be flexible and is anxious to see the outcome of GroveFest. He noted that Heritage Festival is not the only event affected by budget cutbacks. He asked as to feedback from the community with respect to other events.

Ms. Scalzetti said she has received no official comments about the parade. She said there was less money spent on the parade than in past years and staff searched for unique features to include in the parade.

Commissioner Barnett said he received approximately 12 unsolicited comments that were all positive and expressed appreciation for the parade. He referenced comments made last year with respect to budget cuts and events. What occurred was a structural change in cost. The Community Events Commission rose to the occasion. There is great optimism due to their efforts. He said the CEC did an excellent job.

Commissioner Schnell said every comment she received about the parade has been positive. She noted that the Car Show Friday night was a great event as well. Many people resolved to make the parade a positive event. The only concerns she heard had to do with the welfare of dogs due

*to the weather.*

*Commissioner Schnell said the CEC took Council's directive and came up with what could be a great model. She has questions to be reviewed after GroveFest. She noted that people are looking for free events close to home. The Community Events Commission did an exemplary job. It is a model that answered her concerns.*

*Commissioner Waldack noted that this is an information only item. He thanked the CEC and Ms. Scalzetti for the work they have done. He said they did a good job with the assignment although it was a bad assignment. He does not like the idea of events having to pay for themselves. Heritage Festival contained all elements that we face with all events. The Council dumped Heritage Festival during the budget process and did not talk to anybody. He hopes better planning will occur in the future. He was shocked that organizations came forward with proposals. He thanked them for their hard work. He said we are moving from an organizer to a facilitator model, but we are not facilitating anything. We regulate, but we are not making it easier to have events. We are adding hurdles and requiring that the Village recover all of its costs. He said we need to be cognizant of the economy as demonstrated by the parade. We are not making it easier, we are impeding. We are looking at this from an economic but not a community point of view. He referenced the 2009 Heritage Festival report and why we do events: Partnerships, volunteers and Village employees interacting with the community. It is a good idea for staff to move among the residents we serve.*

*As to costs, Commissioner Waldack said no one looked at the money it generated in terms of sales tax, local sales tax, and money spent by residents and non-residents which went to businesses and not-for-profits. We supposedly lost money in indirect costs. He said \$5.2 million was generated in transactions. If we continue, the Village will be for profit, selling our services to people who pay taxes. He feels we are going in the wrong way. We are community leaders and these are community events that generate money and interest.*

*Commissioner Neustadt said there was a vote last year to cancel or keep Heritage Festival and the result was 6:1 - he was on the losing end. With respect to regulating vs. facilitating, he extended an invitation to the meeting on July 22 to see how much facilitation, cooperation and partnership the CEC did with the Rotary Club and the Downers Grove Fine Arts Council. It is important to regulate; we need rules. Otherwise there could be a carnival everyday with no police or fire protection, and it would be very dangerous for our residents. Not-for-profit organizations will benefit from the event as will the other groups joining the event. He said he does not understand how this does not offer a model for events to continue in the Village. He said he felt Commissioner Waldack was wrong in some of his comments. He does not feel the Village or the Community Events Commission has impeded anybody or anything. There is an event next weekend in Downers Grove for Downers Grove. Events make money if they are run properly, if they are organized and if they follow the rules. People will spend money to attend and won't come if the event seems unsavory or unsafe. It is the Village's job to set policy to make this Village safe for everything. Next week's event will be fantastic and he said the Rotary deserves a lot of credit.*

*Commissioner Durkin said there were a lot of hurt feelings from last year's budget process. He suggested taking a step back and let the event take place and then review it. He said GroveFest will be a great event. He noted that the new format for the Ice Festival worked. GroveFest is a huge undertaking by a volunteer group and he thanked everyone involved. He also said he thought the parade was a huge success; the cannon was awesome. He looks forward to GroveFest.*

*Commissioner Beckman said it is premature to suggest that the direction of the Village is right or wrong. With respect to events, every community he looked at has a sponsoring organization, including Naperville and Lombard. Our model is not dissimilar to those of other communities. He suggested reserving comments to a future date.*

Mayor Sandack said he does not think anything good can be achieved from looking back. This recommendation is born from a policy decision. He congratulated and thanked the CEC and staff for their work. We have some successful examples of this model. He referenced the Friday Night Car Show, the Downers Grove Downtown Market, and this year's Ice Festival. These are community events the Village does not own. The Downtown Management Corporation ran the Ice Festival flawlessly. The Village had very little to do with these events other than to assist and facilitate them with public works, police and fire services. We have not impeded or over-regulated anyone; indeed, most Council members were not surprised when the Rotary Club and Downers Grove Fine Arts Council stepped up to apply to run an event similar to Heritage Festive. Council asked for residents' participation and received it. To condemn this process before seeing the next experience is premature. We are responsible for community events and have put forth a policy that utilizes the best of our resources in the most appropriate way and will continue to make changes that make sense. It is a disservice to look back. He feels this is a solid policy that makes sense. He noted that the Bonfield Express is also a self-funded organization. He said we have seen this model work and he remains positive. He intends to volunteer his time at GroveFest.

Commissioner Waldack said the final budget passed 6:1 and he was the opposing vote. He doesn't disparage the Rotary Club and GroveFest. He hopes it is a success. It irritates him that the Village charges for services. He looks forward to GroveFest and hopes he is wrong about the future. He praised the July 4th parade. He said he has a different view of community events.

Commissioner Schnell cautioned Council not to put so much pressure on the Rotary Club. She urged that they not be set up to fail. She thinks it will be a great event and a lot of fun, but it will have to be reviewed.

Commissioner Barnett said that Council, staff and the Rotary are anticipating some evolution of this policy. The unsettled question is whether we can say we've made a decision and can work through issues or whether we will look in the rear view mirror. He hopes that GroveFest causes this body to look forward optimistically.

Commissioner Beckman said this is the first time for this event. We have an old model, but it is gone and we are looking forward. He urged Council to be flexible to provide sponsors the ability to manage events on a year-to-year basis.

Ms. Scalzetti clarified that GroveFest will be held July 15-18.

**Indexes:** Community Events

## 9. Mayor's Report

### Materials to be Received

### Materials to be Placed on File

## 10. Manager's Report

**INF 00-04203** Village Council Meeting Format

**Sponsors:** Manager's Office

Mr. Fieldman said in January 2010 Council shifted to three meetings per month with an agenda that included a Consent Agenda, First Reading and Active Agenda. A review of the past six months under the new meeting format indicates that benefits of this meeting format have accrued and staff recommends that the Council continue to use the three meeting format.

**Indexes:** Village Council

**INF 00-04206** Darien Woodridge Fire Department Partnership

**Sponsors:** Fire Department and Manager's Office

*The Manager said this is a high priority item that staff began discussing in the Long Range Financial Planning sessions. He said the report is on the Village's website. He asked Fire Chief Jim Jackson to present the report.*

*Fire Chief Jim Jackson said in August 2009 staff began looking at sharing resources with Darien-Woodridge Station 2. This would entail closing Downers Grove Fire Station 1, taking Engine 1 out of service and running Ambulance 1, staffed by Downers Grove personnel, out of Darien-Woodridge Station 2. The goal was to improve operating efficiencies and reduce overlapping services. Staff developed a Joint Operations Committee to determine the feasibility of this concept and to research all operational aspects of this partnership. A thorough analysis revealed significant differences in the level of service currently provided by Downers Grove and Darien-Woodridge. Issues of concern are the lack of sufficient service on the west side of the Village. The Darien-Woodridge Station 2 engine is out of their district approximately 200 days of the year for training and call response. Another concern is that fire and EMS service levels on the south side of the Village may be compromised. Further, engine coverage on the west side of the Village may decrease. Chief Jackson noted that the Darien-Woodridge engine is ten years old and the proposed change in operation will increase the call volume for this engine by 193%, warranting replacement of the engine in the near future.*

*Chief Jackson said the fire departments are currently in negotiations to share services and avoid duplication. Staff recommends no action be taken at this time.*

**Indexes:** Fire Department

**11. Attorney's Report****Future Active Agenda****12. Council Member Reports and New Business**

*Commissioner Waldack said the July 4th parade was great. In terms of the fireworks, he quoted John Adams with respect to celebrating Independence Day to include "illuminations." He said he is glad Downers Grove participated in funding the fireworks as he feels we should celebrate this holiday. He hopes Darien participates next year.*

*Commissioner Durkin referenced the labor strike and the work stoppage that has affected many Village projects. He has received many phone calls, emails, etc. from residents on his street conveying appreciation of Village staff's decision to spend money to make his street passable. He said when the unknown occurs, the Village responds.*

*The Mayor said the July 4th parade was a wonderful event. It represents what the Council is trying to do and was done with a mindset to provide as much as we can with the resources we have.*

**13. Adjournment**

*Commissioner Schnell moved to adjourn to Executive Session pursuant to Section 2(c)2 of the Open Meetings Act to consider collective negotiating matters. Commissioner Barnett seconded.*

*VOTE: YEA - Commissioners Schnell, Barnett, Beckman, Neustadt, Durkin, Waldack, Mayor Sandack*

*Mayor Sandack declared the motion carried and the Council convened into Executive Session at 8:33 p.m.*