



## Meeting Minutes

Village of Downers Grove – Council Meeting

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Council Chambers

November 16, 2021

7:00 PM

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### 1. Call to Order

Mayor Barnett called to order the Village Council meeting at 7:00 p.m. and led those in the room in the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag. He explained the protocol for the meeting and the guidelines to submit public comment.

### 2. Roll Call

**Council Attendance (Present):** Mayor Barnett, Commissioner José, Commissioner Walus, Commissioner Kulovany, Commissioner Gilmartin,

**Council Attendance (Not Present):** Commissioner Sadowski-Fugitt, Commissioner Glover

**Non-Voting:** Village Manager Dave Fieldman, Village Attorney Enza Petrarca, and Deputy Village Clerk Emily Tompkins

### 3. Proclamation

- A. Small Business Saturday
- B. Giving Tuesday

### 4. Minutes of Council Meetings

**MIN 2021-9235-** A. Minutes: Village Council Meeting Minutes –November 09, 2021

**Summary:** Village Council Meeting Minutes –November 09, 2021

**MOTION:** *To adopt the meeting minutes of the November 09, 2021 meeting as presented.*

**RESULT:** *Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.*

**MOTIONED TO APPROVE:** *Commissioner José*

**SECONDED BY:** *Commissioner Walus*

**AYES:** *Commissioners José, Walus, Gilmartin, Kulovany, Mayor Barnett*

**NAYES:** *None*

### 5. Public Comment

Public Comments/Questions

David Rose, resident:

- Not in favor of political division or banning books.
- In favor of environmental sustainability and equitable sharing.

Dr. Gordon Goodman of 5834 Middaugh:

- In favor of Longfellow property preservation as a public site for community benefit.

**6. Mayor's Report**

Mayor Barnett: Thursday, November 26, 1789, President George Washington issued a proclamation for a day of public thanksgiving and prayer. Beginning in 1863, President Abraham Lincoln encouraged Americans to recognize the last Thursday in November as a day of Thanksgiving. In 1870, Congress passed legislation making Thanksgiving a National Holiday. In 1941, the House passed Joint Resolution 31 officially set the last Thursday in November as the National Thanksgiving Holiday. Through the years Americans have celebrated Thanksgiving in many ways, increasingly seeking ways to give back. With last week's hunger and homelessness proclamation read by Mayor Pro Tem Hosé; this week's small business Saturday; and giving Tuesday proclamations, the Mayor hopes people see a theme. All should take a moment this month to remind ourselves and others of the things for which we are thankful and be intentional in looking for ways to help others in our community.

**7. Consent Agenda**

**BIL 2021-9205** — A. Bills Payable: No. 6630 - November 16, 2021

**Summary:** No. 6630 - November 16, 2021

**COR 2021-9206** — B. Claims Ordinance: No. 6433, Payroll – October 22, 2021

**Summary:** No. 6433, Payroll - October 22, 2021

**MOT 2021-9207** — C. Motion: Authorize an Agreement with Compass Minerals America, Inc. of Overland Park, Kansas, at a Cost of \$56.78 Per Ton and a Not-to-Exceed Cost of \$115,831.20 for Snow and Ice Control via the State of Illinois

**Summary:** This motion authorizes an agreement with Compass Minerals America, Inc. of Overland Park, Kansas, at a cost of \$56.78 per ton and a not-to-exceed cost of \$115,831.20 for snow and ice control via the State of Illinois.

**RES 2021-9226** — D. Resolution: Authorize a One Year Agreement and Addendum with Allied Universal Technology Services in the Amount of \$34,596.00 for Security Systems Maintenance at Fire Station #2, Police Station **RES 2021-78**

**Summary:** This resolution authorizes a one year agreement and addendum with Allied Universal Technology Services in the amount of \$34,596.00 for the security systems maintenance at Fire Station #2, Police Station and the Parking Deck.

**MOT 2021-9229** — E. Motion: Approve a Contract with Progressive Mechanical Services in the Amount of \$58,885.69 for the Removal and Replacement of Key Components of the HVAC system at Fire Station #3, Located at 3900 Highland Avenue

**Summary:** This motion approves a contract with Progressive Mechanical Services in the amount of \$58,885.69 for the removal and replacement of key components of the HVAC system at Fire Station #3, located at 3900 Highland Avenue.

**MOTION:** To adopt all items on the Consent Agenda, as presented

**RESULT:** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

**MOTIONED TO APPROVE:** Commissioner Hosé

**SECONDED BY:** Commissioner Walus

**AYES:** Commissioners Hosé, Walus, Gilmartin, Kulovany, Mayor Barnett

**NAYES:** None

## 8. Active Agenda

No active agenda items.

## 9. First Reading

**MOT 2021-9165** - A. Motion: Estimate 2021 Aggregate Tax Levy for the Village of Downers Grove

**Summary:** This motion estimates the 2021 Aggregate Tax Levy for the Village of Downers Grove.

Village Manager David Fieldman presented. He explained estimating the 2021 Aggregate Tax Levy is the first step of many in the official State process that results in the property tax levy. There are many taxing bodies on the local tax bill and the Village accounts for just less than 10% of a typical tax bill in Downers Grove. The Village levies a total dollar amount to cover specific expenses that are enumerated in the proposed budget. The proposed levy for this year (2020) is technically the 2021 levy; which is collected in the following year and is proposed to be \$16.89 million; up \$1.1 million dollars from last year's levy; an increase of about 6.95%. This is driven entirely by increases in required contributions to public safety pensions set by State law. An increase of just under 7% in this year's proposed property tax levy. The likely impact on a typical single family home in Downers Grove would be an increase of just over \$51 for the year. Last year a typical home in Downers Grove paid \$736 a year in taxes and with levy that should increase to about \$787. This information has been presented several times already. Unless directed otherwise by the Council, it will continue to be presented until culmination and the adoption of the levy in mid-December.

### Mayor/Council/Public Comments/Questions

Mayor Barnett: This is similar information presented in a similar format throughout the years. For the average household the average tax bill breaks down to about \$2.15 per day cost. This is resident contribution towards services provided by the Village. The majority of revenue the Village uses to supply and provide services delivered is paid via other means. It is one of the reasons for economic development, permit costs, etc.

Dr. Gordon Goodman, returned to podium:

- In favor of additional benefits and services to residents along with increasing costs of pensions to residents. In favor of authorities of Village enriching the culture of the Village.

David Rose, returned to podium:

- In favor of what Dr. Goodman said.
- Requests staff layout fiscal scenarios moving forward in regards to safety pensions.

### Mayor & Council Comments/Questions

Commissioner Hosé: Many items go into pension obligations, Springfield controls those. Downers Grove Police Officers and Firefighters earn every benefit they receive; we have some of the best in the country and we should be very proud. What the State of IL has done to get into pension difficulties are things that the Village has never done. Village has made the required contribution every year because it is put on the property tax bill which is required by law. Culture of Downers Grove is a community of great people taking care of one another. Re-institution of having a Village Social Worker is a new benefit and example of what Dr. Goodman is speaking of.

## 10. Manager's Report

### A. [Forest and Prairie Update](#)

Director of Public Works, Andy Sikich presented the update regarding the intersection of Prairie and Forest. Located west of the traffic signal at Main and Prairie Ave. Initial temporary improvements installed in September; staff took follow up counts in October; staff presented findings on October 12<sup>th</sup>; Council directed staff to remove the barriers on Forest Ave. at Prairie and replace with a stop sign creating a temporary 4-way stop at the intersection. At the same meeting, Council also approved permanent all-way stops at Lee, Oakwood, and Saratoga; marked pedestrian crossings at Seeley; and a speed limit reduction to 25 mph. All of the physical changes were made October 22<sup>nd</sup>.

Staff took additional traffic counts with the following results:

- Traffic volume on Prairie has continued to decline and is at about 77% of pre-improvement levels.
- Speeds on Prairie remain significantly lower than before improvements.
- No crashes on Prairie since before initial temporary improvements were installed and there have been no reported backups onto Main St.
- Traffic volumes and speeds on surrounding streets have principally returned to pre-improvement levels.
- Traffic volume on Forest from Franklin to Prairie is slightly lower now than it was before improvements in September.

### Mayor/Council/Public Comments/Questions

Commissioner Kulovany: Asked what the speeds were prior on Forest from Franklin to Prairie, and what are posted speed limits on Franklin, Prince, and Saratoga.

Mr. Sikich: The 85 percentile speeds are in the 33 mph range. The block is a 20 mph zone. Prince and Saratoga are both 25 mph.

Dr. Gordan Goodman returned to podium:

- Asked if further changes are planned and what is status of project.

Mayor Barnett: Status of the project is that these stop signs remain temporary until directed otherwise by the Council who expects periodic updates.

Tom Schroder of 4815 Forest:

- Suggesting two speed bumps at the 4700 block of Forest; installation of barricades at Forest and Franklin to create a right turn only; a no right turn on Forest for traffic heading east bound on Prairie
- Supports additional four way stops along Prairie
- Suggests syncing traffic signals at Franklin & Main and Prairie & Main

Steve Scarlati of 4811 Forest:

- In favor of reducing volume and slowing speeding cars on 4800 block of Forest.

Vito Siciliano of 4808 Forest:

- In favor of solution to resolve: vehicles rolling through stop sign, turning left onto Prairie, speeding on 4800 block of Forest.

David Rose returned to podium:

- In favor of attending to Forest and Franklin as Tom has proposed.

Debbie Scarlati of 4811 Forest:

- In favor of helping drivers learn new behaviors regarding 4800 block of Forest and slowing speeding vehicles. In favor of syncing traffic signals at Franklin & Main and Prairie & Main.

Tom Schroder of 4815 Forest:

- Not in favor of 4-way stop by Franklin and Forest. Would cause backups.

Robin Rutkowski of 4730 Prince:

- In favor of speed bumps on 4800 block of Forest to reduce speeding.

David Rose returned to podium:

- In favor of stop sign on Forest and Franklin for west-bound traffic on Franklin. In favor of what Tom proposed.

### Mayor & Council Comments/Questions

Commissioner Gilmartin: Appreciates new numbers and counts, wants counts to continue for more data. Concerned with speeds on Forest and volume. Council needs to address until it is resolved; collect more data; look at other options.

Commissioner Kulovany: Asked Mr. Sikich for exact count numbers on Forest.

Mr. Fieldman: The two counts were 1299, 1358.

Commissioner Kulovany: Numbers down from 1600 to 2300. Council has been working to solve a number of problems; accidents at Forest and Prairie; reduce speeding on Prairie; unacceptable speeds and high volume on Forest. Difference in road surface on Forest and Prince in terms of noise. Dedicated to continuing working on speed reduction on Forest and a more reasonable volume level. Not acceptable to put traffic back on Prince. In favor of speed bumps to slow traffic. Favors moving vehicles to Main Street and syncing lights at Franklin & Main and Prairie & Main. Not in favor of 4-way stop at Franklin and Forest. In favor of Council to continue to work to divert cars off of Forest. Another reading will take place in December. The 4-way stop at Forest and Prairie has helped with sight line issues and may vote to make that permanent.

Commissioner Hosé: Would like to see volume on Forest drop more. Safety at intersection of Prairie and Forest for crashes and speeds top priority. Speeds on Prairie have declined. Need to address speed on Forest. Not in favor of physical barriers to Forest. In favor of physical change to narrow the street on Forest to reduce speeds. Interested in more information on speed bumps before making a decision on that. Process that requires time.

Commissioner Walus: Interested in continuing to pursue managing speeds on Forest. There are articles saying that speed bumps are and are not effective. Concerned with snow plow and emergency vehicle impact. Committed to figuring out solution to speeds on Forest. Another reading in December on speeds and volume and Council will continue from there.

Mayor Barnett: Council would like another round of data; information on speed bumps; any thoughts of staff regarding speeds on Forest. For now signs will stay and will take another round of data.

Mr. Fieldman: Staff looks forward to doing that work for Council and the community. Would like to recess to the Committee Room for Item B of the Manager's Report (Facilities Replacement and Sustainability Plan) after the reports on the agenda.

### B. [Facilities Replacement and Sustainability Plan](#) – Committee Room Dialogue

Village Deputy Mayor Mike Baker presented agenda for the discussion including background information; the Schedule; the budget and financial plan. Background: 90+ year old Village Hall, 42 year old Police Station – both have obsolete building systems and spaces do not support effective and efficient interaction

between employees and customers. Both buildings are in need of replacement. Process of the new facilities development plan began in early 2020. Project paused at start of COVID, and resumed this year based on direction from Council.

Summary of answers to questions:

1. What will be constructed and where all the construction will take place?

Original concept site plan prepared in early 2020 shows combined Police Station & Village Hall on northwest corner of Civic Center site. The combined Police Station and Village Hall will also accommodate District 58 Administrative offices. Project provides parking for staff, visitors and replacement of existing commuter parking. Will allow for sale of a portion of the property and redevelopment by an apartment developer. Will discuss the proposed reconfiguration of Washington Street to improve safety at the crossing and intersections N and S of the crossing. Construction will take place on the Civic Center Property at current location. Looking for direction from Council for any discussion and questions.

2. When will the project take place?

Many of the key milestones are being shown as part of the preliminary schedule developed. A few of the objectives were highlighted as they were the basis for how the schedule was developed; capturing all the major actions that would be occurring and allow those to be approved by the current Council seated now through 2023. The schedule was also prepared in order to allow the maximum construction activity that could occur in the 2022 construction season. Council can expect to see the following steps:

- Fourth-quarter of 2021 actions: 1. Contract approval for the architect and construction manager to design and build the project. 2. Inducement Resolution and Parameters Ordinance; procedural steps to create the tax increment financing district and the issuance of bonds.
- First-quarter of 2022 actions: 1. Take first steps necessary to establish the tax increment financing district on the property. 2. Progress through schematic design and have plans available to share with Council. 3. Take the steps as part of the zoning and approval process, including a neighborhood meeting and Plan Commission recommendation.
- Second-quarter of 2022 actions: 1. Further steps in the creation of the TIF district, including public hearing and approval of the ordinance. 2. Design of the facility and project will progress to greater detail with design development plans. 3. Zoning approval. 4. Continue to work with partners at District 58 and bring the inter-governmental agreement to Council for consideration. 5. The issuance of bonds to provide full funding for the project.
- Third-quarter of 2022 actions: Planned start of construction.
- Going into 2023: Release the request for proposal seeking a qualified developer to construct the apartment development.
- Second-quarter of 2024: Anticipate new facility substantial completion.

Once completed, the next phases of project include demolition of existing Police Station and Village Hall, along with completion of remaining site work. At that point the property for the apartments will be constructed.

Mayor/ Council/Public Comments/Questions

Commissioner Hosé: Asked if the start of construction can be moved up earlier, so as not to be in the difficult and potentially more costly winter months.

Mr. Baker: Yes this is the reason for the recommended delivery method with the construction manager allowing the construction management firm to come on board early and assist with the process of coordination, coordinating design, bidding, and ultimately construction the project to accelerate it as much as possible.

Commissioner Kulovany: Asked for the schematic showing where existing Police Station is located.

Mr. Baker: Pointed out the location on the current site plan.

Commissioner Kulovany: Asked if this will allow staying in place until the new building is complete.

Mr. Baker: Confirmed the site plan, phasing and design allows for continued operation within the Police Station and Village Hall during construction of the new facility.

Mayor Barnett: Would like to expedite the process; will be difficult for staff and the community to work through construction process. The faster we work through the project, the better for everyone.

Commissioner Gilmartin: Asked if placement of new building solely based on keeping existing building operating during construction or if there are other advantages to the placement.

Mr. Baker: Affirmed it is a driving factor and it also allows the building to be more closely integrated with the downtown area which was reflected in the integrated plan. Also grade changes in other area is a factor.

Dr. Gordan Goodman:

- Asked if there is a parallel plan and timing for what is expected in the Washington Street zone A area.

Mr. Baker: Affirmed there is and will be discussed when at that item on the agenda.

Mr. Baker summarized the budget and financial plan for the project to provide value for taxpayer dollars by combining multiple uses in one building and reduce the amount of land needed to operate governmental functions within the Village. The intention is to maximize the use of cash on hand that has been saved specifically for this project over several years and take advantage of existing revenue sources. This is so as not to depend on increases in the property tax levy or new sources of revenue; staff is trying to minimize or avoid any potential increases and is confirming the funding sources for these projects. The total project budget has been established at \$55 million, with \$20 million cash on hand, resulting in a proposed bond issued of \$35 million. That bond issued will be paid off with existing revenue sources, along with the sale of land, and the taxes that will be expected to be generated from the development of the apartment buildings. For more detail of how the financial plan has been constructed there is much more detail available online (via this [link](#); beginning on page 15).

#### Mayor/ Council/Public Comments/Questions

Commissioner Gilmartin: Asked if the layout and design of the site plan has considerations for pedestrians and access to the train station for those people living in the apartment building; thinks the access would be a huge advantage to those living there.

Mr. Baker: The updated site plan will show this information.

Dr. Gordon Goodman

- Asked what involvement District 58 has in the financial plan.

Mr. Baker: The inter-governmental agreement calls for District 58 to contribute lease payments for their use of the facility based on the incremental cost of the construction for their portion of the building. There are no capital investments on their part. It will be lease payments over 25 years.

Commissioner Gilmartin: Asked what the coverage/square footage of the existing buildings is compared to what it will be consolidated to.

Mr. Baker: Can provide this information. Police Station does not currently have enough space and their portion of the new building will be increasing substantially. Village Hall facility currently has much more space than needed. It will be better aligned to match the needs of the departments and operations within the Village.

David Rose

- Questioned how the TIF is expected to contribute to this project.
- Questioned the purpose of the public hearing

Mr. Baker: The TIF is not the sole source of funding to pay off the debt service obligations; relying on multiple sources of revenue and the TIF as one of them. The information is online. The criteria of the TIF have been met and it is a matter of going through the procedural steps necessary to establish the TIF. Anytime a new tax increment financing district is created the public hearing is a required step of the process.

Mayor Barnett: The TIF process itself is well defined by State law; that will be reviewed as we get closer to the time the hearings will be conducted. Hearings will cover the details. Analysis at this point proves the TIF is appropriate under the definitions provided by the State; with that there are a series of hearings that must happen for public standing. Staff and Council believe it will qualify.

Mr. Fieldman: Under State law there are certain qualifications that must be met in order to establish a TIF district. He reviewed the public hearing process in order to establish a TIF district. Mr. Fieldman also explained the Council must make the finding that the TIF does qualify in order to proceed with the process. If the Council feels it doesn't qualify, it won't proceed.

Mr. Baker introduced Andy Sikich, Public Works Director, to speak about how the site plan relates to the Washington Street configuration. The area being discussed is referred to as the Washington Street/Burlington S curve. The new configuration is to improve safety for pedestrians and motorists by reducing points of conflict immediately south of the tracks. It eliminates traffic through the Civic Center campus and reduces driver confusion. Mr. Sikich referred to the Washington Street Plan slides in the [presentation](#).

#### Mayor/ Council/Public Comments/Questions

Commissioner Kulovany: There is much confusion for the pedestrians/commuters is the crossing from both sides of the street in all directions; thinks pedestrian traffic should be ushered through the civic center property. Asked if there is a plan to move pedestrians further south on the property.

Mike Baker: Will show site plan and pedestrian flow around the site.

Commissioner Hosé: Believes the proposal is a significant improvement in regards to pedestrian conflicts.

Dr. Gordon Goodman

- Concerned there should be an assurance that Washington Street buildings will not be under changes due to the redevelopment of Civic Center site.

Commissioner Gilmartin: Wants to understand specifics on the route of pedestrians. Asked if there is a concern about slowing Police Department response to getting across tracks.

Mr. Baker: Will show how the Police Department response will be addressed in site plan.

David Rose

- Asked if stop signs will remain for northbound traffic at tracks and higher visibility of vehicles coming around the curve.

Mr. Baker: It is potentially a feature that could be used to slow traffic and allow for pedestrian crossing safety. Will be further analyzed to maximize pedestrian safety.

Mayor Barnett: No issues with general proposed layout. Would like to err on the side of pedestrian safety. With the enormous number of pedestrians near that intersection, he wants to do everything that can be done to make things



easier for pedestrians, even if that means inconveniencing vehicular traffic.

Commissioner Kulovany: Asked if the total number of bicycles that are parked at the train station during normal times has ever been tracked.

Mr. Fieldman: Hasn't been counted since 2013.

Mr. Baker showed the preliminary site plan and pointed out features of the site plan for public use and access. The plan is to be refined to be mindful of finding ways to channel pedestrians to designated spots and to make it as clear as possible to pedestrians and drivers. He stated the public plaza shown on the southeast side of the crossing will provide nice amenities for people waiting for the train in the morning or those coming through that portion of the site. He went into the specifics of the proposed walkways, vehicular access points, Village and District 58 employee parking, a fenced in area for police vehicle and police staff parking. He pointed out the emergency access point for police vehicles when responding in an emergency capacity. He reviewed the public access points/walkways and public parking on the map. Also reviewed on the map were the proposed buildings and many meeting spaces that will be located in the buildings.

Mayor/ Council/Public Comments/Questions

Commissioner Kulovany: Asked how elevation changes are being handled from the south part of complex to north.

Mr. Baker: East-west orientation of parking lot allows for better accommodation of height changes.

Mayor Barnett: Confirmed that public parking along Curtiss is at Curtiss elevations.

Dr. Gordon Goodman

- Asked if the apartment is to provide a lot of the low level parking for the residents.

Mr. Baker: Expectation is the apartment development will accommodate all parking on site.

Dr. Gordon Goodman

- Asked if there is a provision to provide low grade parking underneath Village Hall.

Baker: No parking under. The Police Station calls for 14 interior garage parking spaces for police vehicles.

Dr. Gordon Goodman

- Asked if there would be an advantage to having employee parking underneath the building.

Mr. Baker: Believes the cost associated with that solution would make it prohibitive.

Mr. Fieldman: Looked at a couple years ago and analysis was it provided more cost than benefit in terms of the value of freeing up additional space on the site.

Dr. Gordon Goodman

- May find some sustainability advantages to that solution.

Commissioner Gilmartin: Confirmed that the lower parking is not all at the same level as the entrances. Asked where Public entrances are located.

Mr. Baker: There is one entrance and then clearly marked as to where services are located inside.

Mr. Fieldman: There are additional entrances and exits for staff.

David Rose

- Asked count of parking spaces for current number and proposed number.

Mr. Baker: Can provide the information. SW corner is public parking including handicap accessible spaces. NW corner shows pedestrian locations.

Commissioner Gilmartin: Asked if commuter parking is part of this.

Mr. Baker: There are places to replace all existing commuter lot L parking on this site.

Dr. Gordon Goodman:

- Asked if remote staff work was taken into account.

Mr. Baker: Village has the ability and flexibility to allow employees to work remotely when necessary and circumstances provide for it. This plan provides spaces for employees allowing them to function effectively in combined facility environment. Many advantages to employees working in the same building facilitating positive employee interactions.

Commissioner Kulovany: Public expectation is for Village employees to be physically available.

David Rose

- Asked about changed shape.

Mr. Baker: Yes in response to how the building is used for operations.

Mr. Fieldman: Building shape reflects best floorplan and stacking.

Mr. Baker stated that after working with FGM Architects, objectives for the buildings exteriors were put together. He presented slides with examples of elements that are consistent, and not consistent with, the following objectives for the building's exterior elevations:

- Instantly recognizable as a government building.
- Looks like it's been here for a long time.
- Looks like it belongs in the downtown.
- Uses design elements/cues from buildings in the downtown
- Shining example of compliance with Downtown Design Guidelines.
- Won't look dated in the future (timeless design)
- Uses traditional materials (brick, stone, glass)
- Allows for best practices in systems, operations
- Authentic, real
- Welcoming – all people feel comfortable approaching and entering building
- Reflects balance between tradition and progress.

#### Mayor/ Council/Public Comments/Questions

Commissioner Kulovany: Believes the elements capture his thoughts.

Commissioner Gilmartin: Good guiding principles around the design.

Commissioner: Hosé: Agrees completely.

Commissioner Walus: "This is my building exterior"

Gordon Goodman

- Asked how many stories will the building be.

Mr. Baker: Likely to be a two-story building with a partial basement.

Commissioner Gilmartin: Interested in architectural design that adds character to the building that relates to Village history.

Mr. Baker: Architect is already discussing topics of historical significance that may implemented in the building design.

Commissioner Kulovany: Concerned with architecture and look of Downers Grove, would like to have gateway signs that match architecture.

Dr. Gordon Goodman

- Combing of public performance and public amenities within Village Hall has been discussed in the past. Does not see that in this plan. Would like to see another avenue developed for public use.

David Rose

- South facing part of building feels heavy to him. Would like to see solar gain taken advantage of.

Mr. Baker: As the design progresses there is allowance for environmentally sustainable features integrated into the design and how it can be achieved.

Commissioner Kulovany: To answer Mr. Goodman the two high schools have auditoriums and the Lincoln Center has a stage that can also be used by the public.

Mayor Barnett: Would like the building to look timeless; include environmental sustainability in the design. The Village should lead and set example.

Commissioner Kulovany: Agrees with Mayor Barnett. Sustainability features have not been presented yet and agrees they should be integrated in the design when possible. Council is committed to come up with the most sustainable building they can.

Commissioner Gilmartin: This building will be sitting right on the tracks with thousands of commuters passing through, so it is important to demonstrate what Downers Grove is about.

Commissioner Kulovany: Important for the building to not have a back. Each of the sides is important.

Dr. Gordon Goodman

- Concerned about image of Village and communications tower. Consider relocating to Public Works site.

Mayor Barnett: Extensively studied the topic and do not have the freedom to relocate it due to constraints.

Mr. Fieldman: Many communications in the tower are necessary for Police operations. DNew site plan shows existing tower will be replaced with a new communication tower located on the far NE corner of the site. It will be less obtrusive.

Commissioner Kulovany: Village Hall is stuck with fleet maintenance in that location for the foreseeable future. Alternatives were looked at but they were not an option.

## 11. Attorney's Report

No Attorney Report tonight.

## 12. Council Member Reports

Commissioner Walus: Grove Express price increases after Nov 19<sup>th</sup>, \$35 until then. Register at [groveexpress.com](http://groveexpress.com).

Commissioner Hosé: Wished everyone a happy, healthy and safe Thanksgiving.

Mayor Barnett: Council will take a 5 minute break and Council will reconvene in the Committee Room for the Manager's Report (#10) portion of the agenda.

### 13. Adjournment

**MOTION:** *To adjourn the November 16, 2021, Village Council meeting.*

**RESULT:** *Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.*

**MOTIONED TO APPROVE:** *Commissioner Hosé*

**SECONDED BY:** *Commissioner Walus*

**AYES:** *Commissioners Hosé, Walus, Gilmartin, Kulovany, Mayor Barnett*

**NAYES:** *None*

Mayor Barnett declared the motion carried by voice vote and the meeting adjourned at 9:31 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Rosa Berardi  
Village Clerk