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**MINUTES OF WORKSHOP MEETING**

**DOWNERS GROVE, ILLINOIS**

**MARCH 13, 2001**

Mayor Krajewski called the Workshop meeting of the Village Council of the Village of Downers Grove to order at 6:30 p.m. in the Committee Room of the Village Hall.

**Present:** Mayor Brian Krajewski; Commissioners Marilyn Schnell, Thomas Sisul, Michael Gilbert, Sue McConnell; Village Manager Michael McCurdy; Village Attorney Daniel Blondin; Village Clerk April Holden

**Absent:** None

**Visitors:** **Press:** Susie Gura, Downers Grove Reporter

**Residents:** Frank J. Wesolowski, Richard L. Lucas & Assoc., Addison; Joseph Ivan, Village of Westmont; Wally Brown, Liquor Commission; Dave Brown, 1508 Gilbert; Allan Ambrose, Northern Trust, Chicago; Ross Johnson, 1311 Gilbert; Stephen Daniels, 840 Valley View Dr.; Stan Urban, 131 39<sup>th</sup> St.; Marilyn Gerloff, 4249 Highland; Mark Zabloudil, 620 39<sup>th</sup> St.; Steve Northrup, Randall Pros, Paul Markelz, John Hawkins, Proscan Technologies, Glen Ellyn; Ji Ryan Chang, 4947 Main; Tom Julian, 6223 Springside; Martin Tully, 3678 Venard

**Staff:** Jack Bajor, Director, Public Works; Susan Brassfield, Grants Coordinator; Enza Petrarca, Staff Attorney; Ken Rathje, Director, Planning Services; Mike Baker, Assistant to the Village Manager; Carol Conforti, Staff Liaison, Liquor Commission; Steve Ruffolo, Director of Operations, Public Works; Sgt. Tim Gunn, Police Department, Laura Wainwright, Public Works Technician; Dave Conley, Director of Engineering, Public Works; Jerry Sprecher, Deputy Village Manager; Lanny Russell, Fire Chief, Paul Segalla, Deputy Fire Chief; Marty Lyons, Director, Financial Services; Terry Baumann, Water Supervisor, Public Works

Mayor Krajewski explained that Council Workshop meetings are held the second and fourth Tuesdays at 6:30 p.m. The meetings are video taped live and for later cable-cast over cable channel 6.

The Workshop meeting is intended to provide Council and the public with an appropriate forum for informal discussion of any items intended for future Council consideration or just for general information. No formal action is taken at Workshop meetings.

The public is invited to attend and encouraged to comment or ask questions in an informal manner on Workshop Minutes – March 13, 2001

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any of the items being discussed or on any other subject. The agenda is created to provide a guideline for discussion.

### MANAGER

Manager McCurdy said discussion of item 2, Update of Personnel Manual, has been rescheduled to the next Workshop agenda.

#### 1. **Bids:**

- a. **Fire Department Uniform Purchase.** The Manager said the contract for fire uniforms expired on 12/31/00. Specifications were prepared and bids were received from six vendors. Staff recommends awarding the uniform contract to Kale Uniforms, which, while not the lowest bidder, is the most responsive. The Manager said Kale Uniforms is a reputable local firm and is the uniform vendor for the Police Department. Contract awards are also recommended to Red Wing Shoe Company and Holy Cow Sports.

**Commissioner McConnell** asked about the items that Kale cannot supply.

**Deputy Fire Chief Paul Segalla** responded they are supplied by other vendors such as Redwing and Holy Cow.

Manager McCurdy said this would be placed on the March 20 Consent Agenda.

- b. **Tree & Stump Removal Contract.** The Manager said staff recommends awarding the bid to Homer Tree Care, the lowest bidder, for an estimated amount of \$88,000, with an extension to 2001.

The Manager said this would be placed on the Consent Agenda for the next Council meeting.

- c. **Demand Tree Pruning Contract.** The Manager said five bids were received and it is recommended to award the contract to Bergquist Tree Experts, the low bidder for this contract, at a cost of \$12,172 for regular services, and \$12,613 for second year contract. The amount could increase if an emergency occurred.

The Manager said this would be on next week's Consent Agenda.

- d. **2<sup>nd</sup> Street Storm Sewer Installation.** The Manager said bids were received with the low bidder being Archon Construction at a cost of \$308,324. The Village is satisfied with their

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references and with previous work done for the Village by this firm.

**Commissioner Schnell** said she has observed fire hydrants being installed in her neighborhood and other areas with a disregard for public safety. Sidewalks have been blocked, holes remained open and areas have not been roped off. She would like strong language in the agreement regarding public safety. Further, she would like the contractor to be verbally told this.

**Commissioner Sisul** asked if she had a list of the places, and Commissioner Schnell mentioned 39<sup>th</sup> Street and Forest have both been backfilled, although exposed. She mentioned this to the Manager earlier. Her concern is that this does not happen again.

The Mayor said that if there are problems citizens can call 434-CALL. He asked staff if the projects are monitored.

**Jack Bajor**, Director of Public Works, said he received a call last Friday about a problem on Forest and Mr. Baumann was dispatched to the area. He said they do monitor; however, they will step up that monitoring.

2. **Automated Meter Read (AMR) Presentation.** The Manager said Public Works would report on this automated meter reading system.

Mr. Bajor said nine months ago staff began looking for meter replacement systems for 15,350 meters. He noted that it is increasingly difficult to find vendors to provide service and support to the existing system. He said that Ms. Wainwright, Mr. Baumann, Mr. Conley and Mr. Lyons were involved in the project as well.

**Laura Wainwright**, Public Works Technician, made a presentation to the Village Council regarding an automated meter reading (AMR) system for the Village. She provided a review of the current system, an explanation of AMR, results from a staff survey, and staff's recommendation. She presented an historical view of the Village's metering system which goes back to the late 1800's

Regarding the current meter reading system, Ms. Wainwright said at present there are two district metering routes. The meters have been read by the NIGAS meter readers since 1990. She showed the type of meter being used at this time, noting that the accuracy of the reading has been declining over the past twelve years. There are about 15,344 meters in the system at this time, and they need to be upgraded. Service and support for the existing systems has been dropped by many of the suppliers. In addition, NIGAS will be discontinuing its program of reading for other utilities.

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Ms. Wainwright said that by upgrading the customers will receive better service, accuracy will improve, staff time will be reduced, and cash flow will also improve.

Ms. Wainwright then provided an explanation of AMR. The AMR system is a remote collection of consumption data from the meters. Standard components for the system include the water meter and register, the interface device, meter reading hardware and software, as well as training for the hardware and software use.

Ms. Wainwright said a survey was conducted to determine trends in technology, how the systems work for municipalities, how deployments were organized, and suggestions and recommendations from those involved in deployments. Ms. Wainwright reported on technologies in use, vendors, and installations. Based upon surveying metering systems of other municipalities, staff determined that the desired elements of the system would allow providing better customer service by eliminating estimated readings, providing usage profiles and determining possible leakage.

Ms. Wainwright said desired elements of an AMR systems would include the ability to provide better customer service, to manage the water distribution system more effectively through daily reports, to improve revenue collections through improved accuracy and to provide a long-term solution to the Village's meter reading needs.

Ms. Wainwright said staff contacted Badger Meter to conduct a list cycle cost model to compile an estimated price for a new system, using data collected from the Village, industry standards, as well as published information from various vendors. Total project costs range from \$3.4 million to \$4.3 million, with a present value of project investment of \$3.1 million to \$3.9 million and a project payback of 5.2 to 6.2 years.

Ms. Wainwright said the current situation requires the Village to act due to loss of accuracy, loss of meter readers and the difficulty in obtaining meters. She said staff recommends issuing an RFP for a complete fixed point network AMR system which would include hardware, software, training, service and support, and contractual services for the installation of the entire system.

Mr. Bajor added that the contract with NIGAS to read the meters for the Village is up in October, and probably will not be renewed.

Commissioner Schnell asked if residents will experience a sudden increase in their bills when the new system is installed. Ms. Wainwright said there will probably be a large increase for some customers as some of the meters are inaccurate.

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Commissioner Schnell asked if the meters in the homes would be changed. Ms. Wainwright said that cannot be avoided. She said they would have to only enter the premises once for installation purposes, and they would do sections of the town geographically.

Commissioner Schnell asked where the funds were coming from to pay for this system.

**Marty Lyons**, Director of Financial Services, said that in the proposed budget there is \$600,000 for next year, and \$500,000 for each of the next four years. He said that is not enough to cover the costs of the project and they will need to look at bonds on a water basis only. Depending upon the first year of the program, staff has projected a water rate increase for the second year; however, they might be able to defer the rate increase depending upon the revenue change resulting from more accurate readings.

The Mayor asked about the life cycle savings. Ms. Wainwright said they don't know the actual figures until they get the RFPs. The expectation is \$15 million over a period of twenty years of more accurate readings.

Commissioner Sisul complimented staff on the excellent report and presentation, then asked about the fixed point network and its use in other communities. Ms. Wainwright said that Evanston is in the middle of their installation, Willowbrook is pursuing this system, and Warrenville has recently started its system.

Commissioner Sisul asked about security issues such as tampering due to the remote readings. Ms. Wainwright said there is security built in. She noted that billing would be done in-house.

Commissioner McConnell asked if there is anything in the resident's home other than the meter that the Village would need to access.

Ms. Wainwright said that in some fixed point networks the Village would not own the infrastructure. She said the Village would not be relying on residents' telephone systems, etc. Staff believes that every house that needs to be monitored, can be. She indicated they will not know that for sure until the deployment. They have to anticipate scenarios where they may need to read with a handheld device.

Commissioner McConnell asked if there was a way to write this into the RFP. Ms. Wainwright said they cannot get a guarantee but they can minimize problem situations by perhaps adding a collector at different elevations.

**Commissioner Gilbert** complimented staff on the work done on this project. He asked if the meter accuracy data came from the manufacturer, Badger. Ms. Wainwright said that was correct. She said

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the range of accuracy for the current system was developed by third party testing.

Commissioner Gilbert asked if there was any more documentation available as to the figures used. Ms. Wainwright said it was based on the input that the Village provided Badger. She said she would provide that data.

Mr. Lyons said that often with the existing system there is a difference between the readings on the outside versus inside meters that affect the cost to the customer. The changed system would allow for greater accuracy. He said the Village would work toward future accuracy.

The Mayor added his compliments to those already expressed to staff on an outstanding report. He said the survey results were helpful and the report was easy to review. This is the type of report the Council appreciates receiving from staff. He then asked what the timeline for implementation would be.

Ms. Wainwright said they are predicting five years. She said that many vendors have offered to provide the Village with meter-reading assistance when the NIGAS service ends, until the new system is fully installed. She also said NIGAS might continue to assist until the new service is in operation.

Wally Brown, 1308 Gilbert, asked about the possibility of selling the 15,344 meters. Ms. Wainwright said that some of the vendors do provide credit for the exchanged meters.

The Manager said if the Council agrees, staff will proceed with the RFP. The consensus of the Council was to proceed with the RFP.

3. **ProScan Agreement.** The Manager said this agreement concerns a remote surveillance system for the grade crossing at Fairview and the Burlington Northern tracks.

**Staff Attorney Enza Petrarca** said the Village has been negotiating with ProScan for about one year to place the system at the Fairview Avenue crossing. It would be a test system for two years, and ProScan would install the system and be responsible for the maintenance for the first two years. The Village will be responsible for providing the mounting posts, the T-1 connection line, and the electric power feed for the camera. The system will send digital images to the Police Department of vehicles crossing the tracks while the gate is down or going down. The officer assigned to monitor the project will be able to print citations from the license plates of vehicles crossing the tracks illegally. There would be a \$500 fine or 50 hours of community service. Ms. Petrarca said there is legislation pending in Springfield to allow Downers Grove to be a pilot program for the system, as are Naperville, Wood Dale and Winfield. She indicated that an Ordinance has been drafted under the home rule power to issue citations without the legislation.

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Commissioner Gilbert asked how many Naperville crossing sites were used for the statistics presented, and Ms. Petrarca said there is one. Commissioner Gilbert noted that in three months they issued 213 citations.

Commissioner Sisul asked if they have reviewed the experience of other communities as well. Ms. Petrarca said in Naperville, 48 people pled guilty and paid \$540 each in fines. Naperville has a 100% conviction rate. The Wood Dale system is different and was held unconstitutional as it didn't use a digital image. Their system used actual photographs. The proposed Pro-Scan system sends digital signals, and the police officer actually brings the lap top into the court room.

Commissioner Sisul commented that the citation goes to the registered owner of the vehicle. He noticed that in two cases in Naperville, owners requested trials and were found guilty. Ms. Petrarca said it apparently does not matter who is driving the car, the owner is responsible; however, if the actual driver is turned in, the driver will be held responsible.

Commissioner Schnell asked whether there has to be special signage at the crossing. Ms. Petrarca said signage will be installed notifying people that this system is in operation.

The Mayor thanked Ms. Petrarca for going to Springfield to testify. He said that because of the Village's efforts in railroad safety, they have already received a program grant from Washington for enforcement and education. He asked if they could see whether those funds can be used for this project. Ms. Petrarca said this would be looked into.

**Frank Wesolowski**, 4628 Prince, asked how dangerous this crossing is, because he believed there was a threshold in the Statute that the crossing had to qualify for this program to be enforceable. The Mayor said there have been 16 deaths along the Village's railroad tracks. Ms. Petrarca said that the three pilot programs already in place are the three most dangerous crossings in the County and are fully funded by the ICC. The Village's program will be added as a pilot program but will not be funded by the ICC.

The Mayor said that violators have the option of paying either \$500 or 50 hours of community service.

**Dave Brown**, 1508 Gilbert, said for this project to be successful they will need to show continuing declining statistics, and that would require a high degree of publicity. Ms. Petrarca said that Naperville's statistics went down by half in the first three month period.

The Mayor said as a collateral issue, they are still unsure what is happening with the whistle-blowing  
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law. Ms. Petrarca said that the agreement allows Pro-Scan to install dummy systems at other crossings as well. The Mayor said they are looking at something for the intersections that will exempt the Village from the whistle-blowing law if it is enacted. That would allow the Village to be a quiet zone, rather than having 200 trains blowing their whistles at the six crossings in Downers Grove.

The Manager said the agreement and the Ordinance would be placed on the Council meeting agenda on April 3.

4. **Disconnection Request – Fairview & 60<sup>th</sup>.** The Manager said this concerns disconnection of property from the Village of Downers Grove, at the request of the owner of the property.

**Ken Rathje**, Director of Planning Services, stated that the request was made by the owners through their attorney, Frank Wesolowski, for disconnection of a single parcel of property located at the southeast corner of 60<sup>th</sup> and Fairview. This is the only lot incorporated between 55<sup>th</sup> Street and the Fairview Baptist Home. The property was annexed in December of 1965. Mr. Rathje stated that Westmont would entertain annexation of that property if the owners submit such a petition for annexation.

**Frank Wesolowski**, attorney for the petitioner, stated that the primary purpose for this request for disconnection is because the water hookup to Westmont is easier than hooking into the Downers Grove water system. He stated that this disconnection also provides a more even boundary for the Village and eliminates the maintenance responsibility for the small portion of 60<sup>th</sup> Street. Should this request be approved, there would have to be an amendment made to the existing boundary agreement.

The Mayor said that the Village has had calls from people in unincorporated areas along Fairview who are concerned about being annexed into Westmont, as they would prefer to come into Downers Grove. At 63<sup>rd</sup> and Fairview there are six unincorporated houses on the west side of the street, and it is the Mayor's understanding that those cannot be incorporated until Westmont takes another piece of property on the east side. Mr. Rathje said that was no longer correct. He said that Westmont has closed the gap. During the Village's work on the improvements of Fairview Avenue, in return for some right-of-way, he understands an agreement was made with some owners that specifies dates by which they would be required to annex into the Village. Should any of those owners wish to annex to the Village sooner, they can do so at any time to his knowledge.

The Mayor asked that the Manager review this because he has received numerous complaints about homes on the west side, and he was told there was a problem with the Westmont property annexation. Mr. Rathje said he is not aware of that problem existing at this time. The Mayor asked if there were any other areas that need to be reviewed regarding Westmont. Mr. Rathje said none that he is aware of.

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**Village Attorney Blondin** said that there may be other issues along Fairview Avenue regarding the boundary line. He said he would audit that for inconsistencies.

Mr. Rathje said that the petitioners have not yet prepared a Plat of Disconnection, awaiting the direction of the Council. He said if the Council wishes to proceed with this, the owners should be given direction. Mr. Wesolowski said there has been a drawing prepared but it needs to have the wording prepared.

Village Attorney Blondin said that he would prepare the disconnection and boundary line agreement at the same time.

**5. Refunding of GO Bond Issue.** The Manager asked Mr. Lyons to present this item.

Mr. Lyons stated that the Village has an opportunity to review its bonds and determine if there is a potential to lower the interest rates for lowered interest payments over the life of the bonds. Staff is presenting for consideration the refunding of all 1996 bonds past the call date, and the advanced refunding of bonds not past the call date. He also found some 2000 series bonds are eligible for savings. The projection is a potential savings of \$175,000. The savings would be over the next 10-15 years. He noted that the market has been unsettled which has impacted the Village as well. He stated that Mr. Ambrose from Northern Trust is present to review this proposal. Mr. Lyons added that due to the unsteady market, the Village's net savings dropped to \$125,000.

**Allan Ambrose** of Northern Trust said they have reviewed all of the Village's outstanding bond issues to determine the potential for any savings. He reviewed documents distributed to the Council in their packets, stating that the proposed numbers are on a net basis. Mr. Ambrose said that the schedule shows what the bond issue would entail. He said the savings would not extend the debt service out any further. Based upon their review, Mr. Ambrose said they would recommend considering moving forward and drafting documents to prepare for the sale, but also waiting to see what happens in the market before taking any final action.

Mayor Krajewski asked whether they looked at the Fairview Avenue bonds. Mr. Lyons said that the average interest rate on those was 3.98% and those do not qualify.

The Mayor asked about Phase IV regarding the bonds, and Mr. Lyons said he did not have anything in place as yet. He said they could consider consolidation, and could discuss it with Mr. Ambrose further.

Manager McCurdy said steps would be taken in preparation to move forward, based upon the direction of the market.

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- 6. Liquor Commission Recommendation – Fines.** The Manager said this subject was initiated at the request of the Liquor Commission and asked Ms. Conforti to explain it further.

**Carol Conforti**, Liquor Commission liaison, said at their meeting of February 2, 2001, the Liquor Commission unanimously recommended adoption of an ordinance amending fine provisions of the Liquor Control Ordinance. This would provide the Liquor Commissioner with more flexibility in issuing fines, suspensions, or combinations thereof to those in violation of the Liquor Code. Ms. Conforti said stricter penalties can be assigned, and administrative costs can also be passed on including staff time, police department involvement, and costs for court reporting. She said this Ordinance would upgrade the fine provisions to be consistent with state statutes. In addition, it allows for administrative costs not strictly related to controlled buys, but related to any violation of the Liquor Code. She stressed that this was not to be considered as a revenue source for the Village, but primarily as a penalty for violation of the important regulations of the Liquor Code. Licensees must understand that having a liquor license in the Village is to be considered a privilege.

Commissioner Schnell agreed this is not a revenue source.

The Manager said this would be placed on the April 3 Active Agenda.

- 7. Grant Requests: Alcohol Enforcement Program.** The Manager said Ms. Brassfield has a grant application request.

**Sue Brassfield**, Grants Coordinator, said the grant application is to the Illinois Department of Transportation as part of the Mini-Grant Alcohol Enforcement Program, and is for \$24,528. She explained that the program would provide funding to support seven DUI enforcement campaigns over a two-week period. The goal is to reduce the number of alcohol-related traffic crash injuries and fatalities in the village of Downers Grove. Ms. Brassfield said the application is due April 1, and she requested placing the Resolution on the March 20 Active Agenda.

- 8. Parking & Traffic Commission Recommendation: File #20-00 Kensington Place.** The Manager said the Parking and Traffic Commission is recommending no parking from 8:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. on both sides of Kensington Place from Wellington to Prentiss, on both sides of Stair Place from Stair to Prentiss, and on Wellington from Kensington Place to Stair Place. This was a request from area residents regarding concerns about student parking on those streets.

The Mayor said about a year ago they looked at these restrictions with different times involved. He asked whether they have considered making it uniform from 8:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m.

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**Ross Johnson**, Chairman of the Parking and Traffic Commission, said they have considered that, but they wanted to make it less restrictive for the residents. Originally the restrictions were put into place because the schools had open campuses. Making it uniform would require sign changes and Ordinances changes.

The Mayor said that the remainder of the Downers Grove South area restricts parking until 4:00 p.m., and these proposed restrictions are until 11:00 a.m. He said it would be better to make it all uniform to 11:00 a.m.

Commissioner Sisul agreed it would be a good idea to make it uniform, since the open campus was eliminated in 1976.

The Mayor said students park on both sides of the street on Kensington Place. Mr. Johnson said people did not complain for a while, until they began to park close to driveways and block access for the residents.

The Mayor asked about the situation on Springside. Manager McCurdy said the police are enforcing the parking in that area. Mr. Johnson added that the Commission discussed considering permit parking in that area as well.

Commissioner Gilbert said they cannot solve the problem by continually restricting parking. Some of the responsibility has to be placed with the school district. There was a recent problem on the cul de sac south of the school where parents were using it as a driveway to drop off their children. He feels the school must address this problem.

The Manager said this would be on the April 3 Agenda.

9. **CBD Redevelopment Phase IV.** The Manager said the Village has negotiated a contract with Martam Construction in the amount of \$2,429,002.42 to conclude work on Main Street north of the track to Franklin, and on Warren from Main to Forest. It also includes reconstruction of parking lot A. Washington Street has been removed from this phase of the project due to the potential for parking deck work next year.

Commissioner McConnell asked if they are looking at straightening out Washington Street. The Manager said that was part of the project study.

The Mayor asked about the time frame. The Manager said they would begin immediately following award of the contract. This item will be on next week's Agenda, so they could conceivably begin at the end of March and complete the project by August 10.

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**Ji Ryan Chang**, 4947 Main Street, said his in-laws have a dry cleaning facility on Main Street and Rogers. They have a parking space in front of the store and were told that it would be removed. That would cause a problem for the business as customers park there to drop off their laundry. His in-laws are very concerned as this would negatively affect their business. He asked the Council to consider not removing the parking space.

The Manager said that currently the plan is to design that area for a planting area. Staff has met with the owners. No final decision has been made. He said they could go back and review the situation.

Mr. Chang said this is the only space that the customers use. Peak hours are in the morning. Customers don't use the parking lot spaces because traffic is too heavy. Current spaces are metered and usually taken. They are asking that the one parking space be left for 5 or 10-minute parking. Competition has been greater and greater, and without parking they might have to close down the business completely. The timing of the construction will hurt business as is, and taking the parking space will affect them. He added that the owners have been there for over 25 years and are residents of the Village.

Commissioner Schnell said that she agrees, as that space is used all the time. She said that 5 or 10-minute parking would free up the space.

Commissioner Gilbert said he has a sketch and memo on his desk about this topic and did not have time to forward it to the Manager. He agrees that the space cannot be eliminated, as it is crucial to the business.

The Manager said the contract for Phase IV of the CBD project will be on next week's agenda.

**10. Ordinance Revision – Water Termination Charges.** The Manager said this Ordinance allows for a \$25.00 turn-off fee. He called upon Mr. Lyons to explain this issue.

Mr. Lyons said that at this is a technical change. Currently there is a \$25.00 fee noted in the shut-off letter when the Village turns water off for non-payment and a \$25.00 fee to turn the water back on. In the snow it is sometimes difficult to actually turn the water off. This amendment provides for a \$50.00 non-payment shut off fee even during periods of inclement weather where actual shut off does not occur. This is an enforcement mechanism.

The Manager said this would appear on the April 3 Active Agenda.

**11. Plumbing Fee Schedule.** The Manager said this is a clarification in the plumbing fee schedule.

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The first ten fixtures requires a permit fee of \$225.00, and they are requesting a clarification that for one fixture there would be a fee of \$22.50.

The Manager said this would be on the March 20 Active Agenda.

### **ATTORNEY'S REPORT**

Village Attorney Blondin said the first item he is presenting concerns a Resolution previously discussed for the CBDG grant agreement with DuPage County. The agreement needs to be placed on a future agenda for adoption. Secondly, he is submitting a Resolution authorizing submittal of a grant application for the Alcohol Enforcement Program discussed earlier at this meeting.

### **COUNCIL MEMBERS**

Commissioner Sisul said he received an inquiry about the sidewalk matrix for Belmont Avenue. He asked when it would be discussed. Manager McCurdy said it would be discussed at either the March 27 or April 10 Workshop.

Commissioner Gilbert referred to an article about a study conducted by NIPC recently confirming that the Cook/Lake/McHenry/Will/Kane/DuPage area has about 7.8 million people, and projects by the year 2018-2020 it will be over 9.1 million people. They are attempting to create a regional plan to accommodate this population growth year to year. There has been a tremendous amount of growth and change in demographics of residents and businesses over the years. He recommends having a representative from NIPC address the Council about this topic.

The Mayor said that this Saturday there will be Coffee With the Council at 9:00 a.m. in the Chamber of Commerce office at 1015 Curtiss. Immediately following at 10:00 a.m. the Council will conduct budget hearings, as well as on next Tuesday, immediately following the Council meeting.

The Mayor then said that Commissioner Gilbert, Manager McCurdy and Attorney Blondin will be discussing the expansion of the Village Council to seven members, including quorums, recommendations, committees, etc.

### **ADJOURNMENT**

Commissioner Schnell moved to adjourn to Executive Session, pursuant to Sections 2(c)(2), 2(c)(5) and 2(c)(11) of the Open Meetings Act for the purpose of discussing items regarding collective negotiation matters, the purchase of properties and litigation. Commissioner Sisul seconded the Motion.

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VOTE: AYE: Commissioners Schnell, Sisul, McConnell, Gilbert, Mayor Krajewski  
NAY: None

The Mayor declared the Motion passed.

There being no further discussion, the Workshop meeting was adjourned to Executive Session at 8:35 p.m.

April K. Holden  
Village Clerk

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