

**MINUTES OF WORKSHOP MEETING**

**DOWNERS GROVE, ILLINOIS**

**JULY 27, 2004**

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 Council Chambers of the Village Hall.

Present: Mayor Brian Krajewski; Commissioners Marilyn Schnell, Sue McConnell, Martin Tully, Mark Zabloudil, Ron Sandack, Stan Urban; Village Manager Riccardo Ginex; Village Attorney Enza Petrarca; Village Clerk April Holden

Absent: None

Visitors: **Press:** Donna DeFalco, The Sun

**Residents:** George Nicholaou, Plan Commission; Vickie & Gregg Pettit, Plymouth Street; Mel Cramm, Turner Construction Company; Sara Davis, Benesch & Company; Andrew Clark, 1226 62<sup>nd</sup> St.

**Staff:** Dave Barber, Director, Public Works; Mike Baker, Assistant Village Manager; Joe Skach, Director, Planning & Community Development; Dave Van Vooren, Deputy Village Manager; Mike Millette, Assistant Director, Public Works; Doug Kozlowski, Director, Marketing & Media

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

**Special Guests:**

The Mayor announced the presence of Boy Scouts from Troop 99, all of whom are working towards their Eagle Scout badges. The Scouts introduced themselves.

A Scout asked how the existing shops would be affected in regard to the Curtiss Block proposals. The Mayor responded that there are only a few tenants remaining in that area and relocation has not been addressed.

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Another Scout asked about emergency plans and information to civilians. The Mayor noted that the Fire Chief has been trained in terrorism response. Manager Ginex added that the Village also publishes pamphlets regarding response to emergencies. Mayor Krajewski added that the Fire Chief worked on training Scout troops for emergency responses.

Regarding a question as to why the Village has no swimming pool, the Mayor said that when he visits schools he gets asked that question a lot. He explained that it is a Park District decision. He then said that the Scouts would be given Village pins.

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1. **Parking Deck Update.** Because he is a leaseholder in the TIF District, Commissioner Urban recused himself from discussion of the first two items and stepped out of the Council Chambers.

**Mike Millette**, Assistant Director, Public Works, said this has been a very busy month for the Parking Deck.

**Sara Davis**, Owner's Representative, Benesch & Company, said that the structure is looking in its final form. There is some attachment work to do on the inside, and there is still site work to be done. The elevator installation began on July 12 and they anticipate a completion date of the project of September 30. Ms. Davis said the installation of the backup generator could be a problem. It had to be resized and installation may push the completion schedule to early October. She noted that Change Orders now total \$297,000, with \$47,000 pending. That represents 2.9% of the original contract.

The Mayor asked what the original contingency was. Mr. Millette said it was 5%, and they are still well within the contingency.

**Commissioner Schnell** asked how long Curtiss would be partially closed.

**Mel Cramm**, Turner Construction Company, said it should be about another month.

**Commissioner Tully** asked why the estimated time of completion is now at 13 weeks, when it was less in the past. Ms. Davis said the main contributor to delays were weather days, problems with relocation of the overhead wires by Commonwealth Edison, resizing of the generator due to the fire pump, and refining the accuracy of the schedule.

Commissioner Tully reiterated that the original schedule was an estimated "ideal" date and the current finish date is the result of better data.

Commissioner Tully asked whether more Change Orders are anticipated. Ms. Davis said there may be some, but not large ones, such as \$25,000 for the steel bracing, and \$13,000 for the handrail and retaining wall. She said Turner has put in a request for \$120,000 for extra time; however, she does not see that as an appropriate cost as it is not part of the contract.

In response to the Mayor Ms. Davis said she believes the project will be under budget with the contingencies.

Commissioner Schnell noted on the walking tour of the deck that the headlights will project into the condos on the east. She asked whether that is part of the contingency, and Ms. Davis said it has not been addressed as yet.

Commissioner Tully said there has been a fair amount of discussion regarding the lighting on top of the deck and the baffling. He asked when that would be installed. Mr. Davis said it would be approximately one month.

2. **Versar Change Order (Soil Remediation Parking Deck).** The Manager asked Mike Millette to address this item.

Mr. Millette said this is an amendment to the contract with Versar for soil remediation. The original contract was \$52,000 based on anticipated containment on the west side. A total of 960 tons was calculated at an estimated cost of \$18.00 per ton. To date, 2,005 tons have been removed, the level of contaminants was higher than estimated, and the time frame was also longer. The actual dump fee was \$20.00 per ton. The total time spent was six full days and parts of 13 other days, instead of the estimated three days. Included in this is an allowance of approximately \$1,600 to remove material that is currently stockpiled at the transfer station. He said the majority of the site has been cleared, and there is further contamination at Hart's garage. He anticipates that it will cost \$20,000 to \$25,000 to remediate that soil. As to why this has occurred, Mr. Millette said that the excavation on the west side was much larger than anyone was led to believe. They kept finding more contaminated material as they dug. A large contaminated area was completely removed and replaced with clean fill. In addition, another plume of contamination of about 50-60 tons was discovered at stair tower #1. The soil was coming from a shed on the Hart's garage property. The Change Order amount is \$108,740.44. Mr. Millette indicated that based upon the costs to date, they are at approximately \$1 million under the budget with the contingency.

The Mayor said that the soil had to be removed no matter the amount, and asked whether Versar did any original testing to estimate the contamination. Mr. Millette said they did a Phase I study. He said the Village could have authorized a more complete Phase II. The Mayor asked whether the testing was necessary when they knew they would have to clean up the area anyway. Mr. Millette said this allowed them to know what to expect.

The Mayor said that the original contract was \$18.00 per ton. He asked if the contract included a statement that the Village would be required to pay whatever the transfer station charged. Mr. Millette said the contract says it is based on the actual price of the soil removal. Mayor Krajewski asked if the Village could have authorized this before the work was done, as it has now been completed. Mr. Millette said they could have, but all work in the area would have had to cease.

**Commissioner McConnell** asked whether there is anything the Village can learn regarding soil remediation that could allow for more accuracy as the Village goes into the Curtiss block project. Mr. Millette responded that it is an underground flow system and it is very expensive to get an accurate map of the plume. If it is a make or break figure, it might be worth doing the Phase II

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study. He noted that the more comfortable they want to be with the estimate, the more work will have to be done up front.

The Mayor asked if there was any connection between this and the oil in St. Joe's Creek. Mr. Millette said that there has been no oil in the Creek all summer, and it appears that it was caused by a fuel oil tank in the old Jewel building, which flowed into the Creek as well as backwards from the Creek. He is very hopeful that there will be no more oil.

Commissioner Tully asked when the soil at Hart's garage will be removed. Mr. Millette said they would start tomorrow unless the Council directs otherwise. He said they should be done within a month, and he could have an accurate estimate ready by next Tuesday.

Commissioner Tully questioned whether the Council should have an exact figure or authorize the Change Order once the work is complete. The Mayor suggested a third option of paying \$20.00 per ton for removal.

Commissioner Tully said if this is not a time sensitive nature, he would suggest waiting until the figures are in. He asked that staff notify the Council by e-mail of these situations where the work has to be done and it would hold up the project to wait.

Commissioner Schnell asked if there is development to the east and contaminants are found, would that necessitate having to remove parts of the Village street. Mr. Millette said that they are moving to the right-of-way line, and they will assure that will not happen.

The Mayor asked that when Versar works in the Hart's garage area, the Council be informed as to the level of contamination so that information can be passed on to the Weiherers.

Commissioner Urban returned to the Council Chambers upon completion of this discussion.

### 3. Bids:

- a. **2004 Resurfacing Program.** The Manager said staff recommends awarding a contract to Fiala Paving in the amount of \$1,783,455.33 plus a 4.5% contingency, which is below the estimate.

Commissioner Schnell asked whether there is a possibility of doing another section of roadway since they are under budget. Mr. Millette said the MFT rules have been tightened up as to how much they can go over the budget. They could probably do a block or two. He suggested they see how things progress.

**Commissioner Sandack** asked about Fiala's record with the Village previously, and Mr. Millette said it was fair to middling. There are no major concerns.

The Mayor asked about the Dunham Road schedule. Mr. Millette said that Dunham Road is the first road they will be directed to since it has been torn up the longest. The Mayor asked that the left turn arrow be placed there temporarily to eliminate traffic problems.

Commissioner Tully asked for an elaboration on the \$22,000 component of the proposal for stormwater management. Mr. Millette said it's a segment of Chicago, east of Fairview. The road has deteriorated due to water settling on it without adequate drainage. They will install a 10" storm sewer to alleviate the condition.

The Mayor said a large amount of work has been done in Darien by the Village, including the paving of Fairview Avenue, installation of sidewalks, trees, etc. He suggested that a letter be sent to Darien regarding reimbursement to the Village for this resurfacing work.

- b. **2004 Preventive Seal Program.** The Manager said staff recommends awarding a bid to AC Paving & Striping Company a cost of \$165,959.30, which was \$16,000 above the engineer's estimate. This company has worked in the Village since 1993.

Commissioner Schnell asked that the letters sent to residents explain the expectations of what this seal will look like and how long it will last. Residents need to know how this will look. Mr. Millette said staff will take care of this. The Mayor added that one big problem is when BFI comes through before the seal is set and digs holes in the pavement. Mr. Millette said they will plan to do it the day after the garbage pickup. Commissioner Schnell said that scheduling would help.

- c. **Fire Station #3 Roof Replacement.** The Manager said staff recommends awarding a contract to Roofs, Inc, in the amount of \$74,875.00.

The Mayor asked about contractor's insurance.

**Mike Baker**, Assistant Village Manager, said he spoke with Dennis Burke, Risk Manager, who suggested increasing the general liability and use the value of the facility as the general liability. The Mayor said the amount of the facility would not be adequate if there are serious injuries. He believes the general liability should be more than \$1 million on all contracts.

- 4. **Plan Commission Recommendation: Plymouth 3-lot Subdivision.** The Manager asked Joe Skach, Director, Planning & Community Development to address this item.

**Joe Skach**, Director, Planning & Community Development, said this subdivision involved dividing an acre zoned R-3 into three lots that will remain in the R-3 zoning district. The three lots would exceed lot requirements in that zoning district. The Plan Commission reviewed the petition and recommended approval. He said that one condition is that the existing home would have to be demolished before proceeding with construction.

Commissioner Tully reiterated that the existing zoning would remain in place, there are no variations being requested, and the three lots would each exceed 75' in width. Mr. Skach responded affirmatively to each.

- 5. **Claude Hurley Contract – Extension Contract #08-04.** The Manager said that Claude Hurley has provided engineering services for Public Works for the past ten years. They are proposing a 0% increase in prices and staff recommends a one-year extension. The Mayor asked, since there are no bids, what other companies are charging.

Mr. Millette said they looked at the list of prices for ECS and Terricon working on the deck, and Hurley was below their prices across the board. In response to the Mayor, Mr. Millette said that Hurley declined to bid on the deck. The Mayor suggested that the Village go through the bidding process.

Commissioner Schnell agreed that 0% increase is very attractive; however, she would like to see them go out to bid next year, and Mr. Millette said staff will do that.

Commissioner Tully said he agrees with the extensions but asked for verification that 1 or 2% increase is the market rate. He agreed that 0% is attractive, but some companies may be willing to do less than the market rate to get the business. He recommended bidding this out next year.

Commissioner McConnell asked whether there is a limitation of extensions by Village policy.

**Village Attorney Enza Petrarca** said contracts are limited to two extensions.

The Mayor said this is a unit service contract for \$72,000. He asked if this was the rate for testing throughout the year. Mr. Millette said it is and it is a little higher than last year. Mr. Millette said staff will notify the Council if it appears the costs will go over the budgeted amount.

**6. Sign Ordinance Amendment.** The Manager asked Joe Skach to address this item.

Mr. Skach reviewed the Council's moratorium on freestanding, neon and other signs, stating that the Village Council established the moratorium on May 18, 2004. Staff has worked on revising signage regulations included in Chapter 28, Article XV. The information was reviewed by the Joint Strategic Planning Committee along with members of the Zoning Board of Appeals at two meetings. The Plan Commission considered the recommendations on July 12. A considerable amount of time was spent on making sure that all areas of concern had been addressed.

Mr. Skach then reviewed recommended refinements including exposed neon signs; temporary signs, and exemptions from required permit regarding flags. Items prohibited include roof signs, inflatable signs, offsite/off premises sign, vehicles used as signs, and searchlights. He said they also discussed clear site zones, as well as enforcement of existing regulations.

Commissioner Schnell congratulated the Plan Commission and the EDC as well as staff for the wonderful work that was done on this issue. She then asked whether limiting the use of the American flag as an advertising tool could be challenged constitutionally. Attorney Petrarca said she will look into that, but doesn't believe it will be a problem.

Commissioner Schnell asked about "movable signs" on cars and trucks, and whether those would be excluded completely. Mr. Skach said that their intent was to clarify the language so that an instance of a vehicle permanently parked in front of a business advertising the business would be considered a sign, but not include a vehicle that is operational and used in conjunction with a business. Attorney Petrarca said a vehicle used in conjunction with a business i.e., delivering parts, making service calls, etc. would not be considered a sign. She said there is a fine line.

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Commissioner Schnell said she understands what they are trying to do, but doesn't understand the distinction with a vehicle that can be moved.

Mr. Skach said that the staff and Commissions discussed intent quite thoroughly. There will have to be some discretionary decisions made. There was no decision on the part of staff to ticket panel trucks used for delivery.

Commissioner Schnell then said that in what she read there were discussions about appearance issues because Code Enforcement is having a difficult time keeping up with the issue. She asked if this will put more pressure and burden on Code Enforcement. Attorney Petrarca said that in some cases, no permits will be issued at all such as for inflatables, roof sign, etc., which will reduce their burden.

The Mayor said it will place a burden on Code Enforcement. The number one call to the Community Resource Center is for property maintenance and for Code Enforcement.

Commissioner Schnell said she didn't want to see staff set up for failure. Attorney Petrarca said that some sections will allow for one year before compliance is required.

The Mayor noted that according to the report submitted to the Council, commercial permits are up 80% over last year, while they still have the same size Code Enforcement staff.

Mayor Krajewski said that EDC asked about the impact of the ordinance on small businesses regarding neon sign restrictions, suggesting that this be studied.

Commissioner Sandack thanked the staff, Plan Commission, and the Strategic Planning Committee for their work. He said it is a daunting task. What is before them now involves modifications to the existing Code, and the recommendations put forth are thoughtful and good stopgap measures. He said eventually they will have to move forward with a new Sign Ordinance, and he asked what the next step is. He does not favor extending the moratorium, but he would like some direction as to the procedure.

The Mayor asked how long it will take to do the Sign Ordinance. Attorney Petrarca said if it involves an impact study, it will take months, depending upon the level of detail requested. She said that staff has detailed work done already.

Manager Ginex said that compiling data for an impact study would take a considerable amount of staff time. Mr. Skach added the initial issue was the situation with freestanding signs.

The Mayor suggested staff talk with the Plan Commission, the Strategic Plan Committee, the EDC and the Chamber before embarking on the work required for an impact study.

Commissioner Sandack said they need to think carefully about the next step including all the agencies involved. He doesn't want to have to do this three times, but would rather do it once and do it right.

Commissioner Schnell said she has no problem moving forward with this; however, she is concerned that if they lift the moratorium, people may put in expensive signs that do not fit the

proposed new Ordinance. She asked what the recourse would be. Attorney Petrarca said that people are made aware by way of a letter of notification that the Village's Sign Ordinance is currently under review. Commissioner Schnell said she would favor an extension of the moratorium if she knew when the sign ordinance would be going forward.

Commissioner McConnell said she was concerned about a one-year time frame for compliance, and thinks they need to think through the impact this will have. She said she was not sure that the moratorium needed to be extended. She said perhaps they could change the one-year to three years for the compliance period. She did not think they necessarily had to do an impact study but could obtain knowledgeable information from the Chamber and other organizations.

Commissioner McConnell asked whether the POW flag is acceptable, and Attorney Petrarca said it was.

Commissioner McConnell said they may need to have flags defined. She then asked about the advertising posters that will be placed in the Village buses and whether that would conflict with the Ordinance. Attorney Petrarca replied that it would not.

Commissioner McConnell then raised the issue of neon signs, referring to the photos brought in last week for the Council's review. She said, in her opinion, they were tastefully done. She asked if they could place limitations on neon signs rather than eliminating all of them. Mr. Skach said those issues were brought up at the meetings, and it was noted that often the neon signs are inside the business. There was a clear break made at the face of the building, and the language stopped at the building face. Commissioner McConnell asked about neon being used as a type of decoration, and Mr. Skach said it is hard to define decorative, and is probably in the eyes of the beholder. Commissioner McConnell said that makes the one-year period even more inappropriate.

**Commissioner Urban** asked what other communities have done regarding compliance time. Attorney Petrarca said they range from one year to ten years.

Commissioner Urban asked what enforcement would be, and Attorney Petrarca said that Code Enforcement could ultimately have the sign removed, but would begin with a ticket.

Commissioner Urban then addressed the concept of neon, and asked if he had a flash neon sign inside his window, would it be legal. Attorney Petrarca said it would be legal under the current ordinance.

Commissioner Urban asked about a definition of what constitutes a sign. Attorney Petrarca said they have several different definitions of signs. Neon outlines are specifically prohibited.

Commissioner Urban said he didn't know if they could make the right decision tonight. They do not want to send the message out to businesses that we do not want their business. He is not sure about extending the moratorium. He said he is concerned about sending the message that businesses should wait before coming into the Village.

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The Mayor said that as a Council they are asking the Architectural Review Commission to work on the look of the community overall. He suggested that other committees could look at the signs as well.

Commissioner Tully extended his appreciation to all who have worked on this project, including the Plan Commission and Strategic Plan Committee. He then reviewed the history of signage, including Ogden Avenue. One of the issues raised concerned the Ogden Avenue corridor, particularly in terms of aesthetic vision and continuity of signage. He said that the sign moratorium was to allow time to review what the Village wanted the Sign Ordinance to look like. He noted that this started because of new signs coming into the Village.

Commissioner Tully suggested that they segregate the conversation between new signage and existing signs, as well as what is before the Council now and what is down the road. Regarding what is before the Council now, the two biggest issues concern freestanding signs and the amount of frontage on a building that can be devoted to a sign. He suggested that they need guidelines for freestanding signs and the amount of frontage on a building that can be devoted to signs, rather than having an extension of the moratorium. He said he is sensitive to the need to keep the business community thriving. He suggested an interim Ordinance on a go forward basis regarding new signs that address free-standing sign height, amount of frontage on a building that can be devoted to signs, and neon signs. He further suggested either adopting something like the Hinsdale ordinance or a draft sign ordinance such as is before the Council tonight.

Commissioner Tully said he had no issues with the recommendations in the draft ordinance. He said he wants to be sure the Village is on solid legal ground with respect to restrictions on flags. Regarding neon, this is one of the issues that led to the moratorium in the first place. Many towns have eliminated the use of neon completely. The question is what to do about businesses that have neon signs and bringing them into conformance. As for the economic impact of prohibiting external neon signs, it would probably be good to know how many there are and the costs involved. But he said he saw no reason not to eliminate new neon signs on a go-forward basis. He said that an interim ordinance regarding new signage would provide the time to conduct an impact study on Village businesses. He believed it would be a mistake simply to eliminate the moratorium without an interim ordinance in place.

George Nicholaou of the Plan Commission said that even without the signs, there is still a need to increase the size of the Code Enforcement Department or move people into that Department. The amount of reconstruction, teardowns, and size of the community all require an increase in the Department, or moving people from other departments. The subject at hand is to control the size of signs. He believes that a comprehensive discussion of signs could take at least another year. However, the situation could be improved if they became creative and remove existing signs of closed businesses, repainting and maintaining current signage, etc. He said that Code Enforcement has pictures of signs all over town, and they do not need another impact study. He suggested extending the moratorium, and look at the height and size of the signs. Mr. Nicholaou said they are complicating an issue that should be simple. The simplicity of it requires that they take time on each point. They attack the biggest problems first, which are size, height, and monument signs. There are enough teeth in the ordinance but the Council must decide what it wants to do. He said there is also confusion on the neon issue, which is not the biggest problem in the Village. Height, size and condition can be attacked now.

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Commissioner Tully said he appreciates Mr. Nicholaou's points. What led to this were freestanding signs, height, size, and setbacks. He said by allowing the moratorium to expire without something in its place would accomplish very little

Commissioner Sandack agreed with Commissioner Tully, and said he doesn't want to see an extension of the three-month moratorium. He would like to either adopt an interim ordinance, or other stopgap measure, and would like to move forward with a comprehensive sign ordinance.

Commissioner Schnell concurred with both Commissioners Tully and Sandack in terms of having something to replace the moratorium, rather than extending it. She said the Council needs advice from staff as to the timeframe involved and what would fill the void. She also asked if the Hinsdale Ordinance was the proper way to go.

Attorney Petrarca said that she has looked at the Hinsdale Ordinance. They started with height, and there are so many variables that have to be taken into account such as location, setbacks, etc. She said it is difficult to recommend anything in the interim without more work. There are so many ways to look at this based on the different areas of the Village.

Commissioner McConnell said she thought they could go with what they have, but her concern is the one-year period. They need to put together a plan of action with proposed timetables to put everything together.

### **MANAGER'S REPORT**

Manager Ginex said DuPage Mayors and Managers met this morning in Downers Grove on the train whistle-blowing issue, and the parameters within which they can establish a quiet zone. The Federal Railroad Administration has to be notified by mid-December that the Village wants to remain a quiet zone. A plan must be put together by 2006. There are a number of measures that can be put into effect to enable the Village remain a quiet zone. He will advise the Council of information from DuPage Mayors and Managers and the Federal Railroad Administration.

### **ATTORNEY'S REPORT**

Village Attorney Enza Petrarca said she was presenting ten items to the Council: 1) A motion authorizing execution of contract change order #14 in the amount of \$35,293.00 for the Village of Downers Grove Parking Facility, Project #14-00; 2) A motion authorizing an amendment to existing Versar, Inc. contract re: Environmental cleanup services for parking deck construction; 3) A resolution authorizing an agreement between third party beneficiaries, Gas Technology Institute and the City of Chicago Department of Environment for the Regional Alternative Fuel Infrastructure Grant Program; 4) A resolution establishing a procedure and certain criteria for determining whether the Village of Downers Grove should participate in the issuance of commercial or industrial revenue bonds; 5) An ordinance amending parking restrictions on Prairie Avenue; 6) A resolution amending the employee administrative rules and regulations pertaining to jury duty; 7) A resolution approving final plat of resubdivision for the Pettit Subdivision; 8) A resolution authorizing an addendum to an agreement for engineering services with Claude H. Hurley Company for geotechnical engineering services May 1, 2004 - April 30, 2005; 9) An ordinance amending sign provisions; and 10) A resolution reappointing and appointing members to Boards and Commissions.

**COUNCIL MEMBERS - NEW BUSINESS**

Commissioner Schnell encouraged residents to sign up for the community dialogue on September 18. She thanked Pierce Downers Heritage Alliance for putting the link on their website.

Commissioner Tully thanked those who came out to the Library fundraiser. He said it was successful. He then noted a Letter to the Editor in The Doings newspaper written by Davis Hall, a veteran. Commissioner Tully read the letter, noting the difference in how Mr. Hall saw people react in the Downers Grove parade with regard to respect for the flag, veterans and the country, versus how residents from other communities reacted. Commissioner Tully said this is a source of pride for him and the community, and thanked Mr. Hall for the letter.

The Mayor said that he, Commissioner Tully and Mary Scalzetti will be meeting with the American Legion next week regarding the Fourth of July parade. He said he also attended a meeting in Downers Grove last night in connection with Downers Grove Watch, and a comment was raised about the garbage in the downtown area. The Village needs to look at how to deal with this. Manager Ginex said he has spoken with Linda Kunze already.

Mayor Krajewski asked staff to provide him with a copy of the letter submitted at the last Parking and Traffic Commission meeting.

Regarding current parking lots, the Mayor said that police officers were running into issues in the winter because parking stickers would fall off the window. Permit holders are now issued a hangtag that hangs on rear view mirrors. However, people remove them because they cannot drive with them on the mirrors, and, after a two-week warning period, people are now getting tickets for not displaying the tags. Constantly putting them up and taking them down has already resulted in some of the tags being cracked or broken. The Mayor said he is not sure that the intention is to give tickets in parking lots when permits have been purchased. He said he does not want to ticket residents who have purchased tags.

Mr. Ginex said that over the years the Police have gone through a lot of work on the stickers. Some responsibility has to be placed on the individual who has obtained the permit. In the Illinois Vehicle Code, the State is adamant about how plates, stickers, etc., are placed. The Village is simply asking the individuals to hang their tags on their mirrors. He believes if you are issued a hanging tag, it is your responsibility to have the tag in place.

Mayor Krajewski then asked about the Liquor Ordinance amendment on the Future Agenda. Attorney Petrarca said it relates to extended hours. The Liquor Commission determined that the Liquor Ordinance amendment related to signs will be part of the overall Sign Ordinance.

The Mayor asked about sidewalk fees. Ms. Petrarca said that issue is coming to the Council.

The Mayor said that he and Commissioner Sandack will meet to discuss space needs on Thursday.

Regarding the agenda, the Mayor asked whether Commissioner Urban must leave the room when downtown issues are being discussed. Attorney Petrarca said they have discussed it and decided

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it is the best way to handle the situation. Regarding votes, the agenda will be organized such that the items related to the downtown will be grouped together.

There being no further discussion, the Workshop meeting was adjourned at 9:00 p.m.

April K. Holden  
Village Clerk

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