



# Village of Downers Grove Meeting Minutes Downers Grove Village Council

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Tuesday, May 15, 2007

6:30 pm

Council Chambers

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## 1. Call to Order

*Mayor Ron Sandack called the regular meeting of the Village Council of the Village of Downers Grove to order at 6:30 p.m. in the Council Chambers of the Downers Grove Village Hall.*

### Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag

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

## 2. Roll Call

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

Non Voting: Village Manager Cara Pavlicek, Village Attorney Enza Petrarca and Village Clerk April Holden

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*The Council will follow the rules of conduct for this meeting as provided in Sec. 2.5 of the Downers Grove Municipal Code. These offer the public the opportunity to comment at several points in the meeting. First, immediately following approval of the minutes of the past meetings, an opportunity will be given for public comments and questions on the active agenda items for this evening's meeting. Following this, an opportunity is given for public comments and questions on any subject. Finally, if a public hearing is scheduled for this meeting, an opportunity is given for public comments and questions related to the subject of the hearing.*

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

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

## 3. Minutes of Workshop and Council Meetings

*Executive Session Minutes For Approval Only - April 10, 2007*

*Council Meeting - May 1, 2007*

*Workshop Meeting - May 8, 2007*

*Commissioners Waldack and Beckman had corrections to the May 8 Workshop meeting that they submitted to the Village Clerk.*

### Police Swearing-In Ceremony

*Police Chief Porter introduced Vincent Fosco, Jeffrey Giermann and John Yocum who were then sworn in by the Village Clerk as members of the Downers Grove Police Department. He provided background information on each officer and welcomed them to the Department.*

## COP Volunteer Recognition

*Andy Matejcek, Director, Counseling and Social Services explained the Community Oriented Policing program located at the Autumn Grove Apartment Complex Resource Center. He noted that they worked closely with numerous agencies to provide programming to the people of Autumn Grove, then introduced Evan Stockwell, the Resource Center Coordinator, and Sgt. Edward Harrison of the Police Department for their services to the program. The following volunteers who assist as mentors were introduced and thanked for their service and generosity: Anne Crowley, Eric Behna, Jennifer Colangelo, Kristina Neven, Marissa Rurka, Mathew Corso.*

*Mayor Sandack congratulated the volunteers, thanked them for their service and presented them with an Award of Recognition.*

## 4. Public Comments and Questions

### A. Comments and Questions on Active Agenda

*Laurel Bowen, 829 Clyde Drive, said she had issues on a few items on the agenda. She asked why the Village is considering waiving fees of \$22,363.58 for the construction of the family services facility, stating that staff will still be paid, the infrastructure will be used for construction, etc. She asked if this facility would be paying property taxes. Secondly, Ms. Bowen commented on the cement sidewalk bid for \$649,802.95 saying the infrastructure is in bad condition and the stormwater issues are in need of attention. She asked why the Village is spending this amount of money on sidewalks rather than road repair. In the past election, the infrastructure issues were brought up as paramount importance. Ms. Bowen added that in past budgets the norm was roughly \$250,000 to \$300,000 for sidewalks.*

*Ms. Bowen then commented on the 2008 Chevrolet Suburban for \$33,996 asking what the need was for this item. This is the largest SUV available. She asked what it would be used for, as there was no backup documentation available for this item. Gas prices at \$3.50 per gallon should be taken into consideration. Fourthly, Ms. Bowen addressed the underground utilities in the amount of \$189,000 at Acadia on the Green, saying the developers received a sweetheart deal when they purchased the downtown property for the Acadia development. She asked why the taxpayers are responsible for placing utilities underground and questioned how many more hidden expenses are still to be announced, as occurred with the never-ending change orders for the parking deck. She said that \$189,000 for burying utilities is just the beginning, and all told it will cost \$755,000 in expenses to bury utilities on the block, although the original estimate was \$205,000. Ms. Bowen said that staff made errors in preparing the redevelopment agreement with New England builders which has resulted in these expenses. The Village has poor fiscal controls in place. She said she would appreciate the Council's diligent efforts in spending tax dollars in a responsible manner.*

*Mayor Sandack said that two of the items she raised he thought would be tabled. With respect to some of the estimates for underground bidding, there were errors made. As for Acadia on the Green, the Village has a contractual obligation with regard to burying the utilities. Regarding the concrete bidding, this may also be tabled for further discussion for next week.*

*Commissioner Tully said with respect to waiving the fees for the Family Shelter facility, he explained that Village Council policy allows non-profit organizations to request fee waivers. This is not automatic but is consistent with prior requests from not-for-profit groups for fee waivers. Although he did not have the figures before him, Commissioner Tully said that about two years ago there was extensive public discussion regarding the Village's policy with regard to fee waivers for not-for-profit agencies.*

*In regard to the sidewalk expenses, Commissioner Tully said that the amount budgeted this year was larger than in the past due to public demands and the Council's desire to provide additional*

*funds in view of the 175th anniversary of the Village. Sidewalks are part of the infrastructure. He feels that in the past the Village has under budgeted for sidewalks. The three things that make up infrastructure include stormwater, sidewalks and streets. The amount was budgeted in the last budget cycle.*

*For clarification regarding the underground utilities, Commissioner Tully said that the desire came from the Village and not the developer to underground utilities. The Village saw an opportunity to underground the utility poles in the downtown area, and the Village inserted that requirement, and therefore will pay for it. The work will be done by ComEd. The estimate was far less than it turned out to be; however, he reiterated that this was driven by the Village. The errors in estimated costs were a disappointment.*

*Commissioner Schnell noted regarding the Chevy Suburban that she asked about the need for a larger vehicle such as this, and the answer was that this size of vehicle was necessary due to the specific type and size of gear that has to be transported by the Fire Department.*

*Nancy Svoboda, who lives on the west side of Florence Avenue, spoke regarding the sidewalk issue on that street. She said that there is support from residents for the east side since there is a setback on that side of the street that could more easily accommodate the sidewalks.*

## **B. Comments and Questions on General Matters**

*John Schofield, 1125 Jefferson, said that on May 10, 2005 the Council unanimously adopted an ordinance to protect parkway trees and shrubs. Many applauded the Council's move in adopting that. He reminded the Council of this action, and offered the new members of the Council a copy of the DVD of that presentations. He then asked whether anyone knows whether that ordinance is working. He said that last year they requested a report as to how many trees were lost, how many were replaced, and the relative size of the trees lost or replaced. He also was of the impression that when a fee is paid to the Village, it is supposed to go into a replacement account for the Village and asked if this is being done as well. Mr. Schofield then noted that the second half of the ordinance, to consider the protection of legacy trees on private property, was tabled indefinitely in 2005. He thought after two years it would be time to talk up the larger questions, particularly since there is now a fully staffed Environmental Concerns Commission.*

*Mayor Sandack said he would ask staff to obtain the information as to how the ordinance is working. As to the second part of the question, that will become a part of the strategic planning process.*

*Liz Chaplin said she wanted to discuss the \$3 million rebate and \$.20 reduction from DuPage County Water Commission. The money was a windfall to the Village, and was paid by both users and non-users. Ms. Chaplin said that the water rate has gone from \$1.95 to \$1.25 today that is set by the DuPage Water Commission. She noted that Naperville is having a meeting tonight where they are proposing rebating money to the residents or putting those funds back into the water infrastructure. She asked that the Council consider rebating money to its customers. She also said that this might also be a good opportunity to improve the infrastructure of unincorporated areas with fire hydrants. In addition, she noted that many intersections in the Village do not have Stop signs and the Council should consider getting Stop signs.*

*Mayor Sandack said the intersection she is discussing is Franklin and Middaugh and he thinks the Parking and Traffic Commission is aware of this situation. Regarding the DuPage Water Commission, he said it was a pleasant surprise to get the funds and the Council will review where those funds should go.*

## **5. Public Hearings**

## 6. Consent Agenda

*Commissioner Tully moved to remove from the Consent Agenda item MOT 00-02806, a motion awarding \$24,987 to Indestructo Rental Company, Inc., DesPlaines, IL, for tent renewal for 2007 Heritage Festival. Commissioner Durkin seconded the motion.*

*VOTE: YEA - Commissioner Tully, Durkin, Beckman, Neustadt, Waldack, Schnell; Mayor Sandack*

*Mayor Sandack declared the motion carried.*

**COR 00-02799** A. Claim Ordinance: No. 5689, Payroll, April 27, 2007

**Sponsors:** Accounting

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

**Indexes:** N/A

**BIL 00-02800** B. List of Bills Payable: No. 5674, May 15, 2007

**Sponsors:** Accounting

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

**Indexes:** N/A

**MOT 00-02802** C. Motion: Authorize a Fee Waiver of \$22,363.58 for Family Shelter Service Facility, 7300 S. Main Street

**Sponsors:** Manager's Office

**Summary of Item:** This is for permitting, plan review, and inspection fees.

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

**Indexes:** Family Shelter Services

**BID 00-02803** D. Bid: Award \$26,805 to Temco Machinery, Inc., Aurora, IL, for the Purchase of a 2007 Holder 4.74 Articulating Four-Wheel Drive Compact Tractor

**Sponsors:** Public Works

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

**Indexes:** Vehicle Purchases, Public Works - Equipment

**BID 00-02804** E. Bid: Award \$368,598.56 to Global Emergency Products, Inc., Aurora, IL, for a 2007 Pierce Impel Pumper

**Sponsors:** Public Works

**Summary of Item:** This approves the following three items:

Purchase of one (1) 2007 Pierce Impel pumper from Global Emergency Products, Inc. of Aurora, Illinois in the amount of \$368,598.56 including a \$15,000 trade-in allowance for Unit 908, a 1989 Ford E-One pumper;

Retain the existing Fire Engine 2 (Unit 965), a 1995 Pierce Saber Pumper, for use as the Village's reserve pumper truck;

Sell the existing reserve pumper truck (Fire Engine 4 - Unit 966) upon delivery of the new vehicle.

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

**Indexes:** Fire Equipment-Pumper, Vehicle Purchases

**MOT 00-02805** F. Motion: Award \$15,000 to Central States Fireworks, Inc., Athens, IL, for Three Fireworks Displays at the 2007 Heritage Festival

**Sponsors:** Community Events

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

**Indexes:** Heritage Festival 2007

**BID 00-02808** G. Bid: Award \$89,585 to Sauber Manufacturing Company, Virgil, IL, for Purchase and Installation of an Altec TA45 Telescopic Articulating Aerial Device and Associated Truck Body Equipment

**Sponsors:** Public Works

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

**Indexes:** Vehicle Purchases, Public Works - Equipment

**BID 00-02809** H. Bid: Award a Contract to Lyons Electric Company, LaGrange, IL, for On-Call Streetlight Maintenance Services

**Sponsors:** Public Works

**Summary of Item:** This contract is for an amount not to exceed \$66,500.

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

**Indexes:** Street Lights - Maintenance

**BID 00-02810** I. Bid: Award \$33,996 to Bill Jacobs Joliet LLC, Joliet, IL, for a 2008 Chevrolet Suburban

**Sponsors:** Public Works

**Summary of Item:** This is to approve the following two items:

Purchase of one (1) 2008 Chevrolet Suburban with Bill Jacobs Joliet LLC of Joliet, Illinois in the amount of \$33,996; and

Sell the existing 2000 Ford Excursion (Unit 976) upon delivery of the new vehicle.

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

**Indexes:** Vehicle Purchases, Fire Equipment, Miscellaneous

- RES 00-02816** J. Resolution: Authorize a License Agreement with the Downers Grove Downtown Management Corporation for the 2007 Car Show Season  
**Sponsors:** Communications  
**Summary of Item:** A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING A LICENSE AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE VILLAGE OF DOWNERS GROVE AND THE DOWNERS GROVE DOWNTOWN MANAGEMENT CORPORATION FOR THE 2007 CAR SHOW SEASON

RESOLUTION 2007-53

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

**Indexes:** Downtown Management Corporation

- MOT 00-02817** K. Motion: Note Receipt of Minutes of Village Boards and Commissions  
**Summary of Item:** Environmental Concerns Commission - March 8, 2007  
Library Board - April 11, 2007  
Parking & Traffic Commission - April 11, 2007  
**A motion was made to Award this file on the Consent Agenda.**

**Indexes:** Boards and Commissions Minutes

### **Passed The Consent Agenda**

*The Consent Agenda passed as amended.*

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

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

## **7. Active Agenda**

- MOT 00-02806** Motion: Award \$24,987 to Indestructo Rental Company, Inc., DesPlaines, IL, for Tent Renewal for 2007 Heritage Festival  
**Sponsors:** Community Events  
**A motion was made by Commissioner Tully, seconded by Commissioner Durkin, to Table Indefinitely this file. Mayor Sandack declared the motion carried by the following vote:**  
**Votes:** Yea: Commissioner Waldack, Commissioner Schnell, Commissioner Beckman, Commissioner Tully, Commissioner Durkin, Commissioner Neustadt and Mayor Sandack  
**Indexes:** Heritage Festival 2007

- MOT 00-02807** A. Motion: Award \$649,802.95 to A&R Cement, Inc., Bartlett, IL, for 2007 New Sidewalk Program (CIP Project S-004)  
**Sponsors:** Public Works  
**Summary of Item:** The contract award includes \$624,002.95 for new sidewalk sork and \$25,800 for downtown crosswalks.  
*Commissioner Schnell said that she drove Florence and said it has a rural character to it with large trees. She asked staff to work with the neighbors and go the extra mile to find a way to solve the issue. This would work to the benefit of everybody.*  
*Commissioner Neustadt noted that the connectivity to Gierz Street sidewalks from the west side of Florence will achieve the Village's goals.*

Commissioner Tully said he doesn't believe the delay will affect the overall project. Regarding the sidewalks on Kenyon and Florence Avenue, more information is needed on Kenyon which was not available for this meeting. As to Florence, Commissioner Tully said that the Council has heard from citizens on both sides of the block. Someone is going to be unhappy regardless of which side the sidewalk is placed. He thinks it is worth more time to work with the residents and to study the issue further. They need to come up with the best solution possible. The additional time will help in that respect, although he is reluctant to hold up the entire sidewalk bid for two streets.

Mayor Sandack said staff needs to walk the residents through the process, listen to their reasons and engage them in the process. He said that staff has indicated that tabling this will not be harmful to the sidewalk schedule. He said this would be Workshopped next week.

Commissioner Schnell suggested that in the next week the staff could walk the area and talk with the residents. The residents need to have their questions answered and get as much information from staff as possible.

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

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

**Indexes:** Sidewalk Construction

**MOT 00-02811** B. Motion: Authorize \$189,000 to Lyons/Pinner Electric, LaGrange, IL, to Bury Overhead Utilities for Acadia on the Green

**Sponsors:** Public Works

Commissioner Tully said he is hoping that the Council gets the final numbers with regard to this. Tabling of this will not delay the project.

Commissioner Beckman said he appreciates that the Council can hold off on this to obtain a more comprehensive view as to the costs. He said that in a previous life, in a major construction project they received change orders in dribs and drabs, which was prolonged pain, and made it appear as though they didn't know what they were doing. In fact, these kinds of things often are unpredictable in terms of changes that might take place and the costs incurred for changes.

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

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

**Indexes:** Planned Development #37-Acadia on the Green

**ORD 00-02812** C. Ordinance: Create Park Zone Speed Limits

**Sponsors:** Public Works and Parking & Traffic Commission

**Summary of Item:** This will establish speed limits in certain designated park zones.

AN ORDINANCE CREATING PARK ZONE SPEED LIMITS

ORDINANCE NO. 4867

Commissioner Neustadt commented that he thought this was a great partnership with the Park District and is definitely a public safety item. He sees this as a step forward.

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

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

**Indexes:** Parking Regulations, Park District, Parking Provisions, Parking Restrictions

**ORD 00-02813** D. Ordinance: Establish Temporary Work Zone Speed Limits

**Sponsors:** Public Works and Parking & Traffic Commission

**Summary of Item:** This will establish speed limits in temporary work zones.

AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING TEMPORARY WORK ZONE SPEED LIMITS

ORDINANCE NO. 4868

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

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

**Indexes:** Speed Limits - Temporary Work Zone

**ORD 00-02814** E. Ordinance: Amend Parking Restrictions on Prairie Avenue

**Sponsors:** Public Works and Parking & Traffic Commission

**Summary of Item:** This will restrict parking on certain portions of Prairie Avenue.

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING PARKING RESTRICTIONS ON PRAIRIE AVENUE

ORDINANCE NO. 4869

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

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

**Indexes:** Parking Restrictions - Prairie

## 8. Mayor's Report

*Proclamations*

*Mayor Sandack proclaimed May 13-19, 2007 as Police Week in the Village of Downers Grove.*

*Mayor Sandack proclaimed the week of May 14-18, 2007 as Public Works Week.*

*Mayor Sandack proclaimed June 2, 2007 as River Sweep Day in the Village of Downers Grove.*

### Materials to be Received

### Materials to be Placed on File

## 9. Manager's and Directors' Report

*Deputy Village Manager Dave Fieldman reported on the status of Fire Station 2 construction. The demolition permit was issued and work began on schedule. Placement of the fence and tree removal has commenced. Inspections are scheduled. He noted that the building permit will be issued shortly and they anticipate providing a bi-weekly report to the Council.*

## 10. Attorney's Report

## Waive One-Week Waiting Period to Consider New Business

*Village Attorney Enza Petrarca asked the Council to consider waiving the one-week waiting period to consider new business due to the time-sensitive nature of the matter.*

*Commissioner Tully moved to waive the one-week waiting period to consider new business. Commissioner Durkin seconded the Motion.*

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

*NAY: None*

*Mayor Sandack declared the Motion carried.*

**RES 00-02818** Resolution: Authorize an Agreement with A.B. Data, Ltd. for Utility Billing Services

**Sponsors:** Finance

**Summary of Item:** This will authorize an agreement between the Village of Downers Grove and A.B. Data, Ltd. for utility billing services.

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING EXECUTION OF AN AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE VILLAGE OF DOWNERS GROVE AND A.B. DATA, LTD. FOR UTILITY BILLING SERVICES

RESOLUTION 2007-54

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

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

**Indexes:** Utility Billing

## 11. Council Member Reports and New Business

*Commissioner Neustadt recognized the Downers Grove Police Department for Police Week, saying without them Downers Grove would not be the community it is today. He encouraged residents to attend the Officer Barth memorial service on May 17 at 1:00 p.m. The Commissioner then recognized the Village's Public Works Department for its services to the residents of the Village and urged the residents to attend the Public Works Open House on Friday. He then thanked staff for the sidewalk matrix information.*

*Commissioner Waldack congratulated Senior Home Sharing on their 26th anniversary, which provides affordable housing in the County.*

*Commissioner Waldack said that there have been a number of PACE commercials on TV attempting to get additional funds for services. PACE is the suburban bus service. He said that they fund Ride DuPage, saying that this model has replaced the CTA model of paratransit. They have taken on responsibilities but have not received any additional funds for these programs. He urged people to contact their representatives regarding support of the PACE programs.*

*Commissioner Waldack then noted that, with regard to accidents and signage, in his neighborhood a car went through three stop signs. Then later in the day another car slowed down at Stop signs; however, did not stop completely. He urged people to obey these signals as a basic respect for the law and urged parents to impress this concept on their children.*

*Commissioner Schnell said that the DuPage Mayors and Managers Conference discussed*

*HB1500. She believes that compromises will be put into legislation to be voted upon. From a municipal perspective, the important thing is that almost all concerns made by municipalities have been addressed, except build-outs. She said the subject of defining right-of-way has to be addressed by the municipalities. With regard to franchise fees, Commissioner Schnell said that they will no longer be called "franchise fees"; however, the fees would go to the State as opposed to the municipalities. The municipalities would eventually receive the money from the State. She said that cable companies can opt out of existing agreements within 180 days in municipalities with franchise fees. She said the Village will have to be very vigilant and must make good policy decisions to protect residents.*

*Commissioner Schnell said other legislation that was discussed at the DMMC meeting was the gross receipts tax, and it appears now that this is a dead issue, in its present state. However, there appears to be a school funding bill of about \$4 billion that will go to the State legislature. She said that she's provided this as information that the Village will need to monitor.*

*In regard to Ms. Chaplin's comments regarding the Water Commission rebate, Commissioner Schnell said that in the past the Village has tried to split the rebates to both reduction of rates and the infrastructure. She said there are outstanding bonds for the meter reader program, and she suggested it would be prudent to see whether that debt should be paid down given the interest rates.*

*Commissioner Beckman commented on the recent election saying that the community raised many issues. Some of these issues may take years to complete while others are more in the Council's control, such as the Village's Code of Ethics and Code of Conduct. He suggested a systematic approach to review issues and move forward.*

*Mayor Sandack said he has spoken with the Village Manager and the Village Attorney regarding this a Code of Ethics. He has received potential language from them, and has drafted his own language that he has given to them as well. He asked about the Council's interest to move forward on this issue.*

*Commissioner Tully said that no one would say they are against going forward with the Code of Ethics. He asked for more specific information to more clearly define what is being discussed. It is important that the language be clearly understood as to what is appropriate and what is not appropriate.*

*Mayor Sandack said he agreed with Commissioner Tully's comments. The Mayor said he put together a series of points and contemplates one or more Workshops discussing the issues with the Council members as well as residents. He might be good to include this on the website.*

*Commissioner Beckman added that he agrees with Commissioner Tully as well, noting that there must be a starting point established.*

*Commissioner Schnell said that it is an issue that the Council needs to start discussing and frame.*

*Mayor Sandack suggested that staff provide information to the rest of the Council members.*

*Commissioner Durkin said that the Downtown Management Corporation meeting was held this past week, at which they distributed the new Business Director for 2007. He noted that the booklet has the calendar for 2007, as well as all the businesses that make up the area, and a map in color showing parking information including times and bike racks. He encouraged citizens to obtain a copy of the booklet.*

*Commissioner Durkin then said that he represented the Village at a meeting sponsored by the Department of Energy and Argonne Lab regarding Global Nuclear Energy Partnership, which*

*is taking place in the Argonne area. The luncheon was to present highlights of a Global Research and Development building. The facility will cost upwards of \$3 billion to construct. He noted that he has materials for anyone to review.*

*Commissioner Tully commented on the Officer Barth ceremony at Patriot's Park on Thursday. He said this will be video taped and rebroadcast. He then encouraged the residents to attend the Public Works Open House which is an enlightening experience.*

*With respect to the Water Commission rebate, Commissioner Tully said that the Council will have to discuss the use of those funds.*

*Commissioner Tully invited residents to Lincoln Center on May 19 at 9:00 a.m. for Coffee with the Council.*

*Mayor Sandack said that the Barth Memorial ceremony is a moving and humbling event and highly recommended that people attend this memorial. He said that Officer Barth gave his life in the performance of his duties for the Village, and this is a fitting and appropriate remembrance in his honor.*

*The Mayor echoed the invitation to residents to attend the Public Works Open House.*

*The Mayor then said he got to introduce and welcome Julie Andrews to Downers Grove at the Tivoli Theater. She attended in relation to her new book tour. The theater was filled to capacity. He said it was a really nice event and showed off the beauty of the Tivoli Theater. He thanked Anderson's Bookshop for hosting the event.*

## **12. Adjournment**

*Commissioner Tully moved to adjourn. Commissioner Durkin seconded.*

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

*Mayor Sandack declared the motion carried and the meeting adjourned at 7:45 p.m. The Mayor said the Council would reconvene in the Committee Room to resume discussions regarding strategic planning.*