

MINUTES OF THE BOARD MEETING
OF THE PRESIDENT AND BOARD OF
TRUSTEES OF THE VILLAGE OF
GLENWOOD, COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS
HELD AT THE MUNICIPAL BUILDING
ON TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 3, 2009

The meeting was called to order at 6:30 p.m. **Mayor Kerry Durkin** led the audience in the Pledge of Allegiance.

UPON ROLL CALL: by **Village Clerk Carmen Hopkins**. The following Trustees responded: Barry, Campbell, Freeman, Plott

Upon Roll Call: Ayes: 4 Naes: 0 Absent: 2

Ayes: Barry, Freeman, Plott, Thomas

Naes: 0 Absent: Campbell, Nielsen

ALSO IN ATTENDANCE: **John Donahue**, Village Attorney; **Brian Smith**, Police Chief; **Linda Brunette**, Finance Director; **Kevin Welsh**, Fire Chief & Building Dept; **Janice Barry**, Treasurer; **Eric Wiederhold**, Village Administrator; **Ed Tunelius**, Robinson Engineering; **Patrick McAneney**, Public Works

**PRESENTATION OF MINUTES OF
BOARD MEETING OF:**

Motion to approve the minutes of the board meeting of **October 20, 2009**.

Trustee Freeman moved, **2nd by Trustee Plott**

Upon Roll Call: Ayes: 4 Naes: 0 Absent: 2 Abstain: 0

Ayes: Barry, Freeman, Plott, Thomas

Naes: 0

Absent: Campbell, Nielsen

Abstain: 0

Discussion: No Discussion

Motion Approved: Yes

BILLS PAYABLE: Motion to approve the bills payable as presented **Treasurer Janice Barry**.

Corporate Fund \$85,962.98; **Road and Bridge Fund** \$1,224.36;
Sewer and Water Fund \$13,953.26; Holbrook TIF \$26,482.55;
Glenwoodie Golf Course \$21,076.68; Main Street TIF \$33,521.25
Total All Funds: \$182,221.08

Trustee Barry moved, seconded by **Trustee Freeman** to accept the bills payable as presented.

Upon Roll Call: Ayes: 4 Naes: 0 Absent: 2 Abstain: 0

Ayes: Barry, Freeman, Plott, Thomas

Naes: 0

Recuse:

Absent: Campbell, Nielsen

Discussion: **Trustee Nielsen** question one item for \$298. Item in question is for the Vision Insurance.

Motion Approved: Yes

PAYROLL: Motion to approve the payroll as presented by **Treasurer Janice Barry**.

Payroll as of October 23, 2009: **Glenwoodie**, in the amount of \$17,220.13;

Corporate in the amount of \$115,001.62.

Trustee Plott moved, 2nd by Trustee Barry to accept the payroll as presented.

Upon Roll Call: Ayes: 4 Naes: 0 Recuse: 0 Absent: 2

Ayes: Barry, Freeman, Plott, Thomas

Naes: 0

Recuse: 0

Absent: Campbell, Nielsen

Discussion: No discussion

Motion Approved: Yes

TREASURER'S REPORT:

No report.

OPEN TO PUBLIC:

No one wished to approach the board.

**COMMUNICATIONS
MAYOR'S OFFICE:**

A special board meeting will be held on Friday November 6, 2009 at 6:30 PM. The agenda will be the reduction of staff within the Police Department.

The insurance will be on the agenda for the next regular board meeting.

ENGINEER'S REPORT:

Update on the flow meters. The data from the meters is currently being retrieved for analysis.

Update on main street construction. Due to the consistent rain in October, the project experienced several delays. Robinson Engineering, Public Works, and the Mayor, met with the contractor to express their frustration with the lack of progress on the project. Provided with good weather, the project should proceed quickly. The asphalt should be installed, the striping should follow. The completion of the lighting, curbs, and sidewalks will follow.

ATTORNEY'S REPORT:

No report

**DEPARTMENT REPORTS:
VILLAGE ADMINISTRATOR**

Motion to accept the vendor's list as presented.

Trustee Plott moved, 2nd by Trustee Barry to accept the motion as presented.

Upon Roll Call: Ayes: 4 Naes: 0 Recuse: 0 Absent: 2 Abstain: 0

Ayes: Barry, Freeman, Plott, Thomas

Naes: 0

Recuse: 0

Absent: Campbell, Nielsen

Abstain: 0

Discussion: Mayor Durkin to Linda Brunette, Finance Director, the vendor list is reviewed annually. Any new vendors added will need to have a form completed by the department head, prior to being added to the list.

Motion Approved: Yes

Motion to approve the purchase of road salt at \$71.74 per ton not to exceed a total amount of 1,200 tons.

Trustee Freeman moved, 2nd by Trustee Barry to accept the motion as presented.

Upon Roll Call: Ayes: 5 Naes: 0 Recuse: 1 Absent: 0 Abstain: 0

Ayes: Barry, Freeman, Nielsen, Plott, Thomas

Naes: 0

Recuse: Campbell

Absent: 0

Abstain: 0

Discussion: **Trustee Plott** questioned the ending per ton price from last winter season. Public Works Director, Patrick McAneney, noted the per ton price from last winter season was \$97.94. Mayor Durkin, questioned if an ordinance is needed to use motor fuel tax funds (MFT) to recapture funds for salt purchase. Per Linda Brunette, no ordinance is needed.

Motion Approved: Yes

Motion to table the approval of the Clearwire Special Use permit, until Bloom Township receives a contract with the carrier.

Trustee Plott moved, 2nd by **Trustee Barry** to accept the motion as presented.

Upon Roll Call: Ayes: 3 Naes: 1 Absent: 2 Recuse: 0

Ayes: Barry, Freeman, Plott, Durkin
(Mayor Durkin cast the 4th vote for a majority.)

Absent: Campbell, Nielsen

Recuse:

Naes: Thomas

Discussion: Ongoing discussions with Clearwire continues. The carrier does not have a contract with Bloom Township.

Motion Approved: Yes

Motion to table the approval of the Overnight Street Parking Ordinance and the Vehicle Sticker Fine Ordinance until the next scheduled board meeting.

Trustee Plott moved, 2nd by **Trustee Thomas** to accept the motion as presented.

Upon Roll Call: Ayes: 4 Naes: 0 Absent: 2 Recuse: 0

Ayes: Barry, Freeman, Plott, Thomas

Absent: Campbell, Nielsen

Recuse: 0

Naes: 0

Discussion: **Trustee Thomas** question the need to table the motion. **Mayor Durkin** indicated that more information on the ordinance was forthcoming. Also, both ordinances should be presented together.

Motion Approved: Yes

Motion for Executive Closed Session for Collective Negotiating Matters under section 2(c)(2) with action to be taken and no reason to reconvene at the end of the meeting was not called to the floor. The issue was discussed in the open session. The matter for discussion concerned the meeting with the Police Union and the details discussed.

Village Administrator Eric Wiederhold, **Trustee Plott**, and **Trustee Barry** were in attendance in the meeting with the Police union. The Police union representative communicated that he will meet with the union members to discuss the financial issues the Village is experiencing. Based on the meeting, it is unlikely the union will fulfill the recommended concessions. **Mayor Durkin** asked what was the requested concession amount. The recommended amount is \$220,000.00. **Mayor Durkin** noted that if the concessions are not returned by the Police union, that layoffs of police officers will occur on Friday November 6, 2009. **Trustee Thomas** asked

if a specific concession dollar amount or were specific items asked of the Police union for reduction. Eric Wiederhold, indicated the union did ask for specific areas to target for concession in order to target the needed concession dollars. **Trustee Thomas** questioned the Police union representative directly regarding the discussions. The representative indicated that discussion with the members is still ongoing. The union is willing to work with the Village regarding concessions. However, based on the budget timetable of 6 months and the requested amount of \$220,000.00, it is unlikely the union will be able to compile the requested concession amount. The representative further indicated that he will continue discussions with the union members, and he will have a answer by Friday November 6, 2009. **Mayor Durkin** confirmed the difficulty the Police union is facing.

FINANCE	Preliminary field work currently being performed the auditors. They will return at the end of November or early December to complete the fieldwork.
POLICE	No report
FIRE	No report. Congratulations on the retirement of George Spanyard.
PUBLIC WORKS	Monitor of the lift stations due to the recent multiple rain days. The department is preparing for winter. Trustee Thomas inquired about the home on Longwood (The homeowner, Mr. West, addressed the board at a previous meeting regarding the street pot hole in front of his home.) The Public Works director, Patrick McAneney, noted a cold patch was applied. However, a cut and total resurface is needed. This would require the entire street to undergo a resurface.
BUILDING DEPARTMENT	Assisting Public Works with the leaf collection program.
GLENWOODIE	Update on the bids received for the cart paths. The bids were disappointing.
PARKS PROGRAM	Glenwood Station study is scheduled for Thursday at 6:30 PM.
NEW BUSINESS	Mayor Durkin discussed about E-Comm with the Village of Lynwood. The Mayor asked Eric Wiederhold, Police Chief Smith, and Fire Chief Kevin Welsh to discuss the issue and see what the potential cost savings can be obtained. Mayor Durkin briefly discussed the changes in the COBRA law. This is part of the Obama stimulus plan. The Mayor asked the Village Attorney to follow up on the details of the changes.
OLD BUSINESS	No report
OPEN TO THE PUBLIC	<p>Mrs. Miller - 502 Longwood Dr. - Commented on the proposed Police dept staff reductions. Mrs. Miller questioned the board as to the number of police officers that will remain if the staff reductions in the Police department are initiated. Mayor Durkin responded indicating that 15 officers will remain. Mrs. Miller also is concerned regarding comments concerning the Police department. Mrs. Miller further commented that it is unrealistic to try and balance a 12 month budget in 6 months.</p> <p>Rick Miller - 502 Longwood Dr - Commented on the proposed Police dept. staff reductions. Mr. Miller indicated that a higher priority should be placed on the Police department budget vs. Glenwoodie golf cart path project. Mr. Miller further communicated regarding the comments surrounding the Police department "not doing their job". Mayor Durkin proceeded to state to Mr. Miller and the audience the major reason for the financial condition. This include the following: Glenwoodie Golf Course was purchased in 1994 with borrowed funds in the amount of \$6.125 million. The payment on the funds borrowed for the purchase were made from the corporate fund until 2005. At that time Glenwoodie Golf Course was placed on the tax roll. The mortgage payment on the village hall is \$235,000. From 1999 until 2008 the mortgage payment was made from the corporate fund. The debt for the village hall was placed on the tax roll in 2008. Due to the current economic situation, sales tax revenue is down; state use tax is down; property taxes are late; collection for property taxes are reduced due to the current foreclosure situation; and state income taxes are down. All of these issues have resulted in the corporate reserve going from 29% of the corporate budget in 1999 to 5% of a \$6 million corporate budget as of the beginning this fiscal year. Mr. Miller stressed again that other areas should be reviewed for cutting, other</p>

than the Police department. The safety of the community is at stake. **Mayor Durkin** noted that the Village cannot continue to operate in its current form.

Carl Smith - 820 Palm Dr. - Commented on the proposed Police department staff reduction. Mr. Smith asked the board pursue other solutions to recapture revenues in order to prevent the staff reductions within the Police department.

Joe Howard - 702 Sunset Dr - Express gratitude to the board for doing a good job as it relates to the operations of the Village. Mr. Howard addressed the board and the audience as to the personal stake each board member has in the community. The issue of lay-offs will effect them also, and they don't take it lightly.

Warren Linden - 422 Park Dr - Asked if there is any way the Village can borrow some money to get through this crisis. **Mayor Durkin** commented that to borrow money would not be long term or short term solution. The Village has 2 outstanding bonds. The cost to refinance the bonds, in this current economy, would yield a negligible savings amount. What influence does the Village have with Comcast regarding the rates? The Village has no influence with Comcast as it relates to pricing.

Howard Swacker - 120 N. State - If the Police Dept. cuts are initiated, will this fix the problem in the next fiscal year? **Mayor Durkin** indicated that every line item in the budget is being reviewed. The revenue projections are not looking good based on a recent Illinois Municipal League article. Mr. Swacker asked if all departments were asked for reductions? Mayor Durkin noted that all departments have complied with the reductions for the required amounts except the Police department.

Kevin - Police Union Representative - The union is looking at everything. He commented on the minimum staffing requirement of 3 union Police officers. This is due to the Village being split by the railroad tracks. If there is an emergency, and one Police officer is on one side of the Village and a Police officer is on the other side of the Village, the possibility exist that the third Police officer will be on the side of the Village where the emergency exist. If the Police officer reduction is made, the Village will experience a safety issue within the Village. "I don't believe that anything we come up with, will be enough. But we're not done looking at everything."

Stephanie Burns - 149 Rose St - Commented on the Police department reduction. Something else should be done other than laying off Police officers. "The current number of Police officer is still not enough for our protection."

Chris Burke - Village of Glenwood Police Officer - Commented on the staff reductions. "We need \$220,000 to prevent the lay-off. There is roughly 9000 people that live in this town. We respond to the public's cry for help, maybe it's time for the public to respond to our cry for help. It cost a minimum of \$4 a month or \$25 for 6 months from every person to keep these guys employed."

ADJOURNMENT:

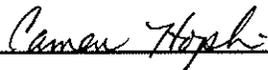
Mayor Durkin requested a motion to adjourn at 7:43 PM
Trustee Barry moved, seconded by **Trustee Freeman**

Upon Roll Call: Ayes: 6 Naes: 0 Absent: 0

Ayes: Barry, Campbell, Freeman, Nielsen, Plott, Thomas

Naes: 0 Absent: 0

Motion Approved: Yes



Carmen Hopkins, Village Clerk