



Village of Lake in the Hills

600 Harvest Gate, Lake in the Hills, Illinois 60156

Committee of the Whole Meeting

June 24, 2008

Call To Order

The meeting was called to order at 7:35 p.m. Present were Trustees Harlfinger, Murawski, Bogdanowski, Huckins, Yensen, Mulcahy and President Plaza.

Also present were Village Administrator Gerald Sagona, Assistant Village Administrator Shannon Andrews, Director of Public Safety James Wales, Public Works Director Fred Mullard, Village Engineer Dave Van Camp, Parks and Rec. Director Trudy Wakeman, Finance Director Pete Stefan, Community Development Director Dan Olson, Village Attorney Michael Smoron and Village Clerk Denise Wasserman Haugk.

Audience Participation:

Jennifer Niemeyer – Regarding the Gypsy Moth infestation. The neighbors are disappointed in the Village for not making the problem known to all residents regarding the devastation the bugs are causing. She mentioned that no letters have been sent to residents outside of the infestation area and nothing has been in any newsletters. She also feels the residents who have called the Village have not been given honest answers. The residents are also disappointed that the Village has not done what it stated it would do in June of 2007. They don't feel the Village has followed through with their promises. She also mentioned that the Village did not participate in the aerial spraying coordinated by the McHenry County Conservation District. She also mentioned that Crystal Lake has spent over \$7000 to treat a larger area in Crystal Lake that has been infested by the moth. The residents also feel that the preventative measures that have been put in place by the Village have been ineffective. She stated it is very uncomfortable to be outside of the homes in the area. There are hundreds of caterpillars in the trees, in the gutters, etc. She also mentioned that she is concerned with the amount of chemicals that are being used to fight the Gypsy moths. She also wants the Village to consider the environmental effect of the infestation; birds don't have a place to nest, squirrels don't have shade, etc. She stated again that she feels the Village does not care about the problem and any efforts from the Village have been ineffective.

Public Works Director Fred Mullard and Village Arborist Rob Caldwell presented a brief Power point presentation regarding the Gypsy Moth infestation. Mr. Caldwell does believe this is an urgent issue and he does not take it lightly.

President Plaza asked Director Mullard to comment on Ms. Niemeyer comments/complaints. Mr. Mullard said letters have been sent to the residents directly affected by the moth and there was a ½ page article in the Spring issue of the Village Messenger. He also mentioned that the Village is treating the Village trees (parkway) but they legally can't go into the residents yard to try and contain the bugs. He stated the Village is making sure that the residents have been given proper information on what they can do for their own trees. A female resident in audience complained that the Village was not involved in the Algonquin town meeting regarding the Gypsy Moth. Director Mullard mentioned the spraying was

done by the Dept. of Agriculture. Unfortunately, the infestation area needs to be at least 10 acres, however, at the time the Village infestation was under the minimum requirement. Another female resident did not receive a letter because she does not have any Oak trees. She said the only thing that would benefit her would have been the aerial spraying. Once pressed by several Trustees, Director Mullard stated that the Village at the time of spraying did not have a large enough infested area. The spraying needs to be done before the eggs hatch. At this point the only spray that can be used would be Seven, however, it is not allowed in aerial spraying. Mr. Caldwell mentioned that the Village (in conjunction with the contractor) has only treated their Oak trees. Mr. Caldwell also mentioned that there was an oil treatment done to the trees that was not very effective. Trustee Mulcahy wondered if either Mr. Caldwell or Mr. Mullard had been through an infestation of Gypsy moths. Neither gentleman has been through this before. Trustee Mulcahy does not believe the staff intentionally misled the residents. There is a learning curve involved with this new situation. The first female audience member wondered where the moth traps were. According to Mr. Caldwell mentioned that the traps should be in place in July. The pharamones in the traps will be replaced every four weeks. Unfortunately, it does not appear that the infestation is not being contained. Mr. Caldwell mentioned that we should easily meet the 10 acre minimum next year for aerial spraying. An male audience member wondered why the arborist did not contact other areas that have been infected as to what treatment can be taken. Mr. Caldwell mentioned that they contacted the Village of Algonquin and a prominent regional contractor. Another audience member also wondered about the retention area.

Trustee Yensen mentioned that she thinks there needs to be an opportunity for the residents to meet with the staff in regards to the steps that need to be taken to rectify this problem. She does not believe the staff intentionally misled the residents. She would like to see a meeting set up between the residents and the staff. Trustee Harlfinger mentioned that over the past several years, the Public Works department has been dealing with an infestation of some bug. Trustee Bogdanwoski appreciates that the residents are concerned and he wants the residents to know that the Village does indeed take these concerns serious. Female resident number three mentioned that the Village should have taken steps last year to avoid the seriousness of this infestation this year. Mr. Caldwell mentioned that along with the BT spraying next spring, the focus should be the egg masses and destroying them over the winter months. It was mentioned that the residents due a deep root fertilization to keep the trees as healthy as possible. The Village will be fertilizing the Village trees. Ms. Neimeyer spoke with an arborist who mentioned that there was something that could be injected into the trees. The caterpillars would feed off the injected trees and they would die.

President Plaza appreciates that the residents took the time to come to the meeting to bring this to the Board's attention. President Plaza would also like to see a meeting take place between the residents and the Public Works staff. Village Administrator Gerald Sagona will be meeting with Fred Mullar at 8:00 am on Wednesday to come up with a comprehensive plan for the moths.

Administrator:

Director of Public Safety:

Community Development:

Engineer:

Parks and Recreation:

Payment Request – Copenhagen Construction – Cheswick Place Park – presented by Parks and Recreation Superintendent Andrew Gemmelman – The construction of the Cheswick Park playground was awarded to Copenhagen Construction on April 16, 2008 for \$104,257.00. Services will include the construction of a shelter, path, and installation of playground boulders, independent play items, and landscape. Copenhaver Construction is requesting Progress Payment No. 1 in the amount of \$61,026.30 for work completed to date. The Public Works Department supports the progress payment. Payroll documentation is on file. Copies of the pay request, waivers and recommendation were given to the Board for review.

Public Works:

Payment Request/Change Order – Applied Ecological Services, Inc. – Woods Creek Water Quality Retrofit Project – presented by Public Works Director Fred Mullard – The Woods Creek Water Quality Retrofit Project was awarded to Applied Ecological Services, Inc. on May 24, 2007 for \$89,013.31. Applied Ecological Services, Inc. is submitting a request for Balancing Change Order 1 in the form of a credit in the amount of \$5,100.00 and Progress Payment 2 (final) in the amount of \$8,391.34. This final payment is the release of retainage. The Public Works Department supports the balancing change order and progress payment. Payroll documentation is on file. Copies of the pay request, waivers and recommendation were given to the board for review. Motion was made to place this item on the Village Board Agenda. Motion was made to place this item on the Village Board Agenda.

Resolution – MFT Reimbursement for Road Salt – presented by Public Works Director Fred Mullard – The 2008 Motor Fuel Tax (MFT) Fund allocated funds to purchase road salt for snow and ice control for the Village of Lake in the Hills. The resolution will appropriate the MFT funds and allow Public Works to request reimbursement to the General Fund. A copy of the resolution was given to the board for review. Motion was made to place this item on the Village Board Agenda.

Contract – Baxter & Woodman – SCADA System Radio Installation Project – presented by Public Works Director Fred Mullard – The Village currently owns and operates a Supervisory Control and Data Acquisition (SCADA) system that controls and monitors the entire water production system. Since its inception, the SCADA system has communicated with the treatment plants and towers by means of AT&T leased lines, which have come under serious question in terms of reliability. Baxter & Woodman, Inc. has submitted a task order in the amount of \$20,540.00 to design a radio communications system to replace the obsolete multipoint leased lines. The proposed task order also includes construction related services, project administration, and assistance to Village staff with equipment quote acquisition and installation bids. Radio-based systems have become the industry standard in telemetry communications and will provide a substantially higher degree of reliability for our SCADA system. The radio system will also allow for the abandonment of nine multipoint circuits which are currently being leased from AT&T. An approximate annual cost savings of \$20,000 is anticipated as a result of abandoning these multipoint circuits. A copy of the task order was given to the Board for review. Motion was made to place this item on the Village Board Agenda.

Airport – T-Hangar Space Lease – Robert Nottke (WT-17) – presented by Public Works Director Fred Mullard – The Lake in the Hills Airport Rules and Regulations require airport tenants to enter into applicable leases, licenses or storage agreements. Robert Nottke is entering into a one-year contract for

a T-Hangar Space Lease and has signed the appropriate lease documents. Motion was made to place this item on the Village Board Agenda.

Finance Director:

Organizations and Developers:

Board of Trustees:

Trustee Harlfinger – **Parks and Recreation Board Liaison Report** –

Trustee Huckins – **Community Advisory Council for Randall Road Liaison Report** –

Trustee Yensen – **McHenry County Transportation Liaison Report** –

1. A resolution approving an intergovernmental agreement between Huntley and McHenry County for improvements associated with the widening and reconstruction of Algonquin Road between Lakewood and Route 47. The project is for the water relocation, shared use path construction, tree and enhancement installation.

2. A resolution approving an agreement with the Chicago Metropolitan Agency of Planning (CMAP) Services to the McHenry Council of Mayors for allocation of CMAP funds not to exceed \$98,594.85 to undertake activities in support of transportation planning, programming, and management. The county match is (20%) \$19,718.97 and CMAP grant is \$78,875.88.

3. A resolution was passed appropriating funds for culvert materials as part of the annual maintenance program. The lowest bidder was Metal Culverts of Jefferson City, MO for the following locations:

Wilmot Road	\$1,5896
Spring Grove Road	\$3,837.60
County Stock Yard	\$14,514.96

4. A resolution was passed approving a memo of understanding for the county membership on the McHenry County Paratransit Coordinating Council. This is a separate body under the direction of Implementation Task Force to undertake the pilot paratransit coordination effort to establish detailed service guidelines, to track and measure effectiveness, finances, and to recommend program development.

5. A resolution was passed to approve Adopt A Highway volunteer group agreement with In Loving Memory of Alex Zank-Bauman at South Union Road from Coral Road to US Route 20 and Northern Illinois Extreme Jeep Club at Tyron Grove Road from Barnard Mill Road to Keystone Road.

6. A resolution to amend the Western Bypass in the Metropolitan Transportation Improvement Program was approved for the City of McHenry, Village of Johnsborg, and the Village of Ringwood to cease efforts to acquire and protect right of way necessary for the Western Bypass for IL Route 120 less feasible.

7. An ordinance adopting the establishing of an altered speed zone for the following areas effective immediately once signs are posted:

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Haligus Rd Grafton Township Lakewood Rd to a pt .45 miles S of Lakewood Rd 50mph

Ringwood Rd McHenry Township McCollum Lake Rd to pt. 21 milesN of Mc.Cullom 50 mph

Lamb Rd Hartland Township IL Rt. 20 to a pt .21 miles N of Rt 120 50 mph

8. The Transportation Committee is reviewing the Sales Tax Utilization Policy July 15th at the joint county Finance and Transportation Committees, 6:00 p.m. before the county board meeting. In the past ¼% was not on food and drugs but on other products. The proposal is for 1 ¾ %. Also reviewing the current bonding process before considering the issuing of new bonds for the county roads.

Trustee Bogdanowski – **Business Relations Committee Liaison Report** –

Trustee Joe Murawski – **Senior Liaison Report** - ☺

Trustee Paul Mulcahy - **Planning and Zoning Commission Liaison Report** –

President:

Audience Participation:

The 2nd female audience member thanked Trustee Yensen for bringing up info regarding the phosphorus fertilizers.

Adjournment: There being no further business to discuss, the Committee of the Whole meeting was adjourned at 8:37 p.m.

Submitted by,

Denise Wasserman Haugk
Village Clerk