

**MINUTES  
of the  
PUBLIC HEARING and  
REGULAR BOARD MEETING OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES  
VILLAGE OF NORTHFIELD  
Tuesday, March 17, 2009 - 7:00 p.m.**

As provided for by public notice, the Board of Trustees of the Village of Northfield met in the Council Chambers of the Village Hall at 7:00 p.m. on Tuesday, March 17, 2009 for a Public Hearing to present the proposed FY2009/2010 Village Budget and for the Regular Board meeting. The Village Clerk took the roll call.

PRESENT:	President Trustees	John Birkinbine, Jr. John Chapin, Jr. Joan Frazier Terry Gottlieb Ted Greene Fred Teichert
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ABSENT:	Frank Charhut
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**CONVENE TO PUBLIC HEARING TO CONSIDER THE PROPOSED FY2009/2010 VILLAGE BUDGET**

Finance Director Steve Noble presented the proposed FY2009/2010 Village Budget. He noted that the budget is the next step in a process following the Board's meeting last fall when the Village Board finalized the capital improvement plan and adopted the 2008 tax levy. He stated that the Village held a public budget workshop on Tuesday, March 3, 2009 to discuss the proposed budget. Notice of tonight's Public Hearing was published in the February 23, 2009 edition of the Winnetka Talk and copies of the proposed budget have been available for public inspection since February 26, 2009.

As a brief overview, in the Village's three major operating funds, General, Water, and Sanitary Sewer Fund, projected revenues are estimated at \$11.6 million, which is an increase of 3% over the FY2008-2009 budget and includes a 4.9% increase in the 2008 tax levy with most property owners in the Village seeing about a 4.1% increase in the Village's share of their tax bill. It also includes a 28% decrease in sales tax revenue; a 7.5% increase in the water rate and a 10% increase in the sewer rate which were adopted by the Board last December. Director Noble stated that the proposed operating expenditures are also estimated at \$11.6 million which is an increase of 3% over the prior year's budget which includes a 1.8% increase in salaries, the elimination of two full time positions and several part-time positions; a 9% increase in benefit costs including pensions and insurance; 2.2% increase in all other operating expenses and continued funding for community organizations such as the Garden Clubs, Farmers Market and the Senior Assistance Fund.

Overall, excluding one time capital projects, the three operating funds are balanced and, the

proposed budget also meets the Board's policy of maintaining a six month balance/reserve in the General Fund.

The proposed budget also includes over \$3.3 million in capital improvements such as over \$1.2 million in water main improvements payable from bond proceeds from a bond issue in 2007 and water revenues; \$75,000 in sanitary sewer improvements; an estimated \$1.6 million in road improvements payable from State Motor Fuel Tax allotments and, \$180,000 for vehicle replacements.

The FY2009-2010 budget must be adopted by the Village Board at the next Board meeting in April and at the Board's direction, staff will prepare an ordinance adopting the budget for the April 21, 2009 meeting.

Director Noble asked for any questions/comments from Board members and the audience.

Trustee Chapin noted that he had asked Director Noble to prepare a list of consulting services which would include accounting and legal and the list indicated the total came to over \$575,000 anticipated for the current fiscal year. What is the Village's obligation to have those services bid?

Director Noble responded that he believes that Illinois Statutes exempt professional services from bidding.

Trustee Chapin noted that in looking at the list, all of them seem to be professional services.

Manager Sigman noted that is correct and noted that the only thing the Village is required to bid are Public Works projects. The Village is required and often gets three competitive quotes. We go out for request for proposals as far as evaluating the qualifications of professionals but we do not bid that sort of work.

President Birkinbine asked if there were any further comments or questions. There being none, he asked for a motion to adjourn the Public Hearing.

### **CONSIDERATION TO ADJOURN THE PUBLIC HEARING AT 7:05 PM**

There being no further comments or questions on the proposed fiscal budget, Trustee Chapin made a motion, seconded by Trustee Frazier to adjourn the Public Hearing and to convene the Regular Board meeting.

Upon the following roll call vote, the motion was approved.

AYES:	Chapin	NAYS: 0	ABSTAIN: 0	ABSENT: Charhut
	Frazier			
	Gottlieb			
	Greene			
	Teichert			

### **RECONVENE TO REGULAR BOARD MEETING AT 7:05 P.M.**

The Board of Trustees of the Village of Northfield reconvened in the Council Chambers of the Village of Northfield for the Regular Board Meeting on Tuesday, March 17, 2009. The meeting was called to order at 7:05 p.m. by President John Birkinbine. The roll call as called by the Village Clerk was as follows:

PRESENT:      President                   John Birkinbine, Jr.  
                  Trustees                   John Chapin, Jr.  
  Joan Frazier  
  Terry Gottlieb  
  Ted Greene  
  Fred Teichert

ABSENT:                                   Frank Charhut

### **APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS:**

Trustee Gottlieb made a motion, seconded by Trustee Frazier, to approve Consent Agenda items 1 and 2.

1. Approve the Minutes of the February 17, 2009 Village Board meeting.
2. Approve the Bills and Disbursements from 2/7/09 to 3/6/09 in the amount of \$256,483.65.

Upon the following roll call vote, the motion was approved.

AYES:   Chapin                   NAYS: 0           ABSTAIN: 0           ABSENT: Charhut  
          Frazier  
          Gottlieb  
          Greene  
          Teichert

### **CONSIDERATION OF AN ORDINANCE TO APPROVE ANNEXATION OF PROPERTY AT 375 OLD FARM ROAD**

Trustee Gottlieb made a motion, seconded by Trustee Teichert to approve an ordinance annexing property at 375 Old Farm Road.

Director Kane noted that earlier this year, the Village received a petition from Eric and Amy Carlino, the new owners of the recently demolished home at 375 Old Farm Road. When the Old Farm Road area annexed to the Village in 1977, a handful of properties chose to remain outside the Village and this is one outstanding unincorporated property. It is located at the northeast corner of Sunset Ridge Road and Old Farm Road. As with previous properties annexed on a case by case basis, we have made the Carlinos aware of the possibility of the Northbrook Rural Fire Protection District coming back to recoup lost future revenues from their property taxes. As the Village has done with other properties, we put together a proposal for a 50-50 share of those costs. She wanted the Board to be aware of this since the Fire Protection District did ask for lost taxes when Sunset Ridge Country Club annexed to Northfield but has not done so on the individual annexations.

There being no further comments or questions, upon the following roll call vote, the motion

was approved.

AYES: Chapin            NAYS: 0            ABSTAIN: 0            ABSENT: Charhut  
           Frazier  
           Gottlieb  
           Greene  
           Teichert

**Discussion of Board Update Information**

Village Manager Sigman noted that there are meeting minutes attached from ZBA and Architectural meetings and that the Traffic and Transportation Committee would be meeting again next week. She added that over the past few months there have been few cases for the Planning and Zoning and Zoning Board of Appeals. Some new projects coming up include the new restaurant replacing Hausmann Brasserie. She noted that the new owner is the owner of Carlos Restaurant in Highwood and the Central Café in Highland Park and they are planning to open The Happ Inn Bar and Grill, a family friendly restaurant.

Director Kane reported that their application will go to the Plan and Zoning Commission on April 7 and the owners have requested to make a few minor cosmetic changes to the interior with a June 1 opening date planned. The menu will include burgers, flat bread pizza and some Mexican specialties.

President Birkinbine asked if there were any other questions or topics for discussion.

**ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business to come before the Board, Trustee Gottlieb made a motion, seconded by Trustee Teichert to adjourn the meeting at 7:15 p.m.

Upon the following roll call vote, the motion was approved.

AYES: Chapin            NAYS: 0            ABSTAIN: 0            ABSENT: Charhut  
           Frazier  
           Gottlieb  
           Greene  
           Teichert