

**MINUTES**  
**of the**  
**REGULAR BOARD MEETING**  
**OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES**  
**VILLAGE OF NORTHFIELD**  
**Tuesday, October 16, 2007 - 7:00 p.m.**

The Board of Trustees of the Village of Northfield met in the Council Chambers of the Village Hall for the Regular Board Meeting on Tuesday, October 16, 2007. The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by President John Birkinbine. The Village Clerk called the roll which was as follows:

PRESENT:	President Trustees	John Birkinbine, Jr. Ted Greene John Chapin Frank Charhut Joan Frazier Fred Teichert
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ABSENT:	Trustee	Terry Gottlieb
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**Accreditation Award for the Village Emergency Operations Plan:**

Mr. Bill Dorgan, a representative from the Cook County Emergency Management Agency presented a certification award to the Village of Northfield in acknowledgement of the completion of their Emergency Operation Plan in compliance with the State and County requirements. He particularly thanked Police Sergeant Tom Jones and Assistant Fire Chief Tom Burke for their efforts in completing the plan to protect the residents of Northfield.

**APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS:**

Trustee Chapin made a motion, seconded by Trustee Charhut, to approve Consent Agenda items 1 through 6.

1. Approve the Minutes of the September 18, 2007 Village Board meeting.
2. Approve the Bills and Disbursements from 9/13/07 to 10/5/07 in the amount of \$319,540.25.
3. Approve the 2008 Village Board meeting schedule.
4. Approve the Truth in Taxation Resolution for the 2007 Tax Levy.
- 5A. Approve the purchase of one (1) multipurpose tractor at a cost not to exceed \$95,000.
- 5B. Approve an ordinance declaring a 1995 M.T. Series 5 multipurpose tractor surplus property and authorizing its sale in a manner provided by law.
- 6A. Approve the purchase of one (1) 2008 Ford Dump Truck at a cost not to exceed \$45,000.
- 6B. Approve an ordinance declaring a 1999 Ford F-350 small dump truck #1520 surplus and authorizing its sale in a manner provided by law.

Trustee Chapin noted that he made some amendments to the September 18, 2007 meeting minutes which he gave to the Village Clerk/Village Manager Sigman.

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

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

**CONSIDERATION TO APPROVE APPROPRIATION OF \$100,000 FOR WILLOW ROAD RELATED ACTIVITIES SUBJECT TO THE APPROVAL OF THE VILLAGE PRESIDENT**

Trustee Charhut made a motion, seconded by Trustee Teichert to authorize staff to appropriate \$100,000 from the FY2007-08 Budget for Willow Road related activities.

President Birkinbine noted that Northfield has been discussing Willow Road for a number of years and the thinking is that if current/future decisions turn out not to be in the Village's best interest, the Village would not be in a position after the fact to do anything. He suggested that the Village be prepared beforehand with a plan and money to implement that plan. He noted that the money appropriated is not for a specific item/cost at this time but would be designated as per the Village President's approval and based on the recommendation of Traffic and Transportation Committee Chair Peter Fischer and members. He further noted that Willow Road is very much a political issue and needs to be planned for with that in mind in case any decision made by others adversely affects the Village.

Trustee Frazier asked why the Board should not wait until the Lakota study is completed. President Birkinbine noted that that might be three more months down the road which could be too late. After the Lakota Study is complete, Senator Schoenberg would then provide the results to IDOT. IDOT might then say they want to engage in another Context Sensitive Solution study since IDOT was not involved in the Lakota study nor was Northbrook or Glenview. President Birkinbine noted that if Northfield keeps waiting until it gets bad news, they we will not be ready to take action.

Trustee Greene also noted that the Lakota Study is a step in the process but not the final one. He noted that a survey was done of the Village residents and businesses during the past two years and about 75% feel strongly about the Willow Road issue. He stated that the residents want to see the Board be proactive on this issue. He said that it is a clear mandate from the residents of Northfield beyond any other issue the Board has dealt with. He noted that if the Village is going to positively influence the outcome of this issue over the next few years, it is going to have to allocate some resources to do that.

Trustee Charhut noted that he has a question that the Lakota study does not address. What is the State's intent with regard to Willow Road? How many cars do they want to pass through? If they pass a lot, can the Edens Highway handle them? What do they want to do? What are the State's goals?

Trustee Teichert went back to Trustee Frazier's question about waiting until after the study to appropriate funds for Willow Road. He noted he could see no downside.

President Birkinbine responded to the original question about why not wait by noting that the Village would hire an outside person to give an objective opinion about politically where the Village

stands - the Village's strengths and weaknesses. He noted they have a quote of about \$3,500-\$5,000 from a consultant who would offer some suggestions about what the Village should consider doing. There are no other plans for the money at this time.

Trustee Greene reminded the Board that the Lakota Study is a recommendation put forth by the Villages of Winnetka and Northfield. We already know that IDOT is upset about not being involved in the process as is Glenview and Northbrook. All are aware that the Lakota study is going on and will react immediately to the results of the study. He noted that the Board does not want to be in a position where they will have to react to the other Villages and not be prepared in advance. He also noted that the Village has no intelligence in Springfield to find out what is going on, and that we are not doing anything to develop relationships that can help us down the road or to help us move toward a solution. What happens with Willow Road will set the tone for the community for decades. He further noted that Northfield should be driving the process and not reacting to it.

Trustee Frazier then asked if the money is appropriated, would the Board have the final approval about what could be spent and when or is it a staff/departmental decision.

Manager Sigman noted that the way the matter is drafted is with the approval of the Village President. Attorney Hill reminded the Board that each month they see the list of bills and approve or not approve them.

A resident from 61 Meadowview Drive who has lived in Northfield for 17 years wanted to know why the Board needs to appropriate \$100,000 and why it just doesn't push for the three lane road that allows turning - why go with a new proposal?

President Birkinbine responded that the Village did push for and got an agreement by IDOT in 1999 on the three lane Willow plan. This past year, Senator Schoenberg, after discussions with Glenview's Village President, abrogated that agreement, saying the agreement was done under a different administration, not enough people were involved and then called a halt to the plan. The turn lanes mentioned were part of the plan. President Birkinbine noted that he feels that most people in Northfield would be happy if we went back to that plan which had a five year time frame after which it would be studied to see how well the three lane configuration worked.

Another resident asked why we need a \$100,000 study if it has already been looked at.

President Birkinbine responded that the \$100,000 is not for a study of Willow Road – that the information already exists in Springfield that indicates that four lanes is not as safe in front of Northfield's schools. IDOT tried over and over to show they could put four lanes in front of our schools, however, they were unable to prove that a four lane Willow was as safe as two or three lanes. IDOT is back with the encouragement of Glenview and Northbrook. He also noted that Traffic and Transportation Committee Chair and School Board President Peter Fischer has responded that he doesn't need to do a study to determine that four lanes on Willow Road is more dangerous than two or three lanes. President Birkinbine noted that because of the efforts of former Trustee Bobbie Moore, the State is now mandated to do a study showing the impact to the community of any changes to the roadway going through it.

Former Village Trustee Bobbie Moore wanted to know how the \$100,000 will make a difference

when \$300,000 the prior Board originally spent could not.

President Birkinbine responded that by appropriating the \$100,000 it sends a message that the Village is not putting all of its eggs in the Lakota basket. The Village has a right to do that because it has been disappointed, lied to over and over again about Willow Road by state authorities and politicians. He again noted that the action taken tonight does not cost anything – it simply appropriates the money in case the Board needs it to undertake an activity to preserve the nature of the community and the safety of Northfield's children going to school. The difference today is that the politicians are different; and the administrations of the neighboring communities are different.

Trustee Greene noted that, unfortunately, some money would be spent on some of the same activities as ten years ago. It would have been great if the original agreement stuck, but it didn't. He also noted that today, the Village has fewer friends than ten years ago. The political forces against us are greater than ten years ago, which will make it more difficult and that we will need some resources to help us.

Trustee Frazier responded that she still has not heard any specific plans for the money.

President Birkinbine related how the Village of Northfield and Winnetka became partners in the Lakota Study. He noted that at a meeting with Winnetka President Woodbury, he related that he has often found that if a planning firm is inserted between the engineers and politicians often they can get past the "no's to a solution both sides can live with. They then met with Senator Schoenberg and discussed the idea of a planning consultant being used. He was receptive and noted that he wanted Winnetka involved because of the similarities of both communities having residential schools, parks, houses of worship along Willow Road which makes both communities more alike rather than considering Northfield and Glenview in a regional plan. President Birkinbine also noted that he didn't want to send a message that Northfield was unwilling to cooperate in discussing this concept. He noted that President Woodbury offered the name of the planning group, The Lakota Group. Since Northfield had worked with them in the past specifically with the Park District and New Trier High School on the park at Willow and Waukegan Road, he was receptive. President Birkinbine further noted that an appropriation request has been submitted by Senator Schoenberg who chairs the Appropriations Committee to cover the cost of the study by the Lakota Group. Therefore, the study would not cost the Village anything. He noted he did not see a downside to doing the study and is fully cooperating with The Lakota Group. The action being discussed tonight in no way reflects poorly on the Lakota Group or the work they are doing. It does give the Village experience with Context Sensitive Solution concepts which IDOT may require the Village go through with them involved.

Peter Fischer, Chair of the Village's Traffic and Transportation Committee, noted that the Villages of Northfield and Winnetka are working on good faith with Senator Schoenberg. He further noted that being on the Steering Committee working with the Lakota Group, they have discussed that they are unsure if the Lakota work will produce or have an impact on the design of Willow Road and they are unsure where Senator Schoenberg stands on the project. He noted that the parks and school boards

are fully behind what the Committee is doing. He also noted he did not feel the Lakota Group would be shocked or offended by the action of the Board in having \$100,000 available for Willow Road activities.

Resident Brian, an officer in the NSAG Group, explained that their citizens group is limited to educational activities rather than political activities but that they can have someone in Springfield talking to IDOT. He commented that he went to an IDOT open house a couple of months ago and asked about Willow Road. He was told in no uncertain terms that IDOT's plan for Willow Road is still something wider than three lanes. He also got the impression that they are into increasing the traffic flow regionally. IDOT engineers at the meeting also noted that they haven't followed Context Sensitive Solutions and that the Lakota Study would be meaningless to them. The Lakota Study is just putting off the discussion on the width of Willow Road and the number of lanes. So it is better to be proactive about Willow Road than reactive.

Pat Doherty, resident of Northfield for 34 years, agreed with Brian's point of view and that Senator Schoenberg is more interested in a regional approach to Willow Road. He noted that Glenview which was the main instigator with the Senator also succeeded in getting Pioneer Press in their corner and felt that the Village of Northfield needs to be prepared. He noted that \$100,000 is a lot of money but in the big picture it would be a mistake if the Village is not prepared.

Another resident (1816) noted that a lot has changed in the past ten years and the Village may need to go to experts and get updated information. She noted that she is a real estate agent in Glenview and noted that when the Glen was being built it did not occur to many people how traffic would and did increase. The number of cars coming off the Edens to get to the commercial areas in the Glen has impacted the area including the potential to increase criminal activity in the area. She noted there are many reasons to appropriate this money and that she is very much in favor of this request.

Tim, 6 Rolling Ridge, noted there are a lot of reasons for the Village Board to appropriate the money being requested. He has not spoken to any residents who are in favor of increasing Willow Road to four lanes. Having the \$100,000 would be money well spent.

Resident John Kemper noted that regional traffic discussions by IDOT always come back to Willow Road. He noted there needs to be full interchanges at Lake Street and the tollway and Dundee Road and the tollway and another at the Waukegan Road spur and the tollway. If they are talking about a regional plan, IDOT needs to disburse the traffic. Between Willow and Dempster there is no street that goes through from the Edens to the Tollway which is why Willow Road is getting so much traffic. When the Edens Expressway was being built there was an exit discussed for Glenview Road but the Village of Glenview turned that down. It is a matter of someone else taking the traffic. He noted that Northfield has to be ready for whatever needs to take place.

Resident Fred Gougler of Bosworth Lane noted that the Village needs to coordinate the efforts of the various groups and committees and work together on a defensive strategy regarding Willow Road.

Another resident commented that no one has explained what would be done with the \$100,000. The resident notes that the Willow Road issue is one involving political power therefore he wanted to know if the money would be spent on studies, on lobbying, or other. He suggested that before the

Board appropriate \$100,000, it should have a specific plan for its use.

Trustee Moore also spoke on having a plan.

George Spaniak of Sunset Ridge Road noted that all the comments expressed are meaningful concerns but he did not feel the Village should telegraph to Schoenberg or anyone else what the Village's plan is or explain to Pioneer Press what the Village is planning.

Trustee Frazier noted that she trusts the President 100% but agreed with former Trustee Bobbie Moore. She asked the Village Attorney if there was a way to put in a mechanism where the Board maintains some control over how the money is spent before it is spent rather than knowing/reacting only after it is spent.

Attorney Hill noted there could be a limit on what is spent on a monthly basis and then the Board could be assured that if it disapproved they could rescind the appropriation at any time.

Trustee Frasier assured again that it is not a matter of trust, but rather of control. She noted that for many of the taxpayers in the Village, \$100,000 is a lot of money and thus asked that some mechanism to control spending of the money be put in place.

President Birkinbine noted that her suggestion could be made part of the motion. He also noted that currently a certain amount of money can be spent without approval as part of the day to day business of the Village. Village Attorney Hill clarified that the Village Manager has the ability to spend up to \$20,000 for any one single item. President Birkinbine responded that if the Board wanted to put a limit on the spending for any one issue/item, he had no problem with that.

Village Attorney Hill offered some history on the earlier time when the Village appropriated money for Willow Road which was ten years ago in 1997. At that time, money was simply appropriated and the decision making was done by the Traffic and Transportation Committee as to how it would be spent. They hired experts and the Village just paid the bills when they came in. Manager Sigman had noted to Attorney Hill that she was not comfortable with that process of having a non-elected body spending the money. It was at this point that it was suggested the Village President would have to sign off on everything as a means of greater control.

Trustee Charhut noted he liked the idea of not publicizing what the Village might do with the money. There has to be a way that the President is empowered to spend "x" amount of the money per month instead of having to wait for a formal Board approval. The only question is what the amount per month should be.

Trustee Greene noted that it seems the mechanism is already in place of permitting the authority to spend up to \$20,000.

Trustee Frazier responded that \$20,000 is acceptable.

The Board discussed whether an amendment to the original motion was needed. Trustee Chapin responded that the point made by Trustee Greene is that there are controls already in place for capping spending at \$20,000 for any one item and that an amendment would not be necessary.

The Village Attorney clarified that the authority to spend up to \$20,000 as written in the State

Statutes covers the Village Manager not the Village President.

President Birkinbine asked if the motion would need amending to also grant him the authority to spend up to \$20,000.

Village Attorney Hill responded that since it is the Board approving the appropriation of \$100,000, the statutory limitation of \$20,000 would not be applicable. He also noted that if the Board plans to build the limitation into the issue, it would require an amendment to the motion.

Trustee Frazier made an amended motion, which was seconded by Trustee Greene, to approve an appropriation of \$100,000 to be used for Willow Road not to exceed payout of \$20,000 per month related to Willow Road activities subject to the approval of the Village President.

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

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

**CONSIDERATION TO APPROVE AN ORDINANCE GRANTING A PRELIMINARY AND FINAL PLAT OF SUBDIVISION TO RE-SUBDIVIDE LOTS 500, 550 AND 560 SUNSET RIDGE ROAD**

Trustee Charhut made a motion, seconded by Trustee Frazier to approve an ordinance granting approval of a preliminary and final plat of subdivision to re-subdivide lots 500, 550 and 560 Sunset Ridge Road.

Community Development Director Kane provided an explanation of the request by St. James the Less that was presented to the Plan and Zoning Commission and approved by them which asks that internal lot lines on the three parcels that comprise the parish’s campus be shifted so that any future improvements can be accommodated on one property.

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

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

**CONSIDERATION TO APPROVE AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE VILLAGE CODE, APPENDIX D, FEES AND BOND AMOUNTS, SEC. 7-20-1 AND 7-55 TO INCREASE THE WATER RATE AND CHANGE THE NUMBER OF DAYS WHEN PAYMENT IS DUE**

Trustee Frazier made a motion, seconded by Trustee Greene to approve an ordinance amending the Village Code, Appendix D, Fees and Bond Amounts, Sec. 7-20-1 and 7-55 to increase the water rate effective January 1, 2008 and to require that payments be made within 25 days of billing.

Finance Director Steve Noble explained that the ordinance with the proposed water rate increase would provide the additional funds needed to pay the debt service on the bonds issued last month. The

impact to homeowners with a general level of water usage would mean a 15% increase in the combined water and sewer rate. This will be the first water increase since May 2006. The other provision in the ordinance will accelerate the payment for water bills from 30 days to 25 days. It helps administratively to have a 25 day cycle in order to keep billing on track. A survey of surrounding communities was included showing most billing cycles are 20 or 21 days.

Trustee Teichert noted that the 67 cent increase seems to be a 20% increase.

Director Noble responded that the combined water/sewer rate is a 15% increase while water alone would be a 20% increase.

Trustee Teichert also commented that in looking at a comparison of other communities that was provided, Northfield starts at a higher rate even without the increase.

Director Noble responded that those communities with lower rates are the ones that are direct water producing communities unlike Northfield which must buy water from one of those communities. Other factors include the size of the community. Fixed costs spread over a population of 30,000 vs. 5,000 means lower costs.

Trustee Frazier asked if any other community gets water from Winnetka other than Northfield.

Director Noble responded "no."

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

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

**CONSIDERATION TO REFER AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE ALLOWABLE EXEMPTIONS FROM THE VILLAGE'S CURRENT DEVELOPMENT MORATORIUM IN THE VILLAGE CENTER ZONING DISTRICT TO THE PLAN & ZONING COMMISSION FOR CONDUCTING THE REQUIRED PUBLIC HEARING**

Trustee Chapin made a motion, seconded by Trustee Teichert to approve referring an ordinance amending the allowable exemptions from the Village's current development moratorium in the Village Center Zoning District to the Plan and Zoning Commission for conducting the required public hearing.

Director Kane noted that at the September Board meeting the matter of permitting various exemptions to the moratorium were put on the table for consideration. Two draft ordinances were developed including the various exemptions. In preparing the ordinances, the Village Attorney determined that the changes were substantial enough to warrant a public hearing before the Plan and Zoning Commission.

Trustee Teichert asked whether by the time the ordinances go through the public hearing the moratorium would have expired.

Director Kane responded that the ordinances would go to the Plan and Zoning Commission on January 7 and then be referred to the Village Board on January 15 (four months before the moratorium

expires).

Trustee Chapin asked if the public hearing would provide the information needed to come back with one ordinance.

Director Kane responded that would be the case and asked if the Board's had any input on which ordinance they would like to see the Plan and Zoning Commission approve.

Trustee Charhut noted that only one business is impacted by the question of going from retail to another type of business.

Manager Sigman noted that both ordinances exempt the area east of the Edens. The only difference between the two ordinances is that one allows for changes in use within the Village Center Zoning District.

The Board discussed the relevance of the impact of changing a business use in the Village Center and why it is important with regard to future plans for the downtown redevelopment. It was determined that the Plan and Zoning Commission would consider both concepts as presented in the two ordinances and determine the specific impact of allowing change of use in the Village Center.

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

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

**CONSIDERATION TO APPROVE AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE VILLAGE CODE, CHAPTER 11, ARTICLE III, USE OF PUBLIC RIGHTS OF WAY, RELATIVE TO CONSTRUCTION OF FACILITIES LOCATED WITHIN THE PUBLIC RIGHTS OF WAY**

Trustee Chapin made a motion, seconded by Trustee Teichert to approve an ordinance amending the Village Code, Chapter 10, Article III, Use of Public Rights of Way, relative to establishing standards for construction of facilities located within the public rights of way.

Manager Sigman reviewed the ordinance and noted that our current code is based on the current Illinois Municipal League (IML) standard developed a number of years ago and that following the new AT&T decision in Springfield; IML reviewed the original code and recommended a number of changes. The Village has also added changes to require other utilities to follow the same requirements with regard to screening preexisting equipment boxes in the Village.

Trustee Chapin asked why they wouldn't be grandfathered in which would mean they do not have to screen with regard to other utilities and screening of equipment. Attorney Hill responded that his law firm researched the matter and determined the right of ways belongs to the Village and it is our right to go back and require the other utilities to comply with the new requirements.

Village Manager Sigman noted that it doesn't mean they won't challenge the Village on this matter.

Trustee Charhut asked about the paragraph on pg. 15, paragraph one, the last sentence indicates that the Public Works Director will specify the portion of the right of way upon which the facility may be

placed, used and constructed. Isn't that who they would go to, the Public Works Director?

Manager Sigman noted that for installation they would go to the Public Works Director, but for an appeal complying with any section of the Village Code, they would come before the Board.

Trustee Charhut referred to page 24 and asked whether the Village has any control over the level of noise from the utility boxes.

Attorney Hill confirmed that the concept of noise is inherent in what is written without specifically mentioning noise.

Trustee Greene added that he did not think a utility company would make a box just for Northfield if there is an issue with noise. The site selected for the equipment box which is acceptable to the Village would most likely handle the noise issue.

Trustee Frazier asked whether the Village has the right to specify how many utility boxes can be placed on Village rights of way?

Village Attorney said it is a very good question. The Village has the right to argue how many lines can be placed underground so they don't interfere with the equipment and by extension we could argue for above ground aesthetics.

Trustee Frazier noted her concern over the cluster of utility boxes on Happ Road in particular. She asked if Public Works approved them.

Manager Sigman responded that Public Works permits them but doesn't have the authority to say they can't do it.

The new Ordinance is more aggressive than most towns were willing to be in the past because prior cable companies were willing to give more rights to the communities.

There was discussion then about noticing that Northfield seems to have more boxes than noted in Winnetka. However, it was also discussed that the demand for services also drives the number of boxes required.

Trustee Frazier also noted that the past Village Code was more specific using diagrams to describe/show what was meant while the ordinance before them tonight did not even define "screen" and was too general in nature.

Attorney Hill noted that the ordinance developed is as aggressive as they felt it could be.

Trustee Frazier then asked whether appeals should go to the Plan and Zoning Commission with the final approval by the Village Board.

Manager Sigman commented that it would be more likely the Architectural Commission would handle this type of review since the appeal is more about aesthetics, however, it could also be the Plan and Zoning Commission depending on what the appeal encompassed.

Manager Sigman noted that this needs to be clearly specified in the code.

Community Development Director Kane suggested that any type of utility screening go before the Architectural Commission for appearance review not just an appeal.

It was then discussed that this would mostly likely then not be in compliance with other parts of the ordinances as written because they state that if nothing is done within a certain number of days, the

utility has the right to proceed with their work. Knowing the number of days required to get an issue through the Commission process would make any change ineffective.

Resident John Kemper asked about some utility boxes and how they were allowed to be placed where they are located. It was noted that placement of those boxes was prior to the current ordinance which gave municipalities more say in placement or screening. He then asked when screening of the new AT&T utility boxes would occur.

Director Kane responded that she received word today from the AT&T landscape contractor that they would begin screening the utility boxes on Friday and that by a week from today, they would be complete.

Another resident asked what occurs if the utility challenges what is recommended or asked by the Village saying they don't have the resources to do it. Attorney Hill responded that in effect they are challenging the ordinance or appealing it and the Village would try to work with the utility in question and may or may not be successful.

There being no further discussion, upon the following roll call vote, the motion was approved.

AYES:	Greene	NAYS: 0	ABSTAIN: 0	ABSENT: Gottlieb
	Chapin			
	Charhut			
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### **Discussion of Informational Items**

#### *Willow Road*

Manager Sigman noted that the second Lakota/Willow Road Community Workshop will be held tomorrow, October 17, at the North Shore Senior Center at 7:00 p.m. The group will be discussing the first meeting and the results of the surveys taken. The Lakota Group will show some slides of the most highly rated design choices from the first meeting put in the context of Willow Road. There will then be a breakup into table groups to talk about the pros and cons of what they have seen.

The third and final meeting originally schedule for Nov. 28 has been changed to Thursday, Nov. 29. However, with the change Winnetka no longer has a location confirmed at this time.

President Birkinbine added that at the final Community Workshop Willow Road lane and capacity configuration would be discussed. He also reminded the Board that the next Board meeting would be December 3 due to the tax levy.

Manager Sigman also noted that for the first time the October Board Meeting packet was published on the web site. It took about four to five hours to get it loaded and so it will be done on Monday's before the Tuesday Board meetings.

Trustee Teichert asked whether the Village had received the bill from Glenview for the chipper used during the August storm. Manager Sigman noted that the Village has not received its portion of the bill. He also asked if the Village has qualified for federal disaster funding. She noted that after learning that Lake County had received the national disaster declaration, she contacted Cook County Emergency

Management Agency and they confirmed that Cook County had not as yet been declared a national disaster area but she did not get a definitive answer. Cook County Municipalities who submitted reports fell short of the required amount needed and were asked to go back and review their figures and resubmit any changes. Numbers were re-filed but as yet there has been no declaration.

Trustee Charhut asked if the Village receives no national funding whether the Village's reserves would have to be spent down to cover the unplanned costs.

Manager Sigman confirmed that would be the case.

#### *Village Center Task Force Update*

Director Kane noted that there is no news on the Village Center Task Force at this time except that according to the contract, there is an internal meeting scheduled at the end of the month for an update on where the architectural consultant is with the project plan. It was noted that although there is a notice on the web site that there would be a mid-October meeting, that is in error and is not part of the contract with Myefski Cook. The next meeting of the Task Force will be in early December.

#### **ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business to come before the Board, Trustee Charhut made a motion, seconded by Trustee Teichert to adjourn the meeting at 8:30 p.m.

Upon the following voice vote, the motion was approved.

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