

**MINUTES  
of the  
REGULAR BOARD MEETING  
OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES  
VILLAGE OF NORTHFIELD  
Monday, December 7, 2009 - 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 Monday, December 7, 2009 at 7:00 p.m. The meeting was called to order by President Fred Gougler. The Village Clerk called the roll.

PRESENT:	President Trustees	Fred Gougler John Chapin, Jr. Joan Frazier Terry Gottlieb Brian Kozminski Fred Teichert
ABSENT:		George Warga

**APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS:**

Trustee Kozminski made a motion, seconded by Trustee Frazier, to approve Consent Agenda items 1 through 5.

1. Approve the Minutes of the October 20, 2009 Village Board meeting.
2. Approve the Bills and Disbursements from 10/8/09 to 11/20/09 in the amount of \$880,731.25.
3. Approve the appointment of Donald Whiteman to the Police Pension Board to fill an unexpired term.
4. Approve a resolution honoring Thomas McCarron for his service on the Police Pension Board.
5. Approve an Intergovernmental Agreement for Disaster Recovery with the Village of Lincolnwood.

Trustee Teichert asked what Lincolnwood does for their backup for the Disaster Recovery.

Director Noble responded they use Northfield; it is a reciprocal agreement.

Manager Sigman added that we use the same IT consultant so it works out well.

Trustee Frazier asked whether the type of disaster in the agreement has ever happened in Northfield.

The response was "no."

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

AYES:	Chapin Frazier Gottlieb Kozminski Teichert	NAYS: 0	ABSTAIN: 0	ABSENT: Warga
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**CONSIDERATION OF AN ORDINANCE ADOPTING THE 2009 TAX LEVY.**

Trustee Gottlieb made a motion, seconded by Trustee Teichert to approve an ordinance adopting the 2009 Tax Levy.

Finance Director Noble noted that the ordinance is the last step in the process used to establish the Tax Levy for the 2009 Levy year. At the Committee of the Whole meeting in October, the Board reviewed a Tax Levy of \$3,408,000 which is \$30,818 or 0.9% increase from the 2008 tax levy. The 0.9% increase consists of two parts. The first part is a 0.1% or one-tenth of 1% increase which is what the County Tax cap was this year and the other 0.8% or eight-tenths of 1% which the Village hopes to receive from new growth in over the last year. When the Board adopts the attached levy we will file it with the County before the end of the month and it will get put into the 2010-2011 budget.

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

AYES: Chapin  
Frazier  
Gottlieb  
Kozminski  
Teichert

NAYS: 0

ABSTAIN: 0

ABSENT: Warga

**CONSIDERATION OF RESOLUTION DIRECTING THE COUNTY CLERK TO REDUCE THE 2009 TAX LEVY IF NECESSARY PURSUANT TO THE PROPERTY TAX EXTENSION LIMITATION LAWS**

Trustee Frazier made a motion, seconded by Trustee Gottlieb to approve a resolution directing the County Clerk to reduce the 2009 Tax Levy if necessary pursuant to the Property Tax Extension Limitation Laws.

Director Noble noted that this resolution covers a situation in case the growth for this year is less than anticipated. The County would universally reduce the levy in every category, the corporate, pension funds and other areas if we did not adopt this resolution. In order to keep the pension fund whole and make sure they get their exact amount of funding for the year, this resolution would provide that any short-comings come from the general corporate levy.

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

AYES: Chapin  
Frazier  
Gottlieb  
Kozminski  
Teichert

NAYS: 0

ABSTAIN: 0

ABSENT: Warga

**CONSIDERATION OF RESOLUTION ABATING PROPERTY TAXES FOR THE 2007 GENERAL OBLIGATION (ALTERNATE REVENUE) BONDS**

Trustee Teichert made a motion, seconded by Trustee Chapin to approve a resolution to abate

2009 Property Taxes for the 2007 General Obligation (Alternate Revenue) bonds.

Director Noble noted that this is an annual event. When the Village issued the bonds for the 2007 water system improvements and in 2009 for the street improvements, one of the things the Village did was issue General Obligation bonds that pledge the full faith and credit of the Village and established a tax levy to go along with the bond issues in order to get favorable interest rates. Being an Alternate Bond, the intent was that the levy would never be extended and that alternate revenues would be used such as water funds would be used for the 2007 Bond issue and Motor Fuel Taxes for the 2009 bond issue. This resolution is formally abating the property tax levies that are in place and acting as security for those bonds.

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

AYES:	Chapin	NAYS: 0	ABSTAIN: 0	ABSENT: Warga
	Frazier			
	Gottlieb			
	Kozminski			
	Teichert			

**CONSIDERATION OF RESOLUTION ABATING PROPERTY TAXES FOR THE 2009 GENERAL OBLIGATION (ALTERNATE REVENUE) BONDS**

Trustee Chapin made a motion, seconded by Trustee Kozminski to approve a resolution to abate 2009 Property Taxes for the 2009 General Obligation (Alternate Revenue) bonds.

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

AYES:	Chapin	NAYS: 0	ABSTAIN: 0	ABSENT: Warga
	Frazier			
	Gottlieb			
	Kozminski			
	Teichert			

**CONSIDERATION OF AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE VILLAGE CODE, APPENDIX D, FEES AND BONDS, TO REFLECT CHANGES IN VARIOUS SECTIONS EFFECTIVE JANUARY 1, 2010 AND TO SEWER AND WATER RATES EFFECTIVE MAY 1, 2010**

Trustee Chapin made a motion, seconded by Trustee Teichert to approve an ordinance amending the Village Code, Appendix D, Fees and Bonds, to reflect increases in various sections effective January 1, 2010 and changes in water and sewer rates effective May 1, 2010.

Director Noble noted that this ordinance reflects the Board's approval at its October 2009 meeting of various fee and fine increases. He pointed out there are a couple of exceptions. He noted that at the October 2009 meeting, the Board did not discuss water and sewer rates but it was the impression that given the work done by the Capital Improvement Planning Committee last year and the Long Range Financial Planning Sub Committee did this year, the water and sewer rate increase schedule should continue as was done last year. The attached ordinance calls for a 7-1/2% increase

in the base water rate and a 10% increase in the sewer rate. There is also a minor change from the October meeting. It was decided to increase the ambulance fees by about \$50 per category than what was previously discussed. After the meeting in October, more information was received from surrounding communities in the north suburban area. Director Noble noted he included a survey of ambulance fees in the packet and it shows that we increased our fees a little more than what was recommended at the October meeting.

Trustee Chapin asked how the fees relate to Medicare reimbursements.

Director Noble responded that they are generally higher than Medicare reimbursements.

Trustee Chapin asked what happens to the person who is covered by Medicare when they are taken by Northfield's ambulance.

Director Noble responded that for residents, we take the Medicare only payment and that satisfies payment. We are still working on some non resident issues. He added that these are the only changes in this ordinance that the Board did not discuss in October.

Trustee Frazier asked for clarification on Section 7 pertaining to animals and fowl. She wanted an explanation of what the \$50/\$750 means.

Manager Sigman responded that the amount of the fine is what the court decides. The judge decides on the fine which can be anywhere between \$50 and \$750. It typically depends on the violation and the severity of the violation.

Trustee Frazier asked if that is consistent with what other communities charge.

Director Noble noted that \$750 is the maximum for a non home rule community per statute.

Manager Sigman also noted that it would be highly unlikely to have a judge fine someone \$750 for something like this but it is what the statute allows.

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

AYES:	Chapin	NAYS: 0	ABSTAIN: 0	ABSENT: Warga
	Gottlieb			
	Frazier			
	Kozminski			
	Teichert			

**CONSIDERATION OF AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE VILLAGE CODE, APPENDIX A, ARTICLES V THROUGH XVIIIA TO PROVIDE FOR PRELIMINARY PROJECT REVIEWS**

Trustee Chapin made a motion, seconded by Trustee Kozminski to approve an ordinance amending the Village Code, Appendix A, Zoning Code, Articles V through XVIIIA to provide for Preliminary Project Reviews.

Director Kane noted that this matter was discussed at the October Committee of the Whole meeting and there was some confusion on how staff intended to administer this change. She noted that the fee is not meant to be a barrier to economic development but rather a way to hold a potential developers hand through the process to facilitate it without making them so financial tied or married to the expensive plans that it takes to go through submission to the Plan and Zoning Commission. If

their plan or concept is such a departure from the Comprehensive Plan, perhaps, the developer can save some money and staff can spend a nominal amount of time providing feedback. They then can make the determination on whether they want to move forward with a more formal and expensive application. She noted that there have only been two projects since she has been with the Village where the initial submittal represented such a departure from what the Village Center Task Force plans were - the Eden's Bank on the Citgo property and the Maxim Realty Group proposal. The ordinance before the Board would codify the preliminary project review process in the Village Code. She noted that as was discussed at the October Committee of the Whole meeting, the fee has been raised to \$1,000 and if a developer proceeds with the formal process to the Plan and Zoning Commission, there would be a \$500 credit applied toward that process recognizing that much of the background research would be been completed during the preliminary process.

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

AYES:	Chapin Gottlieb Frazier Kozminski Teichert	NAYS: 0	ABSTAIN: 0	ABSENT: Warga
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**CONSIDERATION OF AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE VILLAGE CODE, CHAPTER 13 , TO PROVIDE FOR A PENALTY FOR FAILURE TO PURCHASE AND DISPLAY A VILLAGE VEHICLE STICKER.**

Trustee Chapin made a motion, seconded by Trustee Frazier to approve an ordinance amending the Village Code, Chapter 13 to delete Section 13-80 and add Sections 13-8.1 and 13-9.1 to provide for a penalty for failure to purchase and display a Village vehicle sticker.

Director Noble noted that this item was inadvertently omitted from the October discussion of fees and fines at the Committee of the Whole meeting. Currently, Vehicle stickers cost \$50 and \$75 if they are purchased late. The fine for not purchasing a vehicle sticker is \$40 so a person would have to get at least two tickets before it would become an incentive to buy a vehicle sticker. It was felt that if people know the fee is going up substantially, compliance would increase. He noted it is a pretty hefty fine compared with some other motor vehicle fines but he noted that he currently has about 500 people on a list to notice them that they have not bought their vehicle sticker.

Chief Lustig added that under the current ordinance and fee rates, there is little incentive to comply with buying a vehicle sticker. It would be easier for residents to take their chances at being caught. .

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

AYES:	Chapin Gottlieb Frazier Kozminski	NAYS: 0	ABSTAIN: 0	ABSENT: Warga
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Teichert

**CONSIDERATION OF A BID AWARD TO BURRIS EQUIPMENT FOR ONE FOUR WHEEL DRIVE PAYLOADER WITH ATTACHMENTS**

Trustee Gottlieb made a motion, seconded by Trustee Frazier to approve a bid award to Burris Equipment of Waukegan, Illinois for one four-wheel drive articulating, rubber tired payloader with attachments in the amount of \$99,240.

Public Works Director Mike Nystrand noted that the Village purchased a payloader in 1992 and it has been used over the past 16 years. The department annually reviews all its equipment and has been extending the use of the payloader. Per the evaluation of the payloader, it was felt by management and staff that it is now time to replace the payloader. He explained that they developed a list of specifications for replacement of the payloader. There was a bid opening on November 24, 2009 and there were eight different bids; however, the lowest bidder did not meet the specification in a number of areas. The department is recommending the bid be awarded to Burris Equipment of Waukegan in the amount of \$99,240 with attachments and trade in of the existing equipment. He noted that the budgeted amount available for this piece of equipment is \$125,000. Mike explained that this equipment is used for various activities within the water and sewer departments as well as for snow operations. It is also used to load salt, for storm clean up and to deliver sand bags to residents. It is a versatile piece of equipment. The attachments include a power handling snow plow for clearing snow on the bridges over the Eden's Expressway so it doesn't go down on traffic and a forklift attachment to be used when they buy materials in bulk.

Trustee Teichert asked for further explanation on the cost. The Village budgeted \$125,000 and the replacement cost is \$100,000. He asked if that takes into consideration the \$25,000 cost on the trade in.

Director Nystrand responded "yes." He further explained that the average trade in value across all bids was \$21,165. The first bid offered a trade in value of \$21,000 and then the attachments were added.

Trustee Teichert noted that at first it looked like the Village was saving \$25,000 but they really are not because we anticipated a trade in all along.

Director Nystrand responded that we anticipated declaring the equipment as surplus and it would have been sold by us or traded in. The Fleet Manager feels that the prices for the trade shown on the bids was well worth trading it in rather than trying to sell it ourselves.

Trustee Teichert asked if we budgeted the trade in.

Director Noble responded that we budgeted \$125,000 for the purchase and \$15,000 for a trade in. He added that the net of that would be \$110,000 that the transaction would cost and it is coming in at just under \$100,000 so we are saving \$10,000.

Upon the following roll call vote, the motion was approved 4 Ayes, to 0 Nays, with

1 Abstain and 1 Absent.

AYES: Gottlieb      NAYS: 0      ABSTAIN: Chapin      ABSENT: Warga  
          Frazier  
          Kozminski  
          Teichert

**CONSIDERATION OF AN ORDINANCE DECLARING A 1992 PAYLOADER AND ATTACHMENTS AS SURPLUS AND AUTHORIZING DISPOSAL OF THE VEHICLE ACCORDING TO LAW**

Trustee Frazier made a motion, seconded by Trustee Teichert to approve an Ordinance declaring one 1992 Case Payloader and attachments as surplus and authorizing disposal of the vehicle according to law.

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

AYES: Chapin      NAYS: 0      ABSTAIN: 0      ABSENT: Warga  
          Gottlieb  
          Frazier  
          Kozminski  
          Teichert

**CONSIDERATION OF AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE VILLAGE CODE, CHAPTER 2 TO ADD ARTICLE VIII, UNIFORM COMPLAINT PROCEDURE, TO INVESTIGATE ADA VIOLATIONS**

Trustee Frazier made a motion, seconded by Trustee Chapin to approve an Ordinance amending the Village Code, Chapter 2, to add Article VIII, Uniform Complaint Procedure to establish proper procedures for investigating American with Disabilities Act (ADA) violations.

Manager Sigman noted that this a new State mandate that was adopted relative to Public Act 96-650. It requires that any municipality that has a website must publicize the process for filing a complaint relative to ADA. This would amend our code to provide for that and we are required to update our website by January 1, 2010.

Trustee Frazier asked if there is an elevator in the Village Hall.

Manager Sigman responded there is an elevator right outside the Council Chamber door.

Trustee Frazier then asked if all Village properties are ADA accessible.

Manager Sigman responded "yes." However, she noted that the former Public Works facility at 360 Happ has some back areas just for staff use and the basement which is not used for public meetings are not.

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

AYES: Chapin      NAYS: 0      ABSTAIN: 0      ABSENT: Warga  
          Gottlieb  
          Frazier  
          Kozminski  
          Teichert

**CONSIDERATION OF AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE VILLAGE CODE, CHAPTER 2, ARTICLE IX, ESTABLISHING PROVISIONS FOR COMPLIANCE WITH CHANGES TO THE FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT; AMENDING APPENDIX D, ARTICLE XVII, PROVIDING FOR FOIA FEES AND AMENDING CHAPTER 2, ARTICLE V, DESIGNATING THE VILLAGE CLERK AS FOIA OFFICER**

Trustee Chapin made a motion, seconded by Trustee Kozminski to approve an Ordinance amending the Village Code, Chapter 2, Article IX, establishing the provisions for compliance with changes to the Illinois Freedom of Information Act (FOIA); amending Appendix D by adding Article XVII, providing for the appropriate FOIA fees and, amending Chapter 2, Article V, designating the Village Clerk as the Freedom of Information Act Officer.

Manager Sigman explained that similar to the previous ordinance, the State statues were modified to make Freedom of Information Act request changes and has a number of other requirements that municipalities have to adhere to. There is an extensive packet that was included that goes through the various requirements drafted by Attorney Mike Duggan and he can answer any specific questions the Board may have. Briefly, the Village has a shorter time frame to respond to FOIA requests and, if any requests are denied, the Village must send a formal notice to the Attorney General's Office to justify the denial. This proposed ordinance amends our Village codes to reflect the recently adopted changes. Anyone who handles FOIA requests in the Village will now have to be certified and trained on an annual basis through a class from the Attorney General's office.

Attorney Duggan noted that after January 1, 2010, the Freedom of Information Act compliance is going to be more onerous. He noted that he had provided about 1-1/2 hours of training for staff on the new requirements and there was not enough time to go into all the issues. It is a substantial change to the existing law.

Manager Sigman noted that the typical FOIA requests the Village receives will not change dramatically. However, there are some like one two years ago which asked for all correspondence, plans and information having to do with Willow Road over the past 25 years.

Trustee Chapin asked how someone can justify that request.

Manager Sigman responded that they do not have to justify it under the FOIA Act.

Trustee Chapin noted that they can ask for it and the Village is obligated to provide it even though it is onerous.

Attorney Duggan also noted that the new statute goes further than that and states that the General Assembly declares that it is the primary purpose of local governments to provide information to the public in the manner provided under the Act. Essentially, the General Assembly is telling us to drop everything else and comply with FOIA requests.

Trustee Kozminski asked if this was the third or fourth unfunded mandate we have had to process tonight.

Attorney Duggan responded yes third or fourth or perhaps eighth, ninth or tenth.

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

AYES:	Chapin Gottlieb Frazier Kozminski Teichert	NAYS: 0	ABSTAIN: 0	ABSENT: Warga
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## **Board Updates**

President Gougler noted that he likes to use this opportunity in the public setting to have this brief discussion about what the Board and staff have been working on.

### Sub-Committees

#### *Long Range Financial Planning Sub Committee*

Trustee Chapin reported that the Long Range Financial Planning Sub-Committee's next meeting will be held Thursday, January 7, 2010 at 4:59 p.m. at the Village Hall. At that time they will be reviewing the requested items to determine how to take \$1 million out of the budget.

President Gougler encouraged all of the Trustees and residents to attend the meeting. He noted it is an effort to engage the community to address the financial challenges the Village has. He commended Trustee Chapin for his work in Chairing the Sub Committee.

#### *Personnel Compensation and Benefits Sub Committee*

President Gougler asked if the Personnel Compensation and Benefits Sub-Committee has completed its work.

Trustee Gottlieb noted that at the last meeting the Committee determined that what the Village is currently doing makes sense and there is no reason to make a change for the sake of making a change. It did not make any sense.

President Gougler asked if that Committee was going to bring its work to closure with a report or how they saw their role ending.

Manager Sigman responded that the Committee is awaiting some additional information which it should receive in early in January 2010. There may be one final meeting after that of the Sub Committee. If it is the desire of the Board, the Committee could put together a summary report of what happened in the Committee meetings or just give a verbal report.

President Gougler noted that it would be good to have a report and then decide how that information would be used before the Committee comes to a close.

### Departmental Updates

#### *Willow Road*

Manager Sigman noted that the Traffic and Transportation Committee continues to meet regarding Willow Road. The next meeting is December 16. It is also important to note that the second meeting of the IDOT Community Advisory Group (CAG) is January 14 at 6:00 p.m. at New Trier West. She noted that she has also been working closely with Director Noble and the Long Range Financial Committee on the Village's long range plan and the options they have for satisfying

the budget shortfall, and/or increasing revenues. She and director Noble have also started working on the annual budget and expect to provide the Personnel section of the report to the Board in January. Manager Sigman also reported that ComEd has been out during the past month and finished the seeding of the ComEd ROW which was previously burned. She noted it should look better come spring.

Trustee Teichert asked if the red light photo system is now functioning at Waukegan and Willow Roads.

Manager Sigman reported that the cameras are up and operating; however, the southbound lane on Waukegan Road is still awaiting a sign where they added the new right turn lane. There needs to be a "No Right Turn on Red" sign installed there by the contractor before enforcement can begin again. The northbound is fine and Willow and Wagner cameras are operational.

*Community Development and Building Department*

Director Kane noted she met with representatives from Fields auto dealerships today to find out where they are in the process with their new Volvo dealership. She noted they have just completed an analysis of the cost to revise the traditional building design to a LEED certified (Leadership in Excellence and Energy Design) building. It looks favorable. They have outsourced the various components and the cost and they are happy to report that given the current condition of the construction industry, they are able to get to a Silver Certified level with minimal additional cost. They will be making a final decision later this week. With regard to the status of the demolition of the 770 Frontage building, they are ready to go. They have their contractor lined up and are waiting for a letter of sign off verifying cut off of gas from Nicor for that building. They hope to have the building down by the end of the year.

Director Kane also noted that Eden's Bank has completed the environmental cleanup of the site across the street and they are in for a building permit. She is hopeful we will be seeing some construction activity on the site after the start of the new year to kick start the renaissance of our new Village Center. She also noted that they have received two applications for rental of space in the Village Center - one is for a Physical Therapy and Chiropractor office next to Capriccios and the other is for a carryout restaurant in the former Trout and Grouse space vacant for about two years. The restaurant is known as *You Dog You* and they specialize in hot dogs and other food items. Another local business is requesting a text amendment to the Manufacturing Zoning District regulations to allow for a personal fitness facility in a building along Northfield Road. She noted that the three new business owners coming to town are very excited to be in Northfield and will be wonderful corporate residents.

Trustee Teichert referenced a comment by Director Nystrand about plowing over the Eden's Expressway and asked Director Kane the status on the Winnetka Avenue bridge repair over the Eden's that has been barricaded for a year.

Director Kane reported she talked to Manager Sigman about the issue and related that she wanted to call someone like Pam Zechman who reports on hard to resolve issues. She wants to hold

the County accountable and embarrass them that this project has not been completed. She responded that she will be putting together a detailed report on the status of the project including when it occurred, the number of calls to the County, etc. She noted that IDOT is holding a cash bond to get the work completed and she does not know why they just have not hired a separate contractor to complete the work.

Trustee Teichert further noted that all the debris at that site is an eyesore and it has to be unsafe.

Director Kane noted that the topic had come up at a neighborhood meeting and is of concern to all the residents on the east side that want to access the Northfield downtown area as well as students who attend the New Trier west campus. It is an unsafe condition and with darkness coming earlier, it poses more of a problem.

Trustee Frazier asked why not contact Pam Zechman and have her contact her contacts. She also inquired about the Fields lighting issue.

Director Kane noted Fields will be revising the lighting as part of the redesign of the site and the building. In conversation with the project architect, it was noted that the foot candles and wattage of the overall system have been reduced not necessarily to satisfy the neighbors but to comply with certain LEED certification on the energy component. The end result is the lighting levels did go down. The Village hired a consultant to look at the original plan and he will be brought on board once the lighting plan is finalized for the new building. Fields lighting levels comply with the Village's performance standards per our code. She noted that doesn't help with the "sky pollution. Fields architects pointed out that IDOT has six very tall lights at the Tower Road ramps which may also be adding to the "sky pollution".

#### *Finance Department*

Director Noble reported that he has mixed news on the financial front and noted his quarterly report in the packet. In the General Fund, almost every revenue category is below the year to date budget with one exception, sales tax. The only reason it is not below the budget is that it was cut severely last year. He noted that the Village is actually trending up a little bit from what the budget was projecting for sales tax. Building permits are down, year to date at \$54,000; red light photo enforcement is down \$52,000 although that will continue to grow over the next couple of months since there is a lag time from when the violations occur until we receive payment. It will take some time to ramp back up after being shut down due to the road repairs at the Waukegan and Willow Road intersection. The mixed part or good part is that in almost all the funds and particularly the General Fund, we are under budget on our expenses. We have had a retirement and other changes where we have not filled some positions. Also, he noted that the Department Heads will tell you he beats them up regularly about staying in budget and questions all expenses. The Departments are doing a good job trying to stay under budget. Right now in the General Fund, we are about \$151,000 under budget on the expense side. In the water and sanitary sewer funds, not a lot of good things are happening. For the first six months this year, we are down 4.6% or about 7-1/2 million gallons

compared to last year. Last year we were down about 10% from the year before. When he looked at it in greater depth, for the first six months of this fiscal year, it is the lowest pumpage since 1993. He noted he could not explain it; did not know what the vacancy rate is in businesses but did know there are a lot of vacant homes in town; people cutting back, a cool summer and a lot of rain. The sanitary sewer fund follows the water fund because it is based on the number of gallons billed.

As a positive, Director Noble noted that it looks like sales tax is trending upward. He noted that he would be anxious to see the December figures for September sales which should come in before the end of the year. He also noted that he is looking forward to seeing the impact of the Happ Inn and enjoys seeing the full parking lot. He also pointed out that there is some information on the bottom of the report on our investments so the Board can see where they are.

Trustee Kozminski asked when the CPI cap the sequel to our 0.1% increase comes out.

Director Noble responded it will be the end of December 2009 but won't be calculated or out until February 2010. He noted that the last figure he saw was from September. It was noted that the figure we use is the CPIU. Director Noble noted that in the 5 year projections, a 0% CIP was used which means it cannot get any worse next year.

#### *Public Works and Fire-Rescue*

Director Nystrand reported that all of the paramedics have recently completed their annual re-certification for 2009. They participated in a MABAS wide training exercise at the Public Works/Fire-Rescue facility for special rescue operations. He noted they were out on the highway a number of times with several 6 to 8-patient accidents.

Director Nystrand reported that Public Works is finishing up checking fire-hydrants in town to make sure they are not full of water or they could freeze. Annually they check 500 to 600 hydrants. All of the snow fighting equipment is up and running. The modified holiday lights are up. They are not full but look good and all the winter banners are up.

Trustee Teichert asked the cost of salt this year.

Director Nystrand responded \$60 a ton and last year it was \$120-\$150 a ton. The year before that was \$30 a ton.

Trustee Frazier noted that the Village looks great. It has a beautiful aesthetics.

#### *Police Department*

Chief Lustig reported on a ponzi scheme by one of the local business owners in town which involved several million dollars. All seven victims came from Chicago. The white sector of the FBI came in and took over the case. They charged a resident of Wilmette who is out on a \$100,000 bond as the investigation continues. Chief Lustig reported on a rumor he heard that noted officers were sitting in the parking lot or across from the Sunset Ridge County Club waiting for people to leave. He reported that last week a member of the Country Club went into the Club and while in there someone smashed her car window and took her purse. By the time she got out to her car, three of her credit cards had already been used at local stores. The Police target was to increase visibility at Sunset Ridge Country Club. He contacted the Manager of the Club and noted that the Police were there for

preventative measures and not to watch who was going in and out of the club Chief Lustig wished the Board happy holidays.

Resident Patrick O'Donoghue of 263 Bristol asked whether the Village would consider eliminating the Village Vehicle Sticker. He suggested the Village could charge for it and then enter purchasers in the Police data base so they would not have to print stickers.

Chief Lustig reported that the Secretary of State will not put information on whether the person has purchased a vehicle sticker or not on their license. Officers have to call in to the Village on each car to see if it is in the computer to determine if someone has a sticker. If that is done 20-30 or 40 times a night while writing citations, it is a problem.

Mr. O'Donoghue commented that the only way Police know is if they have an expired sticker or don't have a sticker at all. Chief Lustig noted that if the person does have a sticker which is not displayed and they can bring it to the Police Station, it is an automatic warning.

Manager Sigman asked if the officers can get to our Village database from their mobile terminal in their car.

Chief Lustig responded they cannot; they have to come back to the Village Hall to get into the system. In their vehicle they can only check the State system.

### **ADJOURN TO CLOSED SESSION**

Trustee Charhut made a motion, seconded by Trustee Teichert to adjourn to closed session at 8:15 p.m. to discuss current litigation issues.

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

AYES:	Chapin	NAYS: 0	ABSTAIN: 0	ABSENT: Warga
	Gottlieb			
	Frazier			
	Kozminski			
	Teichert			

### **RETURN TO OPEN SESSION**

Upon return to Open Session, Trustee Chapin made a motion, seconded by Trustee Frazier to file an appeal in the BP case. Upon a voice vote, the motion carried.

### **ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business to come before the Board, Trustee Gottlieb made a motion, seconded by Trustee Frazier to adjourn the meeting at 8:45 p.m.

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

AYES:	Chapin	NAYS: 0	ABSTAIN: 0	ABSENT: Warga
	Gottlieb			
	Frazier			
	Kozminski			

Teichert