

**MINUTES  
of the  
PUBLIC HEARING and  
REGULAR BOARD MEETING OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES  
VILLAGE OF NORTHFIELD  
Tuesday, April 20, 2010 - 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, April 20, 2010 for a Public Hearing to consider a Special Service Area for Landreth Lane and for the Regular Board meeting. The Village Clerk took the roll call.

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

**CONVENE TO PUBLIC HEARING TO CONSIDER A SPECIAL SERVICE AREA FOR  
LANDRETH LANE FOR ROADWAY IMPROVEMENTS**

Manager Sigman stated that the Village was approached some months ago by some of the residents on Landreth Lane about the possibility of establishing a Special Service Area (SSA) in order for them to repave their private lane. If approved it would allow them to tack on to the Village's roadway project which was carried over from last year in order to realize some cost savings. The purpose of the Public Hearing notice given to all the property owners on the lane is to solicit any additional interest or concerns from the residents before adopting the ordinance and moving ahead with the Special Service Area.

Resident Bob Forloine of 470 Landreth Lane commented that their street is probably the worst street on the north shore. He noted that he has gotten bids from various paving companies and contacted the Village to see if it had any ideas and was presently surprised to find out the Village could possibly incorporate their street with its program making the price more attractive to Landreth Lane residents. He noted that unfortunately, one of the residents on Landreth Lane passed away last week but added there is good support for the project with the other residents on the street.

There were no other comments from other Landreth Lane residents.

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

There being no further comments, Trustee Frazier made a motion, seconded by Trustee Kozminski to adjourn the Public Hearing and to convene the Regular Board meeting.

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

AYES:	Chapin Frazier	NAYS: 0	ABSTAIN: 0	ABSENT: 0
-------	-------------------	---------	------------	-----------

Gottlieb  
Kozminski  
Teichert  
Warga

**RECONVENE TO REGULAR BOARD MEETING AT 7:10 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, April 20, 2009. The meeting was called to order at 7:10 p.m. by President Fred Gougler. The roll call as called by the Village Clerk was as follows:

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

**APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS:**

Trustee Chapin made a motion, seconded by Trustee Kozminski, to approve Consent Agenda items 1 through 3.

1. Approve the Minutes of the March 16, 2010 Village Board meeting.
2. Approve the Bills and Disbursements from 3/4/10 to 4/14/10 in the amount of \$469,981.19.
3. Approve the re-appointment of Donald Whiteman to the Police Pension Board for a two year term ending May 1, 2012; approve the re-appointment of Richard Joutras to the Board of Police Commissioners for a three year term ending May 1, 2013, and approve the re-appointment of Tony Levernier and Joseph P. Gutekanst each to four year terms expiring May 1, 2014.

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

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

**CONSIDERATION TO APPROVE AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SPECIAL USE 09-1413 TO ALLOW EXPANSION OF THE HAPP INN BAR AND GRILL**

Trustee Chapin made a motion, seconded by Trustee Teichert to approve an ordinance amending Special Use Ordinance 09-1413 to allow for the expansion of the Happ Inn Bar and Grill at 305 Happ Road with a banquet room.

Director Kane reported that earlier this month the Plan and Zoning Commission conducted a public hearing to consider the Special Use amendment. There was no comment or objection to the request. However, the Commission carefully examined the request and

application with particular attention paid to the parking of the proposed use. There was a lot of dialogue back and forth between the Commissioners, the petitioner and the proprietors of the restaurant to find a compromise solution that would accommodate their growth and investment in Northfield but not at the expense of the other tenants of the Center or other businesses that call downtown Northfield home. The Plan and Zoning Commission found a balance could be struck by placing restrictive conditions on this special use for the banquet facility. They worked with the petitioner to ban use of the banquet room for Friday luncheon events which is when the peak parking demand is at that shopping center. The ban is for the first six months of operation of the banquet facility and the Plan Commission plans to revisit this after the banquet room is operational so they can see how it impacts businesses and the flow of parking. The Plan Commission also put a cap on the maximum number of guests during other peak demand periods particularly Thursday at lunch time and Friday evening when there is a lot of demand in the regular sit down restaurant. The Special Use before the Board tonight also requires complimentary valet parking for all banquet events be provided and that the service also be provided and extended to the clients and customers of all other tenants within the Northfield Square properties and the annex which includes Hunan Chef, Canvas Back, Soccer and More as well as the spaces north of Orchard Lane. The Plan Commission also encouraged a formal agreement for the use of valet parking in the municipal lot in the evening. Based on those parameters to control the intensity of the banquet facility, yet allow the business to make the investment and encourage their expansion with certain controls in place, there was a unanimous recommendation by the Commission for approval of the Special Use.

Trustee Teichert asked if the Village has any codes or ordinances regarding valet services.

Director Kane responded not to her knowledge.

Trustee Teichert remarked that he thought the Village should have some sort of coverage for a later date.

Attorney Hill noted that we can regulate valet parking but responded that Director Kane is correct and we do not have current regulations.

President Gougler added that maybe we should take a look at that.

Trustee Frazier noted that she wants to be sure, since it is an unusual configuration of the space where the banquet room is located, that in the event of a fire, there are exits for the people and room for emergency vehicles to reach the area.

Director Kane noted she specifically addressed this issue of the egress pattern with our Fire Inspector.

Trustee Warga noted that it was the longest Plan and Zoning meeting for such an issue and it went extremely well because the petitioner was willing to make it work and the Plan and Zoning Commission did a great job.

Attorney Hill added that Trustee Teichert made an excellent point and thought it might be a

good idea to add an extra clause in the ordinance which states “if the Village subsequently adopts reasonable regulations with respect to valet service that the permittee agrees he will abide by those regulations.”

President Gougler noted that the motion needs to be amended to incorporate that language.

Trustee Chapin made a motion, seconded by Trustee Warga to amend the original motion to include the language regarding future regulation of valet service in the Village.

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

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

President Gougler then asked for a motion on the amended motion.

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

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

**CONSIDERATION OF A LICENSE AGREEMENT WITH THE HAPP INN BAR AND GRILL FOR USE OF THE WEST MUNICIPAL PARKING LOT FOR VALET PARKING**

Trustee Kozminski made a motion, seconded by Trustee Chapin to approve a parking lot license agreement to allow The Happ Inn Bar and Grill to use the west municipal parking lot for valet parking.

Director Kane noted that following the Plan and Zoning Commission’s recommendation, the petitioner’s attorney submitted a draft agreement which the Village Attorney reviewed and revised. It stipulates that they cannot use the municipal lot before 5:00 p.m., limits the number of vehicles to 25 and the petitioner has agreed to the Village’s right to impose a fee. She noted that we wanted to make sure they understand is something we would explore in the next year or so.

President Gougler noted that the language adopted in the prior motion regarding regulating valet service would encompass this agreement as well.

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

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

**CONSIDERATION TO APPROVE AN ORDINANCE ADOPTING THE FY2010/2011 VILLAGE BUDGET**

Trustee Teichert made a motion, seconded by Trustee Frazier to approve an ordinance adopting the Fiscal Year 2010/2011 Village Budget.

Director Noble stated that the ordinance before the Board is the last step in establishing a budget for the next fiscal year. He noted that the process started last summer when the Board met as the Long Range Financial Planning Sub-Committee, and the Personnel and Benefits Sub-Committee for review of our budget and finances in preparation for our five year forecast. It reflects input from the Public Hearing held on March 16, 2010 as well as input from the Budget Workshop on March 9. As President Gougler noted, there is a revision to the Budget Ordinance as a result of Trustee Chapin's discovery of an error under the heading of the "Sanitary Sewer System" regarding the amount budgeted for that. The changes have been made the Sanitary Sewer System budget should read a total of \$672,880. That brings the total of the 2010/2011 municipal budget to \$14,535,050.

Following discussion and upon the following roll call vote, the motion was approved 5 Ayes to 1 Nay.

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

**CONSIDERATION TO APPROVE AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING A SPECIAL SERVICE AREA #10-1 FOR LANDRETH LANE RESURFACING**

Trustee Chapin made a motion, seconded by Trustee Teichert to approve an ordinance providing for the establishment of a Special Service Area (SSA) #10-1 for costs associated with the Landreth Lane resurfacing project.

Manager Sigman clarified that this is the same process the Board has gone through for a number of different SSA's. What is different is that normally we would wait the 60 day period after holding the hearing which was held earlier this evening before adopting the ordinance. Due to timing and that the Village has no plans to do any other future roadway projects in Northfield, the only way we could accommodate the Landreth Lane residents is to include their project with some rollover work from last year's Village project. The contractor was willing to honor last year's unit prices. If we were to wait the 60 days we would not be able to add the Landreth Lane resurfacing project because the contract would already be closed. The petitions signed by three of the five homeowners recognize this and waived their participating in any backdoor referendum process. She noted that she had not heard from the other two homeowners although all five homeowners received notice of tonight's hearing and that the matter would be on tonight's agenda.

Trustee Frazier asked if one of the homeowners who signed the petition was the person

who passed away.

Manager Sigman responded “no.”

The fifth homeowner indicated he was opposed to the project.

A resident at 420 Landreth Lane (could not hear her name) came to oppose the resurfacing project because she felt the project is more expensive than she originally thought it would be.

Trustee Teichert asked what is the requirement for percentage of home owners to approve the SSA.

Manager Sigman responded that the law requires 51% of the properties affected by a Special Service Area agree to it. The Village policy has always been that we look for two-thirds of the residents to agree. Historically, we did not like the 51%. This Board has wanted more consensus understanding that 100% consensus can be difficult to get but we look for two-thirds majority.

Attorney Hill noted that you don't have to have anyone agreeing to the SSA, the Village can adopt it. However, if 51% of the homeowners sign a petition opposing it, that is deemed to be a backdoor referendum and it is defeated.

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

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

### **CONSIDERATION OF SEMI ANNUAL PLACEMENT OF CLOSED SESSION MINUTES IN OPEN SESSION BOOK**

Trustee Chapin made a motion, seconded by Trustee Warga to approve the Village Attorney's recommendation to move the approved Closed Session Summary Notes to the Open Session Summary Notes book.

Following discussion and upon the following roll call vote, the motion was approved.

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

### **CONSIDERATION TO APPROVE A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE SALE OF MUNICIPAL PROPERTY**

Trustee Chapin made a motion, seconded by Trustee Kozminski to approve a resolution authorizing the sale of municipal owned surplus property located at 308 Happ Road (condominium).

Director Kane reported that following last month's meeting, staff published a Request for

Proposals (RFP) in the Winnetka Talk as well as sent emails and faxes to local real estate offices that specialize in the sale of residential properties on the north shore. We received four responses to the RFP. The Village was looking to solicit local agents with knowledge and experience specifically in Northfield as well as in the multi-family market. We received a team response from Marsha Balsamo and Joyce King of the Winnetka North office of Coldwell Banker which submitted a proposal that indicated the two agents over the last three years have sold 19 properties in Northfield. They also had the most competitive compensation terms – 5% for the first unit sold which will be reduced to 4.25% if they list and sell all six properties.

Director Kane noted that in accordance with State statutes, the Village Attorney drafted the attached resolution declaring the first condominium Unit #103 as surplus property.

Director Kane disclosed that Joyce King has represented her family in a variety of real estate transactions over the years starting from when she was 3 years old.

President Gougler inquired about the time line as to when the property is put on the market.

Director Kane responded that as soon as the resolution is adopted, we will begin the process to put this property on the market.

Manager Sigman reported that they can adopt the resolution during the open session and during Executive Session they can talk about the terms of the sale and some direction for the real estate agent and then move forward with that.

Trustee Gottlieb noted that there is nothing in the resolution regarding the subsequent units with regard to the 4.25% reduced fee. He asked if there needs to be.

Director Kane responded that this resolution is for the first unit and as subsequent units are put on the market then the reduced compensation would be part of the resolution.

Trustee Gottlieb noted that he did not feel the resolution is worded correctly. He stated that it should say it would be lowered to 4.25% if subsequent units are listed because there is no guarantee that they are going to be sold.

Director Kane stated that Coldwell Banker's proposal says "and lowered to 4.25% if they list and sell all six properties". At the very end they may get nothing.

Manager Sigman noted that what the Board is actually acting on this evening is the resolution which is tied directly to the real estate contract. It gives the Village the authority to enter into a contract with the real estate agent.

Attorney Hill added that the listing contract itself, the proposal became the contract between the Village and the agency and it does specify the 4.25% so they are contractually obligated with respect to that percentage.

Trustee Chapin noted that there has been some on-line or off-line discussion about the use of the funds and proceeds for the sale of Village-owned property. Has the Board ever concluded that we want to restrict the use of the proceeds for paying down pension obligations as was previously discussed as opposed to putting it into the General Fund.

President Gougler noted that it is a financial question and that he is not aware in his recollection that they have ever made a decision on that.

Manager Sigman responded that there has been no official action by the Board to determine what the proceeds of this sale would be used for. There has been no official vote.

Trustee Chapin stated that they cannot do it tonight but suggested that the Board prepare a motion for consideration for the next meeting that the use of the proceeds from the sale of the condos be restricted to satisfying pension obligations.

President Gougler stated that it is something they can consider for discussion at a Committee of the Whole meeting.

Following discussion and upon the following roll call vote, the motion was approved.

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

### **CONSIDERATION OF AN OUTDOOR SEASONAL DISPLAY AREA AT DOMINICK'S FOOD STORE**

Trustee Chapin made a motion, seconded by Trustee Frazier to approve Dominick's spring seasonal garden center for outdoor display from April 15 through July 10, 2010.

Director Kane reported that the Village was contacted by the Dominick's Store Manager who reported that it was his understanding that when the store was reconstructed a couple of years ago, the Village had granted them formal approval for an outdoor display area. She noted that over the past several years they have had outdoor displays. The Village has never received a complaint about them and in fact it shows up on the cover of the Village's urban design guidelines for the Village Center. She noted she researched the files and knows there is a strict prohibition in the Zoning Code about outdoor display of items but thought there was something from long ago regarding this. While Dominick's formally presented a concept to have an outdoor sales area in 2002, it was never approved. Working with the Store Manager over the past weeks, she indicated that there might be stronger support at the Board level to grant this temporary approval if the store manager can convince his real estate department to agree to sway the land owner (Dominick's is only a tenant and does not own the property); our public works department has tried for several months to secure a 15 foot watermain easement across the north edge of the property. However, we do not have anything from Dominick's real estate department in support of that. Director Kane reported she placed two phone calls today and sent them an email at the end of the day saying it would be helpful if she had something from them. She stated she does not know how we can hold a tenant responsible for insuring that the property owner grant us this easement but we believe Dominick's support in granting that easement would go a long way toward convincing the land owner to do that for us.

President Gougler asked for an explanation of the relationship between the outdoor display and the easement.

Director Kane responded that it is a case of they want something from us and we want something from them. They are not tied together.

Manager Sigman noted that what the Board is giving them is temporary approval for the next few months. They will then go through the process to ratify this through the special use process.

Following discussion and upon the following roll call vote, the motion was approved.

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

### **CONSIDERATION OF A RETAIL ELECTRICITY SUPPLY AGREEMENT WITH MC SQUARED ENERGY SERVICES**

Trustee Gottlieb made a motion, seconded by Trustee Warga to approve authorizing the Village Manager to execute a retail electricity supply agreement with MC Squared Energy Services for a term of three years.

Director Noble noted that based on the recommendation of the Long Range Financial Planning Sub-Committee, he has been working with a cost efficiency expert and a cost reduction specialist over the last several months and he expects a full report in the next few months. The one thing they came across and concentrated on was the electricity. With deregulation of electricity there are many more suppliers available and the Village can realize more savings. Director Noble reported we went out to bid and three vendors provided quotes. He found that with MC Squared we could save about \$24,000 on electricity. Because energy prices fluctuate, the final price may vary slightly from the price quoted on April 14.

Trustee Frazier asked whether the cost will vary depending on the market or will we be locked in?

Director Noble responded we will be locked in as soon as we sign the contract.

Trustee Frazier then noted that if the price of electricity drops, we would be stuck with a higher price. She asked if this is just for Village offices and not residents.

Director Noble responded that to be more precise, the accounts that qualify for this are pumping stations and lift stations.

Trustee Frazier noted that she is all for saving money but does not know anything about MC Squared. She added that they may be 100% reliable but they may not be. She asked if this is something our Electrical Commission could, would or should look at.

Manager Sigman responded that they certainly could if the Board wants to refer it to them. She added that she is not sure that the members on that Commission would have any expertise in this area. They are licensed electrical contractors and not providers of electrical service and may or may not know the electrical market.

Trustee Frazier felt it is a great unknown and she does not know the company's reliability and how sensible it is to enter into a three year fixed contract when prices can drop. She expressed she would need more information about this.

Trustee Kozminski asked if we have historical information about the electric rates and whether they have been higher or lower.

Director Noble noted that the reference checks he did, no one was betting that the energy costs would go down.

There was also a question about the cost of maintenance.

Director Noble responded that ComEd is still responsible for the poles, the wires, the distribution of electricity and any service outages.

Trustee Frazier asked if Director Noble has had an opportunity to talk to ComEd about their experience with MC Squared.

He reported not about MC Squared specifically but he did talk with ComEd's Government Relations Manager Eric Duray, however, he did not give any specific information about their dealings with this company.

Trustee Kozminski reported that he appreciates that Director Noble checked references but advised that Director Noble note on his calendar when the expiration date is to come up. Often the automatic renewals are just a short window and they don't give a lot of notice before it is automatically renewed.

Director Noble responded that we can do one year contract but the savings where not as great. He noted that he could take the agreement back and do more work on it if the Board wants.

Trustee Teichert reported that there was just an article about a natural gas retailer who was sued for millions of dollars because they were soaking their clients; however, it was more for home consumption.

Director Noble noted that there is a consortium of governmental bodies that hired a consultant and are getting electricity for slightly less than we would be paying but we would still be paying less what we currently pay.

Trustee Teichert asked Director Noble if he checked with the Illinois Citizens Utility Board (CUB) on this group.

Director Noble said he could do that.

Trustee Gottlieb asked if there was a price decrease of a certain amount that some sort of de-escalator could kick in.

Director Noble reported that he had not checked on that.

President Gougler summarized noting that it sounds like we should revisit this subject after further investigation and look at the one year option as well. He then noted that the motion has a motion and a second and called for a vote.

Trustee Chapin noted that he was confused since it sounds like it is the consensus of the

Board that staff should do further investigation before we vote so he withdrew his second of the motion.

Trustee Gottlieb asked what kind of volatility the retail electric market has. Is it hundreds of cents?

Director Noble noted that in the weeks he followed it, he noted the move was fractions of pennies.

Trustee Chapin then moved to table the motion until the May meeting which was seconded by Trustee Warga.

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

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

### **Discussion of Information Items**

#### *Sub Committee Meetings*

Trustees Frazier and Teichert reported on the Home Rule Task Force meetings. Trustee Frazier noted that the process is moving forward. The Task Force met with the three former Village Presidents to update them on what is going on and President Gougler asked their sentiments about home rule. They did express support for it. They met for about an hour to discuss what the Task Force has been doing, the town hall process and where they might go from there. Trustee Frazier also reported that she had a meeting with Manager Sigman, Jane Goldenberg and Karen McCormick to talk about the educational process that might occur if the Board votes to pursue home rule next month. They discussed where they would go from there and what kind of process to follow. The Task Force is meeting again on Thursday to primarily discuss the Town Hall meeting and the kind of message they anticipate sharing with the Village residents.

Trustee Chapin asked if the Task Force has met with the Caucus and if they plan to.

Trustee Frazier responded "no." She felt they would not do that until the Board votes on home rule.

President Gougler noted that the Caucus has been included in all the discussions throughout all the various Committee and Task Force meetings.

Trustee Teichert noted that the Caucus has not formed an opinion as yet. He asked Mr. Appel to provide more information.

Mr. Appel noted that they have a meeting coming up but based on their past position, he did not feel they would be making a statement and noted there are strong feelings both for and against home rule. He could not speculate where they would wind up.

President Gougler noted that there is a lot of education to do, lots of outreach and

planning to do starting next week with the Town Hall meeting.

### *Departmental Updates*

Manager Sigman reported both of the bridges in the community are closed. There is construction on the Winnetka Road bridge west of Northfield Road and on the Old Willow Bridge west of Happ Road. She noted they are looking forward to hearing from IDOT on when they will be starting the Willow Road Bridge over the Eden's Expressway. The Village met with Cook County Highway Department about a week ago and we continue to get their support on a lot of projects. We asked for various repairs which were done the next week. They expressed a continued desire to work with the Village on Winnetka Road reconstruction. Unfortunately, Cook County like Northfield is facing huge budget constraints and large capital projects continue to be pushed out. We are working on ways to leverage funds to assist the County since they often do not have access to federal money for roadways (they are ineligible) so they need a local sponsor for projects. They are looking at funding the Phase I study on Winnetka Road which would then allow Northfield to go to surface transportation and other types of grants to secure additional funding and move that up on the County's project list since it is scheduled many years out. They have also expressed some interest in possibly resurfacing Winnetka Road like Willow Road was so in the next year or two we could get Winnetka Road resurfaced and then come back later and do reconstruction of the roadway.

Manager Sigman noted that the other thing being worked on is Willow Road. There was a CAG meeting last Thursday at New Trier West which lasted about 3-1/2 hours. It is not moving along very quickly. IDOT did not get through the agenda items for the evening. The CAG members believed they had signed up for a meeting every other month over a two year period but it was announced at the last meeting that it was IDOT's desire to have a meeting in May, June, July and September. A lot of the CAG members expressed concern with that time schedule being too compressed over the summer months and the May meeting had a conflict with the schools. We left the meeting not having finished the agenda for the evening so that will roll over for the next meeting. She added that they were to come up with a problem statement and IDOT came up with a statement that did not include a problem. There was also discussion that there were not good meeting minutes or transcriptions of what had happened at past meetings and the way IDOT had categorized the comments at the public meeting were problematic for everyone who was there. The next meeting will be for the CAG members to fully discuss the problem statement. The May meeting has been postponed but the next date has not been determined.

Trustee Teichert was pleased that the Winnetka Road bridge over the Eden's has been completed and asked Chief Nystrand if the fire trucks are able to get over the bridge west of Northfield Avenue that is being worked on.

Chief Nystrand reported that it is problematic because barricades have to be moved.

Manager Sigman added that the problem is that the contractor bid the project being able

to shut the bridge down completely. It would be a substantial cost addition for Cook County to phase it with one side open and then the other. The contractor thinks he can get the project done in 21 working days but they actually have a three month window to get it done.

Chief Nystrand felt it might be possible for them to get the work done in 3 to 4 weeks.

Manager Sigman also noted that Walnut Street is scheduled for installation of a new watermain next Monday. The street behind the Village Hall will be problematic for the next few weeks.

Director Kane commented that there is no action on the Eden's Bank. She noted staff has approved plans and is ready to issue a permit. It is staff's understanding from the project architects that they do have six bids for the bank owner to consider. We have contacted them about the Walnut Street streetscape and have not heard back from them on that. She noted she has heard rumbling from the industry that Eden's Bank is reconsidering the Northfield site. A major accomplishment was getting the old gas station building and roof down. Director Kane noted she needs to explore with the Village engineer that they can't keep the construction site graveled with the construction fence for long for stormwater purposes. She noted they will work with them on that. The property may have to be sodded or seeded and become a small pocket park in the interim. Director Kane also reported that U Dawg U is well underway. The building inspector is impressed with the quality. The contractor has invited neighboring business owners with concerns on the vapor barrier to observe it throughout all phases of the construction. They are very impressed with the contractor of the project. The property owner has complied with all of the conditions placed on them, posted the \$5,000 completion bond, finished the work on the wood slats and fence. They have until about May 15 which is the opening date for U Dawg U to complete the central fountain feature and the aerator. They are planning to proceed with the façade and signage enhancements to the building taking down a lot of the cedar shakes and opening up the store fronts to passers by. Hopefully we will see some of that work take place shortly. Finally, Director Kane reported that she had received a call from Christian Heritage Academy noting that about 16-18 months ago, the Village did a PUD amendment where they planned to subdivide their property to Willow Creek to pay for some school enhancements. Shortly after the Board approved that, the bond market fell apart and all their financing options went away. Christian Heritage called today and got a donor to foot the bill for the entire project so they will not be selling any portion of the property to Willow Creek and will not be subdividing the property but will move forward with the gym. She is scheduled to meet with them on Friday to understand the scope of the project.

Trustee Frazier asked if Eden's Bank will be locating to the Northfield site.

Director Kane responded that nothing official has been stated to staff.

Director Noble then reported that the audit for FY2009-2010 started today. He noted that in an upcoming newsletter and on the website, you will see that vehicle stickers go on sale May 10. Also as you may recall the fees/fines were increased up to \$100 for not displaying a valid vehicle sticker. He also noted that the Public Works employees have been doing a good job looking for

water leaks. They uncovered another large leak in a water main last week. It is too early to tell what affect that will have but the preliminary estimates indicate that they may have found the culprits for the unaccounted water losses. He thanked Mike Nystrand and his staff.

President Gougler acknowledged Director Noble's achievement again for excellence in financial reporting. He noted the Board's appreciation for his efforts.

Director Nystrand noted that the Fire Department is scheduled to start with Red Center on May 3. The new paramedics are doing well in their schooling.

Trustee Teichert asked if the leaking water mains are something we should be concerned about - whether the pipes are getting too old.

Director Nystrand responded that the big leak Director Noble referred to was at Happ and Old Willow Road and there is a big sanitary sewer pipe that was there and water was flowing into another sewer which you could not see.

Director Noble also noted that one of the tools we have today that we did not have six months ago, is the SCADA system that monitors how much water comes out of our reservoir and the amount that comes in from Winnetka. What we have noticed overall is the amount of water being pumped into the town is down also.

Trustee Warga asked how the Old Willow Road bridge project is going time wise.

Director Kane reported that it is going well. They were off the site last week one day for an emergency elsewhere. The reports received from our consulting engineer note that they are 26% complete with the repair work. They indicated it would take about 20 working days for them to complete it. Like the Winnetka Road bridge, they also projected a June 15 completion date. Unfortunately, our structural engineer found more spalling on the beam when he was at the site yesterday. She did not know if that will add more time to the project. It was reported that the bridge was last reconstructed in 1996.

Trustee Warga asked if there would be any aesthetic improvements to the bridge.

It was noted there would not be. Federal funds did not provide for any other work.

Director Kane reported that the contractors have worked with the Village to keep the sidewalks open; there is no barricade so that children can get to school. When they go to repave the sidewalk, they plan to designate a temporary pedestrian pathway so they can continue to get through.

Chief Lustig reported that the deer management program for 2009-10 has been completed. He noted he gave a two hour presentation to about 200 people at the Senior Center on gangs on the north shore and different types of home security issues. He also noted police were called to the Josselyn Center last week for an involuntary commitment and the officer who handled the call found two sets of ammunition one for a 45 gun. The Village's psychologist worked with the person's brother to locate the other gun. Chief Lustig noted that they are trying to train the social workers and the psychologists at Josselyn on how to deal with these situations. He noted he has been asked to participate in the PTO Fun Fair on May 22 and that he would be attending the 50<sup>th</sup>

anniversary of one of the Sisters at the Convent Holy Spirit.

Trustee Chapin asked how many deer were culled.

Chief Lustig reported that the Village is permitted to cull 20 deer and 20 were culled this year.

President Gougler asked about the vehicle burglaries and thefts they were warned about a couple of weeks ago.

Chief Lustig noted that one of the credit cards was used at a gas station downtown. By their clothing, we know they are gang banger type of people. They got into cars with keys in them so there was no forced entry.

Trustee Kozminski noted that at the Willow Road meetings he has attended he has heard residents complimenting the crossing guards and how much they appreciate them and how they jump out there and take care of the children. He asked that that be passed along to Chief's officers. He also noted an eviction on a street the other day and that the Police were called to be there. He noted that it could not have been a pleasant job for the officer.

Trustee Teichert asked if the trailer park on Waukegan Road is part of Northfield because sometimes it is listed in the paper as part of Northfield.

Chief Lustig responded that it is annexed into the Village of Glenview. They used to be unincorporated Northfield and they have a Northfield zip code.

### **ADOURN TO EXECUTIVE SESSION AT 8:45 PM**

Trustee Teichert made a motion, seconded by Trustee Chapin to adjourn to closed session to discuss pending litigation and the sale of Village-owned property.

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

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

### **RETURN TO OPEN SESSION**

Trustee Frazier made a motion, seconded by Trustee Warga to return to Open Session.

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

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

### **ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business to come before the Board, by voice vote the meeting was adjourned at 9:00 p.m.

