



MINUTES

President and Board of Trustees

Village of Arlington Heights

Board Room

Arlington Heights Village Hall

33 S. Arlington Heights Road

Arlington Heights, IL 60005

June 6, 2016

8:00 PM

I. CALL TO ORDER

II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

III. ROLL CALL OF MEMBERS

President Pro-Tem Glasgow and the following Trustees responded to roll: Farwell, Tinaglia, LaBedz, Rosenberg, Blackwood, Sidor.

President Hayes and Trustee Scaletta were absent.

Also present were: Randy Recklaus, Diana Mikula, Robin Ward, Charles Perkins, Scott Shirley, Mark Burkland and Becky Hume.

IV. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A. Committee of the Whole 05/09/2016

Approved

Trustee Joe Farwell moved to approve. Trustee Mike Sidor Seconded the Motion.

The Motion: Passed

Ayes: Blackwood, Farwell, Glasgow, LaBedz, Sidor, Tinaglia

Abstain: Rosenberg

Absent: Hayes, Scaletta

B. Village Board 5/16/2016

Approved

Trustee Carol Blackwood moved to approve. Trustee Jim Tinaglia Seconded the Motion.

The Motion: Passed

Ayes: Blackwood, Farwell, Glasgow, LaBedz, Rosenberg, Sidor, Tinaglia

Absent: Hayes, Scaletta

V. APPROVAL OF ACCOUNTS PAYABLE

A. Warrant Register 5/30/2016 Approved

Trustee Joe Farwell moved to approve the Warrant Register dated 5/30/16 in the amount of \$1,971,526.40. Trustee Bert Rosenberg Seconded the Motion.

The Motion: Passed

Ayes: Blackwood, Farwell, Glasgow, LaBedz, Rosenberg, Sidor, Tinaglia

Absent: Hayes, Scaletta

VI. RECOGNITIONS AND PRESENTATIONS

VII. PUBLIC HEARINGS

VIII. CITIZENS TO BE HEARD

IX. OLD BUSINESS

X. CONSENT AGENDA

CONSENT OLD BUSINESS

CONSENT APPROVAL OF BIDS

A. Cisco Network Switches Approved

Trustee Robin LaBedz moved to approve. Trustee Jim Tinaglia Seconded the Motion.

The Motion: Passed

Absent: Hayes, Scaletta

B. Defibrillator Approved

Trustee Robin LaBedz moved to approve. Trustee Jim Tinaglia Seconded the Motion.

The Motion: Passed

Ayes: Blackwood, Farwell, Glasgow, LaBedz, Rosenberg, Sidor, Tinaglia

Absent: Hayes, Scaletta

C.	Roof Repairs to Municipal Buildings	Approved
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Trustee Robin LaBedz moved to approve. Trustee Jim Tinaglia Seconded the Motion.

The Motion: Passed

Ayes: Blackwood, Farwell, Glasgow, LaBedz, Rosenberg, Sidor, Tinaglia

Absent: Hayes, Scaletta

D.	Police Pursuit Vehicles Purchase	Approved
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Trustee Robin LaBedz moved to approve. Trustee Jim Tinaglia Seconded the Motion.

The Motion: Passed

Ayes: Blackwood, Farwell, Glasgow, LaBedz, Rosenberg, Sidor, Tinaglia

Absent: Hayes, Scaletta

E. Engineering Department - Vehicle Replacement Approved

Trustee Robin LaBedz moved to approve. Trustee Jim Tinaglia Seconded the Motion.

The Motion: Passed

Ayes: Blackwood, Farwell, Glasgow, LaBedz, Rosenberg, Sidor, Tinaglia

Absent: Hayes, Scaletta

F.	Emergency Generator Upgrade and Replacement Design	Approved
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Trustee Robin LaBedz moved to approve. Trustee Jim Tinaglia Seconded the Motion.

The Motion: Passed

Ayes: Blackwood, Farwell, Glasgow, LaBedz, Rosenberg, Sidor, Tinaglia

Absent: Hayes, Scaletta

CONSENT LEGAL

A. Resolution for Improvement by Municipality Under Approved the Illinois Highway Code (2016 MFT Street Reconstruction Program)

Trustee Robin LaBedz moved to approve R16-022. Trustee Jim Tinaglia
Seconded the Motion.
The Motion: Passed
Ayes: Blackwood, Farwell, Glasgow, LaBedz, Rosenberg, Sidor, Tinaglia

Absent: Hayes, Scaletta

- B. An Ordinance Amending Chapter 13 of the Arlington Heights Municipal Code (Surrender of two Class "E" liquor licenses) Approved

Trustee Robin LaBedz moved to approve 16-022. Trustee Jim Tinaglia
Seconded the Motion.
The Motion: Passed
Ayes: Blackwood, Farwell, Glasgow, LaBedz, Rosenberg, Sidor, Tinaglia

Absent: Hayes, Scaletta

- C. A Resolution Authorizing the Sale of Surplus Property Owned by the Village of Arlington Heights (580 W. University Drive) Approved

Trustee Robin LaBedz moved to approve R16-023. Trustee Jim Tinaglia
Seconded the Motion.
The Motion: Passed
Ayes: Blackwood, Farwell, Glasgow, LaBedz, Rosenberg, Sidor, Tinaglia

Absent: Hayes, Scaletta

- D. An Ordinance Authorizing the Execution of a Real Estate Contract (580 W. University Drive) Approved

Trustee Robin LaBedz moved to approve 16-023/A16-035. Trustee Jim Tinaglia
Seconded the Motion.
The Motion: Passed
Ayes: Blackwood, Farwell, Glasgow, LaBedz, Rosenberg, Sidor, Tinaglia

Absent: Hayes, Scaletta

- E. A Resolution Accepting an Illinois Criminal Justice Information Authority Grant (Victim Service Coordinator Program) Approved

Trustee Robin LaBedz moved to approve R16-024/A16-036. Trustee Jim

Tinaglia Seconded the Motion.

The Motion: Passed

Ayes: Blackwood, Farwell, Glasgow, LaBedz, Rosenberg, Sidor, Tinaglia

Absent: Hayes, Scaletta

CONSENT REPORT OF THE VILLAGE MANAGER

CONSENT PETITIONS AND COMMUNICATIONS

- A. Permit Fee Waiver - Arlington Heights Park District/Arlington Lakes Golf Club New Main Entrance Sign Approved

Trustee Robin LaBedz moved to approve. Trustee Jim Tinaglia Seconded the Motion.

The Motion: Passed

Ayes: Blackwood, Farwell, Glasgow, LaBedz, Rosenberg, Sidor, Tinaglia

Absent: Hayes, Scaletta

- B. Bond Waiver - Arlington Heights Garden Club Approved

Trustee Robin LaBedz moved to approve. Trustee Jim Tinaglia Seconded the Motion.

The Motion: Passed

Ayes: Blackwood, Farwell, Glasgow, LaBedz, Rosenberg, Sidor, Tinaglia

Absent: Hayes, Scaletta

- C. Bond Waiver - National Ovarian Cancer Coalition Approved

Trustee Robin LaBedz moved to approve. Trustee Jim Tinaglia Seconded the Motion.

The Motion: Passed

Ayes: Blackwood, Farwell, Glasgow, LaBedz, Rosenberg, Sidor, Tinaglia

Absent: Hayes, Scaletta

XI. APPROVAL OF BIDS

XII. NEW BUSINESS

- A. Waverly Inn Memory Care - 511 W. Rand Rd. - PC#15-023 Approved

Final Plat of Subdivision

Trustee Jim Tinaglia moved to approve. Trustee Joe Farwell Seconded the Motion.

The Motion: Passed

Ayes: Blackwood, Farwell, Glasgow, LaBedz, Rosenberg, Sidor, Tinaglia

Absent: Hayes, Scaletta

XIII.LEGAL

XIV. REPORT OF THE VILLAGE MANAGER

A. Rand/Palatine Road Corridor Study

Mr. Recklaus said both the private and public sector play a role in the appearance of commercial areas. The way public space is designed and maintained is on the Village's shoulders. The goal is to have the retail/commercial corridors be attractive, functional and cost effective.

Mr. Perkins said there are three areas under consideration for improvements. The plans being presented try to achieve the Board's goals and objectives to improve the economics and image of these areas. The Uptown/Rand Road area brings in \$5 million in sales tax and \$280 million in annual sales. Its image and aesthetics are lacking. Tonight's plan attempts to make the area attractive so people will want to shop and spend more time there.

Jody Mariano of Teska and Associates talked through the specifics of the study which looked at what could happen in the public rights of way and on private property. The proposed upgrades included gateway and signage treatments, pedestrian friendly improvements, markings and plantings. The plans make use of the private property perimeter to maximize landscaping and create a greater whole by improving public/private adjacencies.

Mr. Perkins said there have been some preliminary meetings with IDOT which has allowed similar installations in other communities. Traffic patterns were not looked at in this study.

President Pro Tem Glasgow asked if there were any impediments that would keep Village from going forward. Mr. Perkins said there was conceptual approval at this point; specific plans would be needed to be submitted to IDOT for approval.

Trustee Sidor said he was skeptical at how walkable the Rand Road area is. Ms. Mariano said it is not a primary pedestrian location, but there are timers and markings and crosswalks there today. These suggestions define them more. The area has residents with high disposable income which is a good incentive for retailers. If the area were more attractive, it would help

retailers decide to invest in the area.

Mr. Perkins said the upgrades would be phased; year one-gateway signs, year 2-banners and parkway trees, year 3-landscaped medians, year 4-Palatine Road median plantings, year 5-tree up-lighting. The Plan tries to minimize maintenance, so does not recommend brick pavers.

Trustee Sidor asked what the ongoing maintenance costs would be and stressed the need to anticipate them. Mr. Shirley said the ongoing maintenance would have to be done contractually. It is premature to say how much it would cost to maintain at this time. Public Works is giving input to the Planning Department in order to keep things as maintainable as possible. Once it is known what is approved, real numbers can be identified.

Mr. Recklaus said if these concepts were plugged in, there would be a couple of years of implementation before anything would require maintenance. Trustee Sidor asked if Rand Road could just be tidied up in general to get rid of the loose gravel, repaint the crosswalks, and get rid of the weeds. Mr. Shirley said those are IDOT's responsibilities as it is their road. When complaints come, then IDOT addresses them. The Village doesn't maintain Rand Road for liability reasons.

Trustee Rosenberg questioned if the plants would survive considering the conditions. Mr. Perkins said winter fencing is often put up to minimize the impact of salt. Trustee Rosenberg asked if there was data that showed that businesses get more sales in more attractive areas. Mr. Perkins said more communities are enhancing their corridors and there is a lot of competition from other communities and the internet for retail sales. Mr. Perkins said he cannot predict what would happen if the Village does not do this. Mr. Recklaus said the Southtown businesses approached the Village asking for more beautification. He asked if the Village is doing everything it can to support its business districts. Trustee Rosenberg suggested a cost sharing opportunity with shopping centers for the improvements.

Trustee Blackwood said this is a good plan, she said people from offices in the area walk to lunch, so there is pedestrian activity. She agreed it was important to make crosswalks more obvious. She thought private industry would be willing to invest in sponsored gardens. She said if the Village doesn't continue to look at these areas seriously, the kinds of businesses that will be attracted to the area will change. Newer lease owners are less than the businesses that they replaced in some cases.

Trustee Farwell said he liked the stone sign best. He suggested moving the tree up-lighting to year one to create something unique while working on the signage to tweak it to the point where the Design Commissioners are wowed. He said he agreed with year two, and proposed lowering the costs of years 3 and 4. Trustee Farwell thought looking at the pedestrian impact to get real numbers would be appropriate. He said the government land

needs to be dressed up to bring retail back and make it stronger. He suggested a tax overlay district to fund the improvements.

Trustee Labedz said Village investment is important to attract greater investment. If the Village shows it's important that the area looks good, higher end businesses would be enticed to move there which could generate higher revenues. It's the Village's curb appeal, and a reflection on what we think about our Village. She said she did not like the "UP" in the signage.

Trustee Tinaglia said the tree up-lighting is awesome, and suggested it be done sooner rather than later. He said he saw Seth Goldberg trying to cross Rand Road and he was stranded. It's a tough place to negotiate as a pedestrian and if it were better marked, perhaps more would walk in the area. This is really a cost/benefit issue because retailers would do better. If the Village can set the bar higher, then perhaps existing land owners will up their game. If we don't why would they?

President Pro-Tem Glasgow said this plan has a presumption that things will stay the same. He said he did not know what the area was being prepared for given the changing nature of retail and the decline of big box retailers. He said he would like to know the retail forecast.

Trustee Rosenberg asked if a TIF area can also be a special service area, as a small service tax might pay for these improvements with the TIF dollars. Mr. Recklaus said it is complex but something that can be explored. Mr. Perkins said there may be a business district tax option as well.

B. Northwest Highway Corridor Study

Mr. Perkins said the Northwest Highway Corridor represents a significant visual gateway and runs through the core of the Downtown. The Board asked staff to evaluate and develop a long term plan that addresses the corridor. Comparable areas in Mount Prospect, Des Plaines and Schaumburg were benchmarked. Mr. Perkins presented several phases of suggested implementation. In addition, the Davis Street fencing was researched. Included as a suggestion was creating a test area of 100 feet where the fence would be removed and the landscaping enhanced. This test would allow for resident feedback prior to making a complete transition. Other fencing options were also presented.

President Pro Tem Glasgow asked if there would be liability issues if the fence was removed. Ms. Ward said no, as most of Village is not fenced along the rail road tracks.

Trustee Tinaglia said the fence is a rubbish collector. He did not want to spend a dollar towards another fence. He said he was in favor of the test area and would like it implemented ASAP. He said Arlington Heights has the ugliest part of the railway line at Davis St., New Wilke and Euclid and it would be nice if it was cleaned up to look like the rest of the railway path.

Trustee Labedz said the Village needs a lot of work in this area. She agreed with the test on Davis and is not convinced the fence is necessary for safety. The curb appeal of the Village is important.

Trustee Farwell said the Euclid/Wilke area of Northwest Highway could look like the section of Pioneer Park on Grove that uses landscaping to great effect with just a few trees and stones. He also liked the Davis Street test idea.

C. South Arlington Heights Road Corridor

Mr. Recklaus said in April a meeting was requested by the hotel operators on the Village's south side regarding the conditions of the corridor. Mr. Perkins said \$15 million has been invested in hotels in the Village in the past 2-3 years. Over ¼ million visitors stay there each year. The hotel operators expressed concern about pedestrian mobility, signage and the condition of Arlington Heights Road corridor. Another problem was the nearby highway construction. In response, Village staff asked IDOT to clean up their construction debris from the I-90 project.

Staff members are also suggesting a study of this corridor. There is a need to improve landscaping on public and private property. The hotel operators would like banners, running trails, crosswalks, signage, marketing materials. Mr. Perkins identified short term, mid term and long term goals. Mr. Recklaus said if visitor has never been to the Village before, there is a disconnect between the hotel area and the rest of the Village and the drive down Arlington Heights Road is not that great. The Village would like to capture the 250,000 visitors as customers, and if it doesn't it is a missed opportunity.

Dave Parulo, President of Meet Chicago Northwest, said he was excited that the Village was responding to these operators. He said there is an opportunity for a gateway experience to the Village viewed by people who do not know where they are. Property owners have started investing and cleaning up the area quite a bit. It is unique to have 7 operators within 700 feet who are trying to share resources. He said the pedestrian factor is important considering the unique destinations in the area of Mitsua and the Guitar Center. He said he is distressed that hotel customers are being sent to Schaumburg versus Downtown Arlington Heights.

Mr. Perkins said the area will take some time to develop and the Village has been marketing the vacant sites very aggressively. Most developers are looking at apartments for the area but restaurants and mixed uses are also being explored.

Karolina Skrodziuk, manager of Courtyard by Marriott, said her guests are tourists and shoppers. They all go to Schaumburg to shop. Each hotel has a slightly different customer base. She said she provides half with

transportation the other half are drivers. She said she sends customers to Schaumburg because to get to downtown Arlington Heights, the customers have to pass ugly vacant lots, run down signs, unimproved properties and parking lots. Driving to Schaumburg is a different experience, with well-kept stores, a forest preserve and beautiful landscaping. She said they survey every guest and the hotel gets better scores if the guests have gone to Schaumburg than if they drive to Downtown Arlington Heights. She said the hotels feel as if they are not in Arlington Heights, there are no signs and it is such a long run-down drive to get to anything nice.

Trustee Sidor said this is a priority area because of the volume of people who visit. He suggested an Economic Alliance meeting could be held that combined hotel operators and local businesses so they could create connectivity.

Trustee Blackwood attended the April meeting and said the Village hasn't done a good job sharing who it is with the hoteliers and needs to promote what the Village is known for. She said she would like to carve out a pedestrian friendly hotel district and make it unique.

Trustee Rosenberg questioned that the drive to Schaumburg was better than the drive down Arlington Heights Road. Ms. Skrodziuk said the parking lots are run down, the mini malls look abandoned, there are issues with garbage on the street and it looks un-kept. The roadway signage looks like someone attacked it. She said she sees dead grass, weeds, garbage and parking signs that are bent and rusted. She asked the Board to pay attention to curb appeal.

Trustee Farwell agreed saying the drive is not attractive and it's a long haul to go Downtown. He said he would like to encourage land owners to upgrade. He told Ms. Skrodziuk the Board will do what it can to create and execute a plan.

D. Rain Barrel Program

Mr. Recklaus said residents can order free rain barrel kits at no cost from the Village. Register for the program at vah.com or call Public Works. There are four colors and 400 households have already registered.

XV. APPOINTMENTS

XVI. PETITIONS AND COMMUNICATIONS

XVII. ADJOURNMENT

Trustee Bert Rosenberg moved to adjourn at 9:56 p.m. Trustee Robin LaBedz Seconded the Motion.

The Motion: Passed

Ayes: Blackwood, Farwell, Glasgow, LaBedz, Rosenberg, Sidor, Tinaglia

Absent: Hayes, Scaletta