

April 16, 2007

The regular meeting of the board of trustees of the Village of Deerfield was called to order by Mayor Harris in the council chamber of the village hall on Monday April 16, 2007 at 7:30 p.m. The Clerk called the roll and announced that the following were:

Present: Steve Harris, Mayor  
Robert Benton  
Michelle Feldman  
Harriet Rosenthal  
William Seiden  
Barbara Struthers  
Matthew Wylie

and that a quorum was present and in attendance. Also present were Village Attorney Peter Coblentz and Bob Franz, Village Manager.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Students from Miss Jorjorian's 3<sup>rd</sup> grade class at Kipling School led those in attendance in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance. The students spoke about how they learned about global warming and their idea for a "Power Hour" where Deerfield residents and businesses would turn off lights and other electronics to raise awareness of global warming. Mayor Harris informed the students that the board would take this idea under consideration and try to implement the program.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Trustee Rosenthal made a motion to approve the minutes of the April 4, 2007 board of trustees meeting. Trustee Struthers seconded the motion. Trustee Seiden made several corrections to the minutes. The motion passed, as amended, by the following vote:

AYES: Benton, Feldman, Rosenthal, Seiden, Struthers, Wylie (6)

NAYS: None (0)

SPECIAL OLYMPICS PRESENTATION

Deputy Chief Wilk commented that the Deerfield Police Department has increased their support for the Special Olympics over the past three years. This year, they raised \$7,200 for this cause. Officer Mary Anne Glowacz briefly spoke about the Global Messenger Training program.

Special Olympics athlete David Graver thanked the police department for their continued support of the program and presented a plaque to Mayor Harris for the village's contribution to the Special Olympics program.

BILLS & PAYROLL

Trustee Benton made a motion to approve the Bills and Payroll dated April 16, 2007. Trustee Wylie seconded the motion. The motion passed by the following vote:

AYES: Benton, Feldman, Rosenthal, Seiden, Struthers, Wylie (6)

NAYS: None (0)

PUBLIC COMMENT

Jerry Witkovsky, Chairman of the Community Relations Commission, expressed concern that the Acts of Kindness program would no longer be funded. Mr. Witkovsky commented that the Acts of Kindness program was originally presented as a three-year initiative because it usually takes three years to determine the success of a program. He informed the trustees about the success of the program and some of the upcoming activities that have been planned, including the Celebrate the Spirit of Deerfield program that will take place on May 20, 2007. Mr. Witkovsky believes that without the leadership and dedication of Lauren Gerber, Kindness Coordinator, the program would not continue. Dr. Gerber has spent hundreds of hours on the program, well beyond that for which she is compensated.

Gil Antokal of the Community Relations Commission commented that when the commission approached the trustees about the program, they looked for an inspired, leadership vision to help with what the commission saw as a need in the community. He believes the community is very excited about the program and that it should continue.

Larry Tracey of the Community Relations Commission explained that the commission has had a number of achievements and accomplishments in the past. He believes the Acts of Kindness initiative is the best project of all. Mr. Tracey noted that the 2007-08 vehicle sticker contains the Acts of Kindness logo.

Trustee Struthers asked what the program has done to decrease bullying in the schools. Mr. Witkovsky explained that the largest increase in bullying is cyber bullying. The commission has spoken with School District 109 Superintendent Goier about what the commission can do to help the schools deal with this issue.

Trustee Feldman commented that the trustees had requested the commission come back with measurable results. Mr. Witkovsky explained that Dr. Gerber and Dr. Goier have discussed how to design a measurable tool. Mr. Antokal explained that designing a measurable tool is one area the commission can grow. He informed the trustees that the commission is working with the ownership and management of Deerfield Square as well as a number of local businesses on the Celebrate the Spirit of Deerfield program. In addition, there are a number of junior and senior ambassadors from the schools and a lot of positive feedback has been received. This is one way to measure the success of the initiative, but there are no actual statistics.

Mayor Harris noted that in 2006, the commission requested \$15,000 to hire a Kindness Coordinator for the initiative. This year, they requested the same amount plus \$1,000 for expenses. He asked if the commission would ask for a similar amount next year. Mr. Witkovsky responded "Yes" and explained that the commission asked if they could do some fundraising to support the program but were told they could not. Mayor Harris explained this could be revisited in the future.

Mayor Harris noted that the trustees funded the initial installment of a multi-year initiative. He is not a believer in starting something and not following through. He believes it is difficult to determine benchmarks of a program on a short term basis. Mayor Harris commented that hundreds of businesses, residents and students have given time and support to the program, and he would like to see the trustees support the program for two more years until the impact of the program can be seen.

Trustee Benton believes the commission has done a good job in getting people behind the program but expressed concern that it would set a precedent for other commissions. He explained that other commissions are creative in how they obtain funds and believes the program could continue without a grant from the village. Trustee Struthers requested that the commission come back to the board with quantitative results on how many residents, students and families were involved in the program. Mayor Harris does not believe Dr. Gerber should spend her time writing a report; rather, she should promote the program.

Trustee Seiden made a motion to amend the 2007/08 budget to fund the Acts of Kindness program in an amount of \$15,000 plus \$1,000 for expenses. Trustee Wylie seconded the motion. The motion passed by the following vote:

AYES: Benton, Rosenthal, Seiden, Struthers, Wylie (5)

NAYS: None (0)

ABSTAIN: Feldman (1)

### REPORTS

There were no reports.

### CONSENT AGENDA

<u>ORDINANCE O-07-15 GRANTING A VARIATION FOR CERTAIN PROPERTY COMMONLY KNOWN AS 1203 BLACKTHORN LANE - 2R</u>	An ordinance granting a variation to allow construction of a one-story garage addition to the southwest corner of the existing single family residence at 1203 Blackthorn Lane. Second Reading.
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<u>ORDINANCE O-07-16 AUTHORIZING A SPECIAL USE TO PERMIT A WIRELESS TELECOMMUNICATIONS FACILITY TO BE LOCATED ON THE KATES ROAD WATER TOWER – 2R</u>	An ordinance authorizing a special use to permit a wireless telecommunications facility to be located on the Kates Road Water Tower. Second Reading.
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<u>ORDINANCE O-07-17 ADOPTING THE</u>	An ordinance adopting the annual budget for the
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2007/08 ANNUAL BUDGET- 2R fiscal year beginning May 1, 2007 and ending April 30, 2008. Second Reading.

ORDINANCE O-07-18 AMENDING THE WAGE AND SALARY PLAN - 2R An ordinance amending the wage and salary plan and establishing the compensation of officers and employees for the fiscal year 2007-08 for the Village of Deerfield. Second Reading.

ORDINANCE O-07-19 AMENDING THE MUNICIPAL CODE OF THE VILLAGE OF DEERFIELD TO PROVIDE FOR CERTAIN WATER RATE INCREASES An ordinance amending the municipal code of the village of Deerfield to increase the water rate from \$3.20 to \$3.28 per 100 cubic feet, effective May 1, 2007. This increase reflects the increase passed on via contract with the City of Highland Park. Second Reading.

ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 2, ARTICLE 11, OF THE MUNICIPAL CODE OF THE VILLAGE OF DEERFIELD TO ENACT A NEW DIVISION 3 THEREOF ENTITLED "EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT AGENCY" - 1R An ordinance amending Chapter 2, Article 11, of the municipal code of the village of Deerfield to enact a new Division 3 entitled "Emergency Management Agency." First Reading.  
Trustee Benton made a motion to accept the Consent Agenda and pass the ordinances. Trustee Feldman seconded the motion. The motion

passed by the following vote:

AYES: Benton, Feldman, Rosenthal, Seiden, Struthers, Wylie (6)

NAYS: None (0)

#### OLD BUSINESS

There was no old business.

#### NEW BUSINESS

AUTHORIZATION TO SUBMIT JOINT PURCHASING REQUISITION TO PURCHASE SALT UNDER STATE OF ILLINOIS JOINT PURCHASE CONTRACT The Director of Public Works and Engineering requests authorization to purchase bulk rock salt for ice control under the State of Illinois joint purchase contract.

Trustee Rosenthal made a motion to authorize the village to purchase bulk rock salt for ice control for the upcoming season under the State of Illinois joint purchase contract in an amount not to exceed the budgeted amount of \$150,000. Trustee Struthers seconded the motion. The motion passed by the following vote:

AYES: Benton, Feldman, Rosenthal, Seiden, Struthers, Wylie (6)

NAYS: None (0)

ANALYSIS AND AWARD OF BID FOR  
2007 STREET REHABILITATION  
PROGRAM

Ms. Little explained that five bids were opened and publicly read for the 2007 MFT Street Rehabilitation Program. Staff recommends awarding the contract to A-Lamp Concrete

Contractors, the lowest bidder of five bids received, in an amount not to exceed \$1,538,793.

Trustee Wylie made a motion to award the 2007 MFT Street Rehabilitation Program to A-Lamp Concrete Contractors in an amount not to exceed \$1,538,793. Trustee Struthers seconded the motion. The motion passed by the following vote:

AYES: Benton, Feldman, Rosenthal, Seiden, Struthers, Wylie (6)

NAYS: None (0)

AUTHORIZATION TO AWARD  
CONTRACT FOR FURNITURE AND  
FURNISHINGS FOR THE VILLAGE  
HALL EXPANSION AND  
RENOVATION

Mr. Kiraly explained that the village went to bid on the contract for furniture and furnishings for the village hall expansion and renovation. Six firms requested bid packets but only one response was received.

Trustee Rosenthal made a motion to award the contract for furniture and furnishings for the village hall expansion and renovation to Henricksen Inc. in an amount not to exceed \$212,009.63. Trustee Benton seconded the motion. The motion passed by the following vote:

AYES: Benton, Feldman, Rosenthal, Seiden, Struthers, Wylie (6)

NAYS: None (0)

ORDINANCE AMENDING THE  
MUNICIPAL CODE RE:  
DEFINITION OF ATTIC SPACE IN  
RESIDENTIAL CONSTRUCTION - 1R

An ordinance amending the municipal code of the village of Deerfield to allow attic areas with a ceiling less than 7', finished or unfinished, to be excluded from the FAR calculation. First Reading.

Mr. Coblenz informed the trustees that the proposed ordinance would make the building code and FAR calculation more consistent.

The ordinance will stand as a First Reading.

DISCUSSION

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

Mayor Harris reported there would be a Committee of the Whole meeting immediately following this meeting, which will be followed by an Executive Session to discuss personnel.

THANK YOU

Mayor Harris commented that is the last board meeting for Trustee Wylie as a village trustee.

Trustee Wylie promised Mayor Harris he would attend the May 20, 2007 board of trustees meeting. Mayor Harris thanked Trustee Wylie for his service.

ELECTION

Trustee Struthers encouraged residents to vote in Tuesday's election. Trustee Benton informed

residents that there are several contested elections within the village, schools and county.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Trustee Struthers made a motion to move into Executive Session in the conference room

immediately following the Committee of the Whole meeting. Trustee Benton seconded the motion. The motion passed by the following vote:

AYES: Benton, Feldman, Rosenthal, Seiden, Struthers (5)

NAYS: Wylie (1)

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business or discussion, the meeting was adjourned at 8:40 p.m.

APPROVED:

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Mayor

ATTEST:

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Village Clerk