

March 24, 2009

MAYOR RICHARD CHAPMAN CALLED TO ORDER THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE SHOREWOOD VILLAGE BOARD.

ROLL CALL

After the Invocation was given by the Village Clerk and the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag the following answered to Roll Call: Trustees: Dan Anderson, Gary Fitzgerald (joined the meeting telephonically after Mayor Chapman questioned if there were any objections and there were none), Dan Gron, Celine "Cene" Schwartz, Lea Stahr, and Mayor Chapman. Also present: Administrator Kurt Carroll, EDC Nancy Roman and Attorney Sheri Freeman. Trustee James McDonald was absent. The number physically present constitutes a quorum (without counting Trustee Fitzgerald).

CITIZENS

Several Citizens addressed the Board with concerns about the proposed changes to the Neo-Traditional Homes discussed at the Planning & Zoning Commission meeting. (Only one recommendation before the Board for action for this meeting is the reduction of minimum dwelling size to 1400 sq. ft. for a ranch home and 1700 sq. ft. for a two-story home). Citizens addressing the Board included Mike Kominski, 1716 Spencer Ct.; Jeff Behun, 1711 Payton Terrace and Bill Ryan of 1611 Payton Terrace. Concerns expressed were the number of homes going from 1 phase containing 28-30 homes to several phases with 40 in the first phase. Reduction of dwelling size not as big a concern as a reduction in lot sizes. There was also concern for the value of the homes to be built that would reduce the value of the present homes and take away from the vision of the towne center that has been proposed all along. Allowing more homes than was originally planned for would create a major traffic problem for the bridge (mornings and evenings for residents going to and from work). Trustee Fitzgerald reminded everyone that the only issue on the agenda to be considered was the request for a reduction in the minimum requirement for home size. There will be another public hearing before any other recommendations are brought to the Board regarding lot sizes. Mayor Chapman gave an overall view/plan for the Towne Center and feels the Board and the residents share the vision of what the center means to Shorewood.

CONSENT AGENDA

Approval of minutes of the joint work study session of March 3, 2009.
Approval of minutes of the regular meeting of March 10, 2009.
Approval of accounts payable invoices in the amount of \$379,665.08.
Approval of payment in the amount of \$28,322.30 to Dennis W. Dwyer, Inc. for work completed on the 2004 CDBG Water System Improvements.
Approval of payment in the amount of \$20,018.30 to Dennis W. Dwyer, Inc. for work completed on 2005 CDBG Water System Improvements.
Approval of payment in the amount of \$40,028.84 to LA Sites, Inc. for work completed on the Route 59 South sewer and water improvements.

Trustee Gron made a motion to approve the Consent Agenda. Seconded by Trustee Anderson. Roll Call: Yeas: Anderson, Fitzgerald, Gron, Schwartz, Stahr. Nays: None. Motion carried.

REPORTS & COMMUNICATIONS

The Clerk announced that early voting hours here at the Village Hall will continue through April 2nd from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Monday through Friday. To vote at the Village Hall you must be a resident of Shorewood. Absentee voting hours will be Friday, April 3rd, 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

Mayor Chapman announced two emergency drills are being planned. The first emergency drill will be the biannual nuclear drill in conjunction with Exelon Generation Co. on Wednesday, March 25th and the second emergency drill will be a disaster drill with Com Ed. on April 9th. Trustee Lea Stahr has agreed to be the new ESDA coordinator. Mayor Chapman reported that he had regretfully accepted the resignation of Kim Anderson. He noted that Ms. Anderson has done an exceptional job as coordinator, creating a citizens core group and greatly improving our program and organizing our emergency operation center in the old Village Hall and now in the new building. He expressed his personal thanks and appreciation and those of the Board for all the work Ms. Anderson did for the Village and in turn for the residents. Mayor Chapman also announced that we're at the planning stage and Hitchcock Design Group will be working on a design for the area along the DuPage river and up to the intersection of Rt. 59 & Rt. 52 all the way into Hammel Woods. Hitchcock has been given a lot of ideas from the Committees and the Board of what we would like to see in the future. This is a great area and will be a wonderful area for all the residents to enjoy.

ORDER OF BUSINESS

TOWNE CENTER 1 PUD ORDINANCE #09-1529

Mayor Chapman read a proposed ordinance to approve an amendment to the Conditional Use Permit for a Planned Unit Development for Towne Center I, Neo-Traditional Neighborhood that would allow for a reduction in minimum square foot requirements. Trustee Fitzgerald explained the request was to reduce the minimum dwelling size to 1,400 square feet for a ranch home and 1700 square feet for a two-story house. One of the reasons for the request at this time is to allow for the construction of a model home on Lot 204 (it is a 50' wide lot). This lot was included in the Final Plat of Towne Center Unit I. (The developer would like to put a two-story house on this lot to test the market to see if there is interest. Ms. Roman explained that the zoning does allow for minimum size, but more stringent requirements were placed in the P.U.D. She reported on the issues discussed at the Planning Commission meeting regarding the area and what the plan was for the area. The developers have heard the concerns of the residents and are already working on how to resolve some of those issues. After discussion, Trustee Fitzgerald made a motion to adopt the findings of fact that the standards set forth for the conditional use and Planned Unit Development have been met and pass an ordinance (09-1529) to grant an amendment to the conditional use permit for a PUD in the Village of Shorewood Towne Center

I, specifically in the Neo-Traditional and waive the second read. Seconded by Trustee Gron. Roll Call: Yeas: Fitzgerald, Gron, Schwartz, Stahr, Anderson. Nays: None. Motion Carried.

SHOREWOOD 2008 TAX RATE
RESOLUTION #09R-719

The Board considered a resolution requesting a limiting rate on the Village of Shorewood 2008 tax rate on real estate. Trustee Gron noted that in December the Board passed a resolution of intent to review the 2008 rate on real estate before the end of the one week notification period given by Will County.

At that time the Village may request that should the 2008 tax rate be higher than the 2007 rate that the Will County Tax Extension Department would apply the 2007 tax rate to the current 2008 equalized assessed evaluation. (The rate would be limited to the 2007 rate should the 2008 rate be higher – if it is lower, which is very unlikely the rate would of course be at the lower rate) This will keep the real estate tax at the 2007 level for the Village's portion of real estate taxes. The result would be a savings (from the 2008 rate) for residents. After discussion, Trustee Gron made a motion to pass a resolution (09R-719) requesting a limiting rate on the Village of Shorewood 2008 Tax Rate on Real Estate that shall not be in excess of the 2007 tax rate of .1974 per \$100 of Equalized Assessed Valuation. Seconded by Trustee Fitzgerald. Roll Call: Yeas: Gron, Schwartz, Stahr, Anderson, Fitzgerald. Nays: None. Motion Carried.

REDUCTION OF VILLAGE'S FEES
ORDINANCE #09-1530

Mayor Chapman presented this proposed ordinance that would reduce a portion of the Village's fees for construction of single family and duplex dwelling units because he and the Board members have been concerned about the state of the economy and the affect it has had upon our residents and our business owners. Mayor Chapman would like to do whatever is possible to help, especially in the building industry. The construction industry is hurting at all levels. If we could help stimulate the construction in the Village it would be within the best interests of the Village. If we can help with bringing any homes to Shorewood that might not have come it will be worth the cost. If there are no permits to reduce the fees on, it's an even bigger cost to everyone. The Finance Committee recommended that the Village's portion of building permit fees be reduced by 25% for single family and duplex dwelling units with the hopes of stimulating the construction within the Village and stimulate the single family and duplex housing markets in order to create and sustain jobs in the Village. The fee reduction would apply to building permits issued prior to December 31st, 2009 and construction would need to begin on or before March 31, 2010, and would apply to inspection, plan review, water charges, sewer connection, water connection, capital improvement and parks and recreation land-cash. Any fee structure spelled out in annexation agreements would stay intact. There was a lot of discussion on who would benefit, how do we know it would be successful, how would we collect data, what it would cost, etc. There were a number of comments about needing to do whatever could be done in an attempt to help stimulate construction within the Village. Trustee Fitzgerald, who was opposed to the ordinance, stated some of his concerns were: no way to guarantee the people who needed it would receive it; can not distinguish who would have come anyway – it would be a give-away if they were coming whether or not the fees were reduced. He feels there is no data to predict it

would benefit Shorewood, and it would not be fair to existing residents who paid the entire fee. He stated it may create jobs, but we won't know if the jobs will be going to Shorewood residents, and also it would cost the Village far more than it would be of benefit, or than the microscopic impact it would have on the national housing issue. He stated this would cost the Village \$270,000 in capital improvement fees and \$82,000. from the General Fund. In further discussion Trustee Gron requested that some method of data collection should be initiated so there could be a determination made if this was a successful exercise as they think it will be, or if not, it would not be attempted again. After further discussion, Trustee Schwartz made a motion to pass an ordinance (#09R-1530) reducing a portion of the Village's fees for construction of single family and duplex dwelling units, and waive the second read. Seconded by Trustee Stahr. Roll Call: Yeas: Schwartz, Stahr, Anderson, Gron. Nays: Fitzgerald. Motion carried.

BUDGET FOR FY2009/2010
RESOLUTION # 09R-718

Trustee Gron presented a Resolution to pass the FY2009/2010 budget for the Village of Shorewood. He reported the Finance Committee and the Board had several meetings and explained their projections are that this year and next year the revenue will be flat. In response to that they have made organizational changes by not filling three positions and cutting three positions. However, things are moving forward. In the plans for the new year is the 59 Corridor improvements, recreation along the DuPage river, finalizing preparations for completing water system improvements, designing future road improvements, building the Towne Center park this year, and creating a business district among other things. We're also designing a review process to see how we provide customer service to the residents. After further discussion, Trustee Gron made a motion to approve a resolution (09R-720) adopting the Village of Shorewood Budget for Fiscal Year 2009/2010. Seconded by Trustee Anderson. Roll Call: Yeas: Stahr, Anderson, Fitzgerald, Gron, Schwartz. Nays: None. Motion carried.

2009 9-1-1 SURCHARGE

The Board considered a governmental agreement between the Will County 9-1-1 Emergency Telephone System Board and the Village of Shorewood. (This is the same as last year's agreement.) Chief Bob Puleo (who is a member of the 9-1-1 Telephone System Board) explained how the all the member agencies of WESCOM pooled all their 9-1-1 grant funds in a effort to keep a flat line on the annual WESCOM budget contributions for upgrades on equipment, etc. at WESCOM. The Staff recommends that the Board execute the agreement and take advantage of the 2009 9-1-1 Surcharge Reallocation Grant Program. (This grant is funded by the 9-1-1 monies collected each month from phone bills –both land and cellular). Trustee Anderson made a motion to execute the governmental agreement between the Will County 9-1-1 Emergency Telephone System Board and the Village of Shorewood. Seconded by Trustee Schwartz. Roll Call: Yeas: Anderson, Fitzgerald, Gron, Schwartz, Stahr. Nays: None. Motion Carried.

TRAINING AGREEMENT

The Board considered the approval of an agreement with Ruettiger, Tonelli & Associates for training for Village staff. Trustee Anderson stated the purpose of the training was to train Village staff to properly collect GPS data and also how to overlay the data on the Village's GIS mapping. They will also make recommendations as to the purchase of equipment and software. (The cost of \$73,000. could come from revenue in excess of expenses from the Water and Sewer Fund). Trustee Anderson and Trustee Gron reiterated how much this will improve the efficiency of our operations. Trustee Anderson made a motion to approve the GPS training from Ruettiger, Tonelli & Associates and to approve the expenditure of \$73,000 to purchase the GIS software and GPS equipment (as stated in their proposal). Seconded by Trustee Gron. Roll Call: Fitzgerald, Gron, Schwartz, Stahr, Anderson. Nays: None. Motion Carried.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Trustee Anderson reported that lawn waste pickup will begin the first week of April.

Trustee Fitzgerald reported on a special meeting on March 19 regarding a concept plan for the Troy Fire Department station to be built at Rt. 59 & School Rd (south of 52). It was very favorably received. They will be back with a proposal at the next meeting on April 1, 2009. Other items on that agenda will be an FCA site plan revision considered; and a revision to the lighting spec sheets in the Land Subdivision ordinance will be considered. There will be a meeting Tuesday, the 31st of the developer of the neo-traditional homes with the present Towne Center subdivision residents to hear the residents concerns.

Trustee Gron reported the Village had requested a rating from Standard and Poor's because of the refinancing of Bonds discussed at the last meeting. Shorewood now has a rating of AA+ (an upward move of 4 ratings). This is just below a triple A (AAA) rating. There are only 13 triple A rated communities in Illinois. Trustee Gron stated this was unprecedented. Bonds go out for sale today. He also mentioned Arbor Day is April 24 and the Village is giving away 10 trees and gave the requirements for winning the trees.

Trustee Stahr thanked Commander Eric Allen and Police Chief Puleo for a great informative tour of the newly renovated Police Department for the meeting of the Citizens Advisory Committee. Reporting as the new ESDA Coordinator he reported they have a nuclear drill on March 25th and also a Com Ed drill on April 9th.

Trustee Schwartz reported the Village Easter Egg Hunt sponsored by Citi Bank and Parks & Recreation will be held on April 4th and gave the details. She also reported the Jelly Bean contest and coloring contest will go through April 10. The Village wide garage sale will be Friday and Saturday April 24th and 25th.

Trustee Stahr announced that on May 16th a dinner dance fund raiser for the Veterans Memorial will be held at the VFW Post (100 Horseshoe Drive), the cost is \$40.00 (\$75.00 per couple). Further information can be obtained from Trustee Stahr, Mayor Chapman, or at the Village Hall.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Trustee Schwartz made a motion to go into Executive Session for Land Acquisition and adjourn from that session with no action being taken. Seconded by Trustee Gron. Roll Call: Yeas: Anderson, Fitzgerald, Gron, Schwartz, Stahr. Nays: None. Motion Carried. The Board went into executive session.

Julia Russell
Village Clerk