



VILLAGE OF WILMETTE

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MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE PRESIDENT AND BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE VILLAGE OF WILMETTE, ILLINOIS HELD IN THE COUNCIL ROOM OF SAID VILLAGE HALL, 1200 WILMETTE AVENUE, WILMETTE, ILLINOIS ON TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 27, 2007.

The Village President called the meeting to order at 7:32 p.m.

Item:

1.0 ROLL CALL:

President	Christopher S. Canning
Trustees	Alan Swanson
	Lali Watt
	John Levin
	Mari Terman
	Karen Spillers
	Mike Basil

Staff Present:

- Michael J. Earl, Village Manager
- Maureen M. Barry, Assistant Village Manager
- Timothy J. Frenzer, Corporation Counsel
- Barbara L. Hirsch, Deputy Village Clerk
- Lisa Roberts, Director of Community Development
- Bob Amoruso, Finance Director
- Donna Jakubowski, Director of Public Works
- Jim Dominik, Fire Chief

2.0 APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

2.1 Trustee Terman moved approval of minutes as amended of the Regular Board meeting held November 13, 2007, seconded by Trustee Watt. All voted aye, the motion carried.

3.0 PETITIONS AND COMMUNICATIONS:

4.0 REPORTS OF OFFICERS:

Village Manager Michael Earl announced that the Leaf Collection Program will end December 7, 2007. He encouraged residents to rake their leaves to the street for pick up.

President Canning said he noticed in *Business Week* that Wilmette was ranked as the 7th most desirable city in the country for raising children.

4.1 Consent Agenda. Trustee Swanson removed item 6.12. Trustee Watt removed item 6.26. Trustee Watt moved approval of the remaining items of the Consent Agenda as follows:

- 6.11 Minutes, Appearance Review Commission.
- 6.13 ZBA Report, 1749 Highland Avenue, Case #2007-Z-48 regarding a request for a variations to permit the replacement one car detached garage in accordance with the plans submitted; adoption of Ordinance #2007-O-91.
- 6.14 ZBA Report, 3207-3217 Lake Avenue, Case #2007-Z-49 regarding a request for a variation to permit the replacement of a 7' high fence along the rear and interior side lot lines in accordance with the plans submitted; adoption of Ordinance #2007-O-92.
- 6.15 ZBA Report, 2921 Indianwood Road, Case #2007-Z-50 regarding a request for a variation to permit the replacement of a 6' high closed fence in the front yard in accordance with the plans submitted; adoption of Ordinance #2007-O-93.

- 6.21 Approval of Disbursements for the month of October 2007.
- 6.22 Approval of Resolution #2007-R-46 approving investments as previously authorized in the Illinois Public Treasurer's Investment Pool (IPTIP).
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- 6.24 Adoption of Ordinance #2007-O-87 regarding increases to certain Village fees, permits, fines and licenses fees effective January 1, 2008.
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- 6.28 Introduction of Ordinance #2007-O-96 regarding the 2007 Tax Levy.
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- 6.291 Introduction of Ordinance #2007-O-98 abating the tax levy requirements of General Obligation Bond Ordinance #2001-O-1,
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- 6.294 Introduction of Ordinance #2007-O-101 abating the tax levy requirements of General Obligation Bond Ordinance #2007-O-54.
- 6.295 Introduction of Ordinance #2007-O-102 amending the Village Code, Chapter 5 regarding adjustments to the Village tobacco license.

- 6.31 Minutes, Youth Commission.

- 6.41 Minutes, Municipal Services Committee.
- 6.42 Approval of contract extension, Meade Electric Company, Inc., McCook, IL for the maintenance of traffic signals, emergency pre-emption, pedestrian traffic signal and school flashing beacons.
- 6.43 Approval of contracts with LCI Ltd., Jacksonville Beach, FL; Delta Chemical Corp., Baltimore, MD; and Kemira Water Solutions, Inc., Lawrence, KS for the purchase of treatment chemicals for the Water Plant.

- 6.61 Minutes, Judiciary Committee.
- 6.62 Introduction of Ordinance #2007-O-94 amending the Village Code, Chapter 11 (Liquor Control), to create a new Class T liquor license to permit the sale of beer and wine by a theater, and to issue a Class T license to the Wilmette Theater, 1122 Central Avenue.
- 6.63 Introduction of Ordinance #2007-O-95 amending the Village Code, Chapter 11 (Liquor Control), revising the provisions of the Class C liquor license, decreasing the number of class B liquor licenses by one, and increasing the number of class C liquor licenses by one, in order to permit Gilson's, 1126 Central Avenue to convert its Class B liquor license to a Class C liquor license

- 8.1 Notice of vacancy, Senior Resources Commission.
- 8.2 Notice of vacancy, Commission for Persons with Disabilities.
- 8.3 Notice of vacancy, Commission for Persons with Disabilities.
- 8.4 Notice of vacancy, Community Relations Commission.
- 8.5 Notice of vacancy, Community Relations Commission.
- 8.6 Notice of vacancy, Senior Resources Commission.
- 8.7 Notice of vacancy, Senior Resources Commission.
- 8.8 Notice of vacancy, Appearance Review Commission.
- 8.9 Notice of vacancy, Community Relations Commission.
- 8.91 Notice of vacancy, Historic Preservation Commission.
- 8.92 Notice of vacancy, Youth Commission.
- 8.93 Notice of vacancy, Youth Commission.
- 8.94 Notice of vacancy, Board of Health.
- 8.95 Notice of vacancy, Housing Commission.
- 8.96 Notice of vacancy, Housing Commission.
- 8.97 Notice of vacancy, Commission for Persons with Disabilities.
- 8.98 Notice of vacancy, Plan Commission.

- 8.99 Notice of vacancy, Police Pension Fund Board of Trustees.
- 8.991 Appointment, Commission for Persons with Disabilities.

- 9.1 Recommendation of appointment, Historic Preservation Commission.

Trustee Terman seconded the motion. Voting yes: Trustees Swanson, Watt, Levin, Terman, Spillers, Basil and President Canning. Voting no: none. The motion carried.

4.2 Proclamation designating December 10, 2007 as Roger Myerson Day in Wilmette.

Dr. Myerson thanked the Village Board for the Proclamation in his honor. He said he had the opportunity to be recognized at the White House in Washington D.C., which was an honor, and it is also an honor to be recognized in his home town. He said this area is the best place in the world to do economic research because of Northwestern University and the University of Chicago. He has been very well treated by the local community and the Village.

President Canning read aloud the Proclamation and presented Dr. Myerson with a plaque of appreciation.

4.3 Introduction of Robert Fitzgerald who is recommended for appointment to the Historic Preservation Commission.

President Canning introduced Robert Fitzgerald to the Village Board and recommended his appointment to the Historic Preservation Commission.

4.4 Presentation on Public Works Department's Snow and Ice Control Program.

Donna Jakubowski, Director of Public Works, summarized the booklet presented to the Village Board detailing the Public Works Department's Snow and Ice Control Program. The booklet contains the policies and route maps for various operations that are used by equipment operators during snow and ice events.

Trustee Watt asked if Ms. Jakubowski had suggestions for alternative parking areas during snow and ice events when street parking restrictions are in place.

Ms. Jakubowski suggested residents could park in the CTA lot but would have to pay for the parking there. She also suggested residents could park in the Historic Museum's parking lot overnight but must remove the car by 8:00 a. m.

Trustee Watt asked if residents would be able to use the Community Recreation Center's parking lot.

Ms. Jakubowski said she would have to check with the Wilmette Park District.

President Canning noted that equipment has changed over the years and the Public Works trucks have computer equipment to monitor the weather and the pavement temperature. He asked Ms. Jakubowski to explain what kind of salt is used for the roads and how they determine the distribution of the salt.

Ms. Jakubowski said the Village of Wilmette has a policy of using the minimum amount of salt which is controlled by equipment that is calibrated for distribution. The Village does not use calcium chloride, but instead uses M95 which is magnesium chloride. The chemical breakdown for the salt is approximately 30% magnesium chloride, 65% water, and 5% ice bind, which is a corn derivative. This product is less harmful to roads and grass.

- 4.5 Request for an executive session to discuss the compensation of specific municipal employees pursuant to Section 2 (c) (1) of the Illinois Open Meetings Act.

5.0 REPORT OF THE LIQUOR CONTROL COMMISSIONER:

No Report.

6.0 STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS:

6.1 LAND USE COMMITTEE REPORT:

- 6.11 Presentation of minutes of the Appearance Review Commission meeting held November 5, 2007 was handled with the Consent Agenda.

- 6.12 Introduction of Ordinance #2007-O-90 amending the Village Code, Chapter 9 and Chapter 20 regarding stand-by generator requirements.

Trustee Swanson introduced Ordinance #2007-O-90 amending the Village Code, Chapter 9 and Chapter 20 regarding stand-by generator requirements.

Trustee Swanson said the Land Use Committee tried to draft an Ordinance that would allow a stand by generator to be installed to help in a storm event. The proposed Ordinance has sound limitations that would preclude the use of a permanent generator. The Committee tried to address the nuisance sound aspects of a generator but also provide residents with the comfort and security of a

generator that is needed for the protection of their homes. He said research shows that generators are being better constructed and made to be quieter. In order for generators to be effective, they need to be tested regularly. The proposed Ordinance restricts testing to weekdays between the hours of 9 – 11 a.m.

Trustee Spillers commended the Land Use Committee for quickly addressing the issue of generators as she believes it is important for residents to protect their homes.

- 6.13 Zoning Board of Appeals Report, 1749 Highland Avenue, Case #2007-Z-48 regarding a request for a 2.19' rear yard setback variation, an 8.5 square foot rear yard total impervious surface coverage variation, and a 151.0 square foot rear yard paved impervious surface coverage variation to permit the replacement of a one car detached garage in accordance with the plans submitted; adoption of Ordinance #2007-O-91.

The request was handled with the Consent Agenda for a 2.19' rear yard setback variation, an 8.5 square foot rear yard total impervious surface coverage variation, and a 151.0 square foot rear yard paved impervious surface coverage variation to permit the replacement of a one car detached garage in accordance with the plans submitted. Ordinance #2007-O-91 was adopted with the Consent Agenda, authorizing the variations of this case.

- 6.14 Zoning Board of Appeals Report, 3207-3217 Lake Avenue, Case #2007-Z-49 regarding a request for a 0.5' fence height variation to permit the replacement of a 7' high fence along the rear and interior side lot lines in accordance with the plans submitted; adoption of Ordinance #2007-O-92.

The request was handled with the Consent Agenda for a 0.5' fence height variation to permit the replacement of a 7' high fence along the rear and interior side lot lines in accordance with the plans submitted. Ordinance #2007-O-92 was adopted with the Consent Agenda, authorizing the variations of this case.

- 6.15 Zoning Board of Appeals Report, 2921 Indianwood Road, Case #2007-Z-50 regarding a request for a 2' fence height and fence openness variation to permit the replacement of a 6' high closed fence in the front yard in accordance with the plans submitted; adoption of Ordinance #2007-O-93.

The request was handled with the Consent Agenda for a 2' fence height and fence openness variation to permit the replacement of a 6' high closed fence in the front yard in accordance with the plans submitted. Ordinance #2007-O-93 was adopted with the Consent Agenda, authorizing the variations of this case.

- 6.16 REMOVE FROM TABLE - Approval of Resolution #2007-R-39 establishing annual income standards as referenced in the Zoning Ordinance definition of housing for the elderly and/or persons with disabilities.

Trustee Swanson moved to remove the item from table, seconded by Trustee Watt. All voted aye, the motion carried.

President Canning said the Village Board has several options for handling this issue: vote on the proposed Resolution; send the proposed Resolution to the Land Use Committee to review the language in the Resolution; refer the item to the Housing Commission, or review the item at a Village Board Committee of the Whole meeting.

Trustee Swanson said he believed the more appropriate way to deal with the Resolution was to discuss it at a Village Board Committee of the Whole meeting. There are many nuances to the proposed Resolution which he believes should be discussed. He believed the original Ordinance was vague.

Trustee Watt said the Housing Commission had had extensive input into the drafting of the proposed Resolution. She is comfortable with saying the Housing Commission would not have a problem with the proposed Resolution. The Finance Committee used fairly standard types of definitions used in the affordable housing community with standard kinds of numbers that are generated by State housing agencies.

Trustee Levin said the number that is chosen according to the Village's statute has to be in accordance with State and Federal laws regarding assisted living, which means there must be a body of regulation that leads to the calculation of the income number. He asked Corporation Counsel if the number was determined in accordance with the regulations that the Village Ordinance specifies.

Corporation Counsel Timothy Frenzer said it is his understanding that the area median income is a data product that is published by the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development based on their information for this particular region. It does have a particularized meaning and is an external, reliable number that is generated by a Federal agency. The Zoning Ordinance calls upon the Village Board to fix the amount but then calls upon the Village Board to rely upon external sources as well. He believes the way the Resolution is drafted incorporates the reliable external data generated by an official agency but it is still up to the Board to determine how to use the data.

Trustee Terman said in looking over the November 2006 amendments to the Zoning Ordinance, she believes there are unintended consequences derived from the amendment. She would like the Village Board to address the potential for decoupling the concept of housing for older persons and affordable housing. She believes the Village has inadvertently locked future efforts to create housing for persons 62 or older to housing for persons with disabilities and persons for whom affordable housing would be very desirable. She would like to discuss the possibility of creating the appropriate density and the special use category for persons who are older.

Trustee Spillers said she agrees with Trustees Swanson and Terman as she is new to the Board and would benefit from a Committee of the Whole discussion.

Trustee Basil agreed with Trustee Spillers.

Trustee Watt said she feels it is inappropriate to delay Mr. Murdock's request while the Board further discusses the item as she believes he has been very patient during all the discussions. She would like the Board to vote on the proposed Resolution.

President Canning said based on the last Village Board meeting he believes there is a difference of opinion on the language drafted in the proposed Resolution.

Trustee Basil said he asked previously that the item be tabled to have more research done on the item. During his own research, he believed the proposed provision has been part of the Zoning Ordinance for over 20 years and nobody had ever availed themselves of this provision, which tells him it is not in high demand. He does not believe it is inappropriate to vote on the proposed Resolution that would enable Mr. Murdock to proceed. He said at a subsequent meeting, the Village Board could discuss and modify the Ordinance if it so wished.

Trustee Levin said he has no problem with the current Ordinance as he knows the background of the Ordinance.

Trustee Terman said she is troubled with the percentages listed in the proposed Resolution. She believes it would be appropriate and consistent with the Comprehensive Plan to provide housing for older persons in the community even if they do not need it at an affordable level.

President Canning noted that Trustee Basil had an issue with the language of the proposed Resolution and tabled it in September.

Trustee Basil said after further study of the issue, he recognizes that if the provision is removed there would probably be a “gold rush” mentality that is not desired. Moving forward with this type of language does not preclude additional incentives for housing for the elderly, independent of income. The provision has been in the Ordinance for 20 years and no one has acted on it. It is an historical anachronism. It does not preclude any action from the Board to create additional incentives to promote housing for the elderly/and or persons with disabilities without regard to income.

Trustee Watt said she does not believe the proposed Resolution would prevent anyone from deciding to develop housing for the elderly/and or disabled without any means testing.

Trustee Swanson said he understands the logic of making a decision now and discussing in the future to make additional provisions. He is of the opinion that there is a “hole” in what is being provided and believes there is a need to consider housing and incentives. If the proposed Resolution is passed this evening, it puts the onus on the Village Board to address what can be done for the elderly and/or persons with disabilities regarding the income scale.

Trustee Watt said if the Board moves ahead with the Resolution this evening, then she would suggest referring to the Land Use Committee the question of how to provide incentives for housing for the elderly and/or persons with disabilities who are not limited by the income standards.

Trustee Watt moved approval of Resolution #2007-R-39 establishing annual income standards as referenced in the Zoning Ordinance definition of housing for the elderly and/or persons with disabilities, seconded by Trustee Levin.

Trustee Terman said the language in the proposed Resolution, Section 20-2.1.3, Definitions and Rules of Construction, includes the phrase “who have an annual income below the maximum etc.” If the Village Board passes the Resolution, she is very concerned that without further amendment to the Zoning Ordinance, the Board will preclude the density, variations, waivers that are assumed under Special Use and make it very difficult to create a different condition in which housing is not dependent on a maximum income. She is concerned it will preclude constructing housing for the elderly and/or persons with disabilities without a means test.

Mr. Frenzer said housing for elderly and/or persons with disabilities is a subset of multi family housing. Someone can certainly apply in a properly zoned district to construct multi unit dwellings and market them. By adopting the proposed

Resolution he does believe someone could submit a plan for a multi unit development.

Trustee Basil said he noted there was discussion in earlier meetings where there was imputed income from assets. It appears to him that there is not any imputed income from assets in the proposed Resolution.

Trustee Watt said that is correct.

President Canning said he is concerned about the mixing of affordability with senior and disability housing. He believes that there still needs to be some work by the Board on the language included in the proposed Resolution.

Voting yes: Trustees Swanson, Watt, Levin, and Basil. Voting no: Trustees Terman, Spillers and President Canning. The motion carried.

- 6.17 Zoning Board of Appeals Report, 1323 Central Avenue, Case #2007-Z-46 regarding a request for a special use for housing for the elderly to permit the construction of six units of housing for the elderly in accordance with the plans submitted.

Trustee Swanson moved to grant a request for a special use for housing for the elderly to permit the construction of six units of housing for the elderly in accordance with the plans submitted, seconded by Trustee Terman.

President Canning noted that the Board received a request from the petitioner to remand the case to the Zoning Board of Appeals.

Michael Murdock, petitioner, thanked the Village Board for taking action on the income requirements. His dilemma is that he assumed the income requirements would be a certain requirement so he created a plan that would work financially for him assuming a specific income requirement. At the ZBA meeting, many neighbors objected to the density of the project so he made the remand request to have the flexibility to propose a less dense, smaller, lower FAR development. He said he would like to have the case remanded back to the ZBA to address some of the neighbor's concerns regarding FAR and parking.

Trustee Levin said he believes the action the Village Board has taken this evening will provide guidance to the ZBA.

Trustee Watt said she has not been in favor of requests to remand to the ZBA in the past. In this case, she believes it makes sense to go back to the ZBA as there were uncertainties that have now been resolved and it is appropriate to see what Mr. Murdock may now develop and that he address some issues and revise the plan.

Dr. Jonathan Meyer, 1319 Central Avenue, said he objects to remanding the case back to the ZBA. He believes the ZBA turned down the original request as the proposed development was large and inappropriately placed, damaging the neighbors. He does not believe the petitioner was turned down due to elderly or affordable housing concerns.

Jacob Mazo, 1327 Central Avenue, said he lives in a townhouse development across from the proposed townhome development. He objects to remanding the case back to the ZBA as the neighbor's homes would be directly impacted. It is also very difficult to keep finding the time to come to the meetings.

Chad Boomgarden, 1315 Central Avenue, was opposed to the petitioner's request to remand to the ZBA.

Tom Cooper, 1304 Central Avenue, said he would be in favor of remanding the case to the ZBA as the development should be smaller than six units.

Martha Lettner, 1320 Central Avenue, said she was opposed to the case being remanded to the ZBA if there was only a slight modification to the plans.

Mr. Murdock said the neighbors would obviously like the case to proceed this evening but if that was to happen, he would need some time to set up his plans and then he could go forward to resolve the case.

Trustee Levin moved to remand Zoning Board of Appeals Report, 1323 Central Avenue, Case #2007-Z- 46 regarding a request for a special use for housing for the elderly to permit the construction of six units of housing for the elderly in accordance with the plans submitted back to the Zoning Board of Appeals, seconded by Trustee Watt.

Trustee Watt said she believes it is appropriate to remand the case as Mr. Murdock had submitted his request under an Ordinance that had not been used in the past and there were things that were not clear. The issues have now been clarified. It is in everyone's best interest to have the best possible project. It was clear in the ZBA report that there was discussion about bulk and FAR which she believed was not appropriately discussed as Mr. Murdock was not asking for

variations. He was simply asking for a special use. She would welcome having the ZBA look at the request to address the criteria of the special use.

Trustee Levin said the issues raised by the ZBA in meeting the special use requirements were valid issues. He believes the Village Board was derelict in not indicating that they treated the Ordinance seriously as there no income numbers included. If Mr. Murdock is going to give serious consideration to the issues the ZBA raised, then he would suggest Mr. Murdock come up with a revised plan and go back to the ZBA for reconsideration of the development plan.

Trustee Terman said she would like to reinforce Trustees Watt and Levin's comments. She believes the ZBA dealt very inconsistently with the 11 standards of review. There was no consensus among them why the case should not go forward. She believes the case should be remanded to the ZBA.

President Canning said he believes the ZBA members did articulate what standards had failed to be met. He is troubled sending it back to the ZBA if there is not a very large change in the plans.

Voting yes: Trustees Watt, Levin, Terman, Basil. Voting no: Trustees Swanson, Spillers and President Canning. The motion carried.

President Canning noted that the case would be heard at the March 19, 2008 ZBA meeting.

6.2 FINANCE COMMITTEE REPORT:

- 6.21 Approval of Disbursements for the month of October 2007 was handled with the Consent Agenda.
- 6.22 Approval of Resolution #2007-R-46 approving investments as previously authorized in the Illinois Public Treasurer's Investment Pool (IPTIP) was handled with the Consent Agenda.
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- 6.25 Adoption of Ordinance #2007-O-85 regarding increasing the monthly refuse fee from \$14.90 to \$15.65, effective January 1, 2008 was handled with the Consent Agenda.
- 6.26 Adoption of Ordinance #2007-O-82 amending the Village Code, Chapter 13 regarding vehicle licenses effective March 1, 2008.

Trustee Basil moved adoption of Ordinance #2007-O-82 amending the Village Code, Chapter 13 regarding vehicle licenses effective March 1, 2008, seconded by Trustee Spillers.

Trustee Swanson said it is a good thing to think green, be concerned with the environment, try to make choices that are friendly to the environment, and try to encourage others to do the same thing. He believes owning a hybrid vehicle is its own reward and incentive. He does not believe there is a necessity to put an additional incentive on it with respect to vehicle licensing.

Trustee Watt said she believes the issue is what you would like people to know about the Village of Wilmette. She feels strongly the schools are the number one reason for people to move to Wilmette but the rest of the reasons are also very important. She said it is difficult to develop a good image and very easy to lose a good image. There has been discussion regarding giving people a different type of vehicle sticker rather than monetary compensation, but she has not figured out how to do that in a cost effective manner. She feels strongly that the Village has been at the forefront of doing the right thing over many years and should not be afraid to do the right thing. She believes rolling back the discounted sticker amounts to an increase in taxes.

Trustee Levin said he voted for the vehicle sticker credit a year ago but will vote against it this evening. The difference between then and now is further experience and analysis. For various reasons, the Village is trying to keep expenses down to keep taxes down. The benefit to the individual is very small yet the cost to the Village is measurable. He believes as a matter of economics and finance, the vehicle discount does not work.

Trustee Terman said the Village Board adopted the vehicle sticker discount last year for very sound reasons. The vehicle sticker was increased to support the Village's road program. At the same time, the Village Board wanted to take the opportunity to inform the community about the significance of automobile emissions, and the possibility of reducing residents' expenditures on fuel. She believes the adoption of the vehicle discount sticker had a great deal of value and she does not believe the benefit has been exhausted. She noted that some members of the Village Board have purchased hybrid vehicles not for the \$25

discount but in recognition of the seriousness of the issue of carbon emissions and educational awareness. She would like to continue the discounted vehicle sticker program.

Trustee Spillers said she believes the issue is not about brand awareness or the environment, it is about what the core of people in Wilmette want. She believes residents want the Village Board to provide basic services of which one is maintenance of the roads. The vehicle sticker tax is really a user tax. She does not believe a smart way vehicle has any less wear or tear on a road than other vehicles. She also believes there was a large amount of staff time associated with implementing the discount vehicle sticker program. She is in favor of eliminating the discount program.

Trustee Basil said he does not dispute that it is a good idea to promote energy efficient concepts in Wilmette. He believes the image that the Village Board is trying to convey in Wilmette should not be dependent upon the car that one drives, nor should anyone move to or from Wilmette based upon the car tax regulations. He does not believe Wilmette's image is harmed or enhanced by the Village's vehicle sticker program. There are many aspects of society where we would like people to behave differently but the Village does not subsidize other such types of programs. He believes the proposed ordinance makes the vehicle sticker more equitable for all residents. He also does not believe the proposed ordinance precludes anyone from promoting or educating residents about car emissions.

President Canning said in September 2006 he noted that the roads in Wilmette had been upgraded and are better than neighboring communities. He also agreed with the Finance Committee's recommendation that bond proceeds should not be used for maintenance of the roads. He was concerned at that time with the cost of the vehicle sticker and was only in favor of a \$10 increase to all vehicles. His concern was that a \$25 raise was harmful to seniors, families and residents that had older, fuel efficient vehicles but did not fall under EPA guidelines and believed that the burden of the program would fall on staff. Ms. Gargano's memo reflects what that burden was. He noted that no car built prior to 2000 was eligible for the discount. He believes there are many options for educating residents regarding the environment. The Village Board has shown their awareness by approving a new building on Green Bay Road which would be seeking LEED certification, will be seeking LEED certification for a building at the Municipal Yard, undertaking an Ash reuse program, and creating a program to drop off prescription drugs and looking into a program to recycle light bulbs. He believes the current and previous Village Boards have tried to find other avenues which would be environmentally sensitive projects to educate residents. He is still concerned with the 2006 \$25 increase in vehicle stickers but he does believe

the vehicle sticker fees are important for the maintenance of roads.

Voting yes: Trustees Swanson, Levin, Spillers, Basil and President Canning.

Voting no: Trustees Watt and Terman. The motion carried.

- 6.27 Adoption of Ordinance #2007-O-86 regarding increasing the water/sewer rate from \$4.02 per 100 cubic feet to \$4.65, effective March 1, 2008 was handled with the Consent Agenda.
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- 6.295 Introduction of Ordinance #2007-O-102 amending the Village Code, Chapter 5 regarding adjustments to the Village tobacco license was handled with the Consent Agenda.
- 6.296 Public hearing on Village of Wilmette's appropriations for Fiscal Year 2008 (Budget 2008).

President Canning opened the public hearing at 9:25 p.m.

President Canning closed the public hearing at 9:26 p.m.

6.297 Adoption of Ordinance #2007-O-88 regarding approval of appropriations for fiscal year 2008 budget.

Trustee Watt moved adoption of Ordinance #2007-O-88 regarding approval of appropriations for fiscal year 2008 budget, seconded by Trustee Basil.

Trustee Swanson said the Village Board worked very hard on the proposed budget, even holding extra meetings for review and discussion. Some of the cuts made to the budget were painful but the Board did manage to cover the storm clean up expenditures from August. The Board did their best to keep taxes from continuing to rise.

Trustee Watt agreed with Trustee Swanson and also noted that in the capital plan there is an expenditure for a plan to keep the Storm Water Pumping Station functioning in the event of a power loss.

Trustee Levin said the proposed budget is a long, technical document. A large amount of work went into developing the budget to determine how taxpayers' money is collected and spent.

Trustee Terman noted that for the majority of projects and items, there was general agreement about those elements that were to be cut and deferred. It was a very illuminating and constructive process.

President Canning thanked the Village Board for all their work and the consensus on most issues. He also thanked Village staff for its work in the long process of developing the proposed budget. He said there is a small increase in the tax levy but he believes that is driven by the fact that 90% of the Village is residential rather than commercial. He hopes that sales tax revenues will continue to increase in the future. He supports the proposed budget.

Voting yes: Trustees Swanson, Watt, Levin, Terman, Spillers, Basil and President Canning. Voting no: none. The motion carried.

6.3 ADMINISTRATION COMMITTEE REPORT:

6.31 Presentation of minutes of the Youth Commission meeting held October 8, 2007 was handled with the Consent Agenda.

6.4 MUNICIPAL SERVICES COMMITTEE REPORT:

6.41 Presentation of minutes of the Municipal Services Committee meeting held September 27, 2007 was handled with the Consent Agenda.

- 6.42 Approval of contract extension in an amount not to exceed \$30,000 with Meade Electric Company, Inc., McCook, IL for the maintenance of traffic signals, emergency pre-emption, pedestrian traffic signal and school flashing beacons was handled with the Consent Agenda.
- 6.43 Approval of contracts with LCI Ltd., Jacksonville Beach, FL; Delta Chemical Corp., Baltimore, MD; and Kemira Water Solutions, Inc., Lawrence, KS for the purchase of treatment chemicals for the Water Plant was handled with the Consent Agenda.
- 6.5 PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE REPORT:
- No Report.
- 6.6 JUDICIARY COMMITTEE REPORT:
- 6.61 Presentation of minutes of the Judiciary Committee meeting held October 23, 2007 was handled with the Consent Agenda.
- 6.62 Introduction of Ordinance #2007-O-94 amending the Village Code, Chapter 11 (Liquor Control), to create a new Class T liquor license to permit the sale of beer and wine by a theater, and to issue a Class T license to the Wilmette Theater, 1122 Central Avenue was handled with the Consent Agenda.
- 6.63 Introduction of Ordinance #2007-O-95 amending the Village Code, Chapter 11 (Liquor Control), revising the provisions of the Class C liquor license, decreasing the number of class B liquor licenses by one, and increasing the number of class C liquor licenses by one, in order to permit Gilson's, 1126 Central Avenue to convert its Class B liquor license to a Class C liquor license was handled with the Consent Agenda.
- 7.0 REPORTS FROM SPECIAL COMMITTEES:
- No Report.
- 8.0 UNFINISHED BUSINESS:
- 8.1 Notice of vacancy on the Senior Resources Commission due to the resignation of Michelle Teal was handled with the Consent Agenda.
- 8.2 Notice of vacancy on the Commission for Persons with Disabilities due to the term expiration of Walter Reed was handled with the Consent Agenda.

- 8.3 Notice of vacancy on the Commission for Persons with Disabilities due to the term expiration of Linda Layfer was handled with the Consent Agenda.
- 8.4 Notice of vacancy on the Community Relations Commission due to the term expiration of Pam Mondschein was handled with the Consent Agenda.
- 8.5 Notice of vacancy on the Community Relations Commission due to the term expiration of Alice Chow was handled with the Consent Agenda.
- 8.6 Notice of vacancy on the Senior Resources Commission due to the term expiration of Susan Lin was handled with the Consent Agenda
- 8.7 Notice of vacancy on the Senior Resources Commission due to the resignation of Faqir Vohra was handled with the Consent Agenda.
- 8.8 Notice of vacancy on the Appearance Review Commission due to the resignation of Stuart Berger was handled with the Consent Agenda.
- 8.9 Notice of vacancy on the Community Relations Commission due to the term expiration of Harry Rhodes was handled with the Consent Agenda.
- 8.91 Notice of vacancy on the Historic Preservation Commission due to the resignation of Mary Abroe was handled with the Consent Agenda.
- 8.92 Notice of vacancy on the Youth Commission due to the resignation of Alison Field was handled with the Consent Agenda.
- 8.93 Notice of vacancy on the Youth Commission due to the resignation of Rita Strang was handled with the Consent Agenda.
- 8.94 Notice of vacancy on the Board of Health due to the term expiration of Malcolm Hast was handled with the Consent Agenda.
- 8.95 Notice of vacancy on the Housing Commission due to the term expiration of Alan Barney was handled with the Consent Agenda.
- 8.96 Notice of vacancy on the Housing Commission due to the resignation of Alan George was handled with the Consent Agenda.
- 8.97 Notice of vacancy on the Commission for Persons with Disabilities due to the term expiration of Ellen McManus was handled with the Consent Agenda.

8.98 Notice of vacancy on the Plan Commission due to the term expiration of Vince McBrien was handled with the Consent Agenda.

8.99 Notice of vacancy on the Police Pension Fund Board of Trustees due to the term expiration of Michael Dwyer was handled with the Consent Agenda.

8.991 Appointment of Sioux Warfield to the Commission for Persons with Disabilities from December 2007 to December 2010 was handled with the Consent Agenda.

9.0 NEW BUSINESS:

9.1 Recommendation of appointment of Robert Fitzgerald to the Historic Preservation Commission from December 2007 to December 2011 was handled with the Consent Agenda.

10.0 ADJOURNMENT:

Trustee Terman made a motion to adjourn to Executive Session at 9:33 p.m. to discuss the compensation of specific municipal employees pursuant to Section 2 (c) (1) of the Illinois Open Meetings Act, seconded by Trustee Watt.

Voting yes: Trustees Swanson, Watt, Levin, Terman, Spillers, Basil and President Canning.
Voting no: none. The motion carried.

The Village Board returned from the Executive Session at 9:55 p.m.

Trustee Terman made a motion to adjourn the Village Board meeting at 9:55 p.m., seconded by Trustee Watt.

All voted aye, the motion carried.

Barbara L. Hirsch
Deputy Village Clerk