

**WORKSHOP MINUTES  
VILLAGE BOARD OF TRUSTEES  
MARCH 11, 2009**

PRESENT: Aimee Ingalls, Ed Graham and Nick Narducci

**2008-09 BUDGET REDUCTIONS REVIEW**

Nick Narducci explained the reduction in the budget for 2008-09. We are keeping track of local and national economy. Revenue streams are affected, the revenue is very low. Explained the CS's and the ladder form to keep interest rates secured. All our investments are secure, we have long term CD's. We are governed by the appropriation ordinance and also the budget officers act. These are reductions and not eliminations in the budget.

**AN ORDINANCE REGULATING THE INSTALLATION OF MAILBOXES AND OTHER STRUCTURES LOCATED IN THE PUBLIC RIGHT-OF-WAY WITHIN THE VILLAGE OF ELWOOD, WILL COUNTY, ILLINOIS**

Question was asked if we will be giving the Post Office a copy of our ordinance.

Aimee Ingalls – we used the post office regulations to draft this ordinance.

Ed Graham – standards for placement of the mail boxes.

Trustee Bernhard – do they have to be in concrete, I disagree.

Ed Graham – after your discussion, will make some revisions to the ordinance.

**AN ORDINANCE TO PROVIDE EFFECTIVE MEANS FOR PROTECTING THE PUBLIC WATER SUPPLY SYSTEM FROM CONTAMINATION DUE TO THE BACKFLOW OF CONTAMINANTS THROUGH THE CUSTOMER WATER SERVICE CONNECTION INTO THE PUBLIC WATER SYSTEM**

Aimee Ingalls – this is an existing ordinance, need additional information for the EPA, we are missing reference to cost and our ordinance is incomplete.

Ed Graham – we are governed by law with some of the interpretations.

**CENTERPOINT PARK DEVELOPMENT PLAN**

No discussion

**PAY REQUEST – MISSISSIPPI C – D CONSTRUCTION**

Pay request for D Construction in the amount of \$57,828.69.

**BUSH DRIVE IMPROVEMENTS**

President Strawn – storm water to be installed, will start on as quick as we can. Baxter Woodman working on scope of work.

Aimee Ingalls – agreement to do more on engineering, need more site work. Bid document will be done after evaluation review is complete.

**DISCUSSION RELATED TO CHILDRENS GARDEN WEDDING CONTRACT**

Trustee Bernhard asked why the bride and groom responsible for those in attendance?

Ed Graham will review contract.

**OTHER BUSINESS**

President Strawn – need to re-evaluate some of our ordinances. In question is the fluorescent sign at Sunshine Foods. Sergeant Dufkis was

instructed to have sign removed from the window. A garage on Lincoln Street was not allowed to be built.

Trustee Jones asked about neon signs on Route 53 for Gas City and Shoppes of Elwood.

Ed Graham explained they were given a variance to the ordinance that allows them to have the signs.

Aimee Ingalls – have given you a draft copy of a development agreement for the Foth property. Agreement was drafted after the agreement for Coldwaters. Please review and will be on the April agenda.

Need more information from Mr. Bolker regarding his Letter of Credit.

Aimee reported on the federal stimulus program through the Will County Governmental League. Elwood will be receiving \$119,000 to resurface Douglas Street. Diagonal Road did not qualify. Will County received eight million dollars for the whole county.