

**Board of Trustees Meeting  
Village of Kenilworth, Illinois  
Monday, September 11, 2006**

The regular meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Village of Kenilworth, Illinois was moved from the Village Hall to the Joseph Sears School auditorium to accommodate the large number of residents desiring to attend. The meeting was called to order there by Village President T. Tolbert Chisum at 7:50 pm on Monday, September 11, 2006. Village Clerk Robert A. Hastings called the roll, as follows:

<b>Present:</b>	T. Tolbert Chisum	President
	Jacquelynn Bossu	Trustee
	Cristy Laier	Trustee
	Craig A. Miller	Trustee
	Robert Smietana	Trustee
	John Vitt	Trustee
	Katie Dold White	Trustee

**Absent:** None

**Others Recorded as in Attendance:**

<i>Village Officials and Staff</i>	Bradly J. Burke	Manager, Deputy Clerk
	Barbara Adams	Legal Counsel
	Richard Cooper	Treasurer
	John Petersen	Superintendent of Police
	Ignazio Fiorentino	Superintendent of Public Works
	Jason Kalinowski	Police Officer

<i>Signed in using Village Addresses</i>	Randy Barba	240 Woodstock Avenue
	John W. Barriger	155 Melrose Avenue
	Jack Bigoness	126 Abingdon Avenue
	Ann Hill Bird	536 Exmoor Road
	Wiley Caldwell	125 Woodstock Avenue
	Frank Cavalier	507 Kenilworth Avenue
	Stacey Caywood	532 Greenwood Avenue
	Kelly Chestnut	133 Kenilworth Avenue
	Peter Ciesielski	609 Ivy Court
	Teresa Ciesielski	609 Ivy Court
	Bob Drew	163 Abingdon Avenue
	Linda Forsberg	521 Sheridan Road
	Cameel Halim	533 Roslyn Road
	Nefrette Halim	533 Roslyn Road
	Walter Hallsteen	37 Kenilworth Avenue
	Mary Katherine Hartigan	600 Greenwood Avenue
	Pat Haynes	240 Melrose Avenue
	Bill Holland	342 Sterling Road
	Jim Hughes	538 Kenilworth Avenue
	Zeljko Ilic	639 Park Avenue
	David Joyce	534 Wayland Avenue
	Ham Kerr	304 Cumnor Road
	Greg Kirrish	534 Melrose Avenue
	Kelli Kobor	620 Abbotsford Road
	Roy Leonard	412 Cumnor Road
	George Luscombe	527 Warwick Road
	Jo Ellen Luscombe	527 Warwick Road

Jim Maloney	610 Wayland Avenue
Heidi Mangel	205 Melrose Avenue
John Mangel	205 Melrose Avenue
Gregory Matic	236 Cumnor Road
Karen Matic	236 Cumnor Road
Hank Mawicke	381 Sterling Road
Rich Nordstrom	212 Raleigh Road
Rona Nordstrom	212 Raleigh Road
Joan Pedicini	640 Kenilworth Terrace
Jim Pollock	145 Woodstock Avenue
Nancy Roberts	521 Kenilworth Avenue
Doug Rowe	423 Essex Road
Carol Schulz	84 Robsart Road
Julia Szafranski	38 Brier Street
GraceTerrill	122 Woodstock Avenue
Thomas Terrill	122 Woodstock Avenue
Albert Tippens	532 Kenilworth Avenue
Elicia Tippens	532 Kenilworth Avenue
Bill Welch	331 Essex Road
Reid Wettersten	631 Melrose Avenue
<i>Signed in as</i>	Lee Brown, Teska & Assoc. 627 Grove Street, Evanston
<i>Non-residents</i>	Tom Snellbach 338 E Witchwood Lane, Lake Bluff

### **Approval of Minutes of August 14, 2006 Meeting**

President Chisum requested two changes in the draft minutes of the August 14, 2006 meeting. The last sentence on page 6, paragraph 2 would be changed to read "President Chisum stated he felt the public hearings on the proposed zoning changes should be conducted by the Plan Commission and noted he had been considering and discussing with the Village Manager changes to the Village's committee structure and process for several months." In the last line on page 5 of the draft insert the word "written" after "respond to". He then asked for approval of the altered minutes.

Counsel Adams asked that a change be made in the last line on page one to read "Hinkamp's appointment was approved ..." and to insert the words "and the Plan Commission's jurisdiction" after "zoning and land use" in the third line of the fourth paragraph on page 7. Trustee Smietana requested replacement of "his committee" in the second paragraph on page 7 with "the Plan Commission". Trustee White requested addition of the sentence "The change in the law will not change the department's enforcement activity." at the end of the next to last paragraph on page 9.

Trustee Miller moved approval of the modified minutes of the Board meeting of August 14, 2006, Trustee Smietana seconded, and *the minutes of the Board meeting of August 14, 2006 as modified were approved by voice vote without dissent.*

### **Moment of Silence in Remembrance of the Tragedy of September 11, 2001**

President Chisum asked for a moment of silence to be observed in remembrance of the tragedy of five years ago today on September 11, 2001.

### **Proclamations and Resolutions**

A Resolution of Appreciation for the efforts of Anne Hill Bird as Secretary and Manager of the Kenilworth Assembly Hall since 1996 was read by President Chisum.

President Chisum described the mission of the Save a Life Foundation and its proposal for September, 2006 to be proclaimed Save a Life Month. Trustee Vitt inquired how the event would be advertised, referring to the billboard section of the Foundation's promotion piece. President Chisum said the Save a Life Foundation would be expected to arrange for the publicity, but no billboard. Trustee Miller moved to approve Kenilworth's participation in Save a Life Month, Trustee Smietana seconded, and ***Kenilworth's participation in Save a Life Month was approved by voice vote without dissent.***

**Village President** – T. Tolbert Chisum

President Chisum asked Police Chief Petersen to introduce *new Police Officer Jason Kalinowski*, who was asked to come to the stage and be recognized. In response to a request from Trustee White, Chief Petersen elaborated on Officer Kalinowski's work to date. Officer Kalinowski has completed six weeks of field training following superior performance in his basic training, in which he was chosen as one of four out of fifty-seven trainees to serve as a squad leader. He and his Kenilworth training officer recently investigated a criminal damage incident which resulted in the identification and arrest of the offender. He also has received three complimentary letters. Two were from the Winnetka Police Department, one of which cited him for alertly locating a hit-and-run driver and the other for assistance in the arrest of a group of individuals wanted for Criminal Defacement.

Plans for the education of residents regarding *Home Rule* were described by President Chisum. Resident Douglas Petrie, who headed the Blue Ribbon Committee on Home Rule which prepared and presented a report on the topic, will return from a trip the first week of October. He has agreed the Blue Ribbon Committee will take charge of public education regarding Home Rule. Depending upon resident response to the educational efforts, the question may be included on the ballot next spring.

**Action Items**

President Chisum read a summary of *proposed Ordinance #967 to amend the Zoning Ordinance of 1969 to allow automobile galleries as a permitted use in the B-3 district*. He then referred the discussion to Trustee Bossu as chair of the Building, Planning and Zoning Committee. Trustee Bossu indicated the petitioner, The Last Detail, LLC was represented at the meeting by Tom Snellbach and he could answer questions. Trustee Vitt commended Trustee Bossu on the open and unbiased handling of the public hearing, and noted the language listed in Section 2 of the proposed ordinance to add automobile gallery as a permitted use.

Resident Terrill asked whether there could be potential Sunday openings. Snellbach stated that cars may not legally be sold on Sunday. However, the store might be open hours such as from 10 am to 4 pm to sell art and other items. Trustee White asked about the materials that might be used in the car wash. President Chisum responded the current vote is not on acceptable hours of operation or other things. Consideration of those items will come later when specific proposals for the operation are considered. Manager Burke added there are no current restrictions on hours of operation in the B-3 zoning district, and pollution concerns are addressed through the nuisance ordinance.

Following the discussion Trustee Smietana moved approval of proposed Ordinance #967, Trustee Vitt seconded, and a roll call vote was taken.

For:	Smietana, Vitt, Bossu, Laier, Miller, White
Opposed:	None
Abstain:	None

Clerk Hastings announced that the **vote on Ordinance # 967 Amending the Kenilworth Zoning Ordinance, 1969, as Amended, to Allow Automobile Gallerias as a Permitted Use in the B-3 District was six for and none opposed.** President Chisum declared the motion passed.

Manager Burke initiated *consideration of whether to join the Northern Illinois Municipal Electric Cooperative (NIMEC) for the purchase of electricity.* He noted that ComEd is conducting an auction for the purpose of purchasing electricity, since it will no longer be a producer. The result of the auction will potentially affect energy prices effective January 7, 2007, with an increase of 20-50% possible. Manager Burke said he has been working with the Metropolitan Mayor's Caucus and the Northwest Municipal Conference, as well as NIMEC.

Two alternate approaches have been evaluated. Both would provide a very short window of hours in which to approve participation and accept the low bid. Staff proposes the Village enter into an agreement with NIMEC to participate in bidding out the cost of supplying electric power. Forty other municipalities already have agreed to participate with NIMEC in the purchasing cooperative. No formal contract is required, but there is a one-time fee of \$100. Once the bid results are known, the Village can either contract with the low NIMEC bidder or elect to stay with ComEd.

Trustee Smietana asked how NIMEC would receive compensation for its efforts. Manager Burke said NIMEC is the broker and would receive a corresponding commission. Trustee Vitt noted the decision on a supplier might need to be made at a time other than when a regular board meeting was scheduled. Trustee White asked if neighboring communities were joining NIMEC. Manager Burke said he was not sure of all the individual decisions. Trustee Laier stated the Village should be sure it would be treated the same as any other purchaser. Trustee Miller said length of the contract, any withdrawal restrictions, and similar considerations should be evaluated. Manager Burke said the initial contract period would be 17 months regardless of the supplier.

Trustee Vitt then moved authorization for the Village to join NIMEC and to authorize the Village Manager to execute the agreements necessary, Trustee Miller seconded, and a roll call vote was taken.

For:	Vitt, Miller, Bossu, Laier, Smietana, White
Opposed:	None
Abstain:	None

Clerk Hastings announced that the **vote on Authorization to Join the Northern Illinois Municipal Electric Cooperative (NIMEC) for the Purchase of Electricity and to authorize the Village Manager to execute the agreements necessary was six for and none opposed.** President Chisum declared the motion passed.

Manager Burke discussed the *proposal to approve the termination of the sidewalk contract with M&C Scavelli due to the inability to confirm they are still in business, approve waiving the bidding process, and approve a comparable quote from Concrete Express, Ltd at the 2005 unit prices.* He explained Kenilworth and Northfield had awarded M&C Scavelli a contract in 2002 with renewal options through 2007. However, numerous recent efforts to contact Scavelli by both Villages have been unsuccessful, and it appears the company has gone out of business.

In response to solicitation of quotations from alternate contractors, Concrete Express, Ltd. provided unit pricing matching the 2005 pricing from Scavelli. Staff recommends the Scavelli contract be terminated and an award made to Concrete Express.

Counsel Adams indicated it would be preferable to separate the motions for termination and the awarding of a new contract. **Trustee Laier moved to terminate the Scavelli sidewalk contract**

**due to the inability to confirm they are still in business, Trustee Vitt seconded, a voice vote was taken and the motion passed without dissent.**

Trustee Smietana then moved to award a contract to Concrete Express at the 2005 unit pricing in an amount not to exceed \$15,000. Trustee Laier seconded, and a roll call vote was taken.

For: Smietana, Laier, Bossu, Miller, Vitt, White  
Opposed: None  
Abstain: None

Clerk Hastings announced that the **vote to Approve a Bid Award to Concrete Express, Ltd. for the 2006 Sidewalk Rehabilitation Project at the 2005 Pricing, in an Amount Not to Exceed \$15,000, was six for and none opposed.** President Chisum declared the motion passed.

Trustee Miller reviewed the *August invoices submitted for approval which total \$158,312.51*. The largest item is escrow refunds in the amount of \$30,854.25. Other large amounts are \$11,358.71 for Houseal Lavigne for preliminary work on the Comprehensive Plan and \$7,345.27 for Holland and Knight for work mostly on basic issues, plus small amounts for zoning code and subdivision issues. Trustee Miller also mentioned former accountant Marcia Demski had helpfully provided assistance with accounting, so a small bill from her was included.

Trustee Vitt asked whether Houseal was on budget. Manager Burke indicated they were on both budget and plan. Trustee Laier noted the Sunrise Tree Service item of \$4,900 includes removal of both dead and diseased trees and such work now exceeds the budgeted amount. There being no more questions Trustee Miller moved approval of the August bills, Trustee Laier seconded, and a roll call vote was taken.

For: Miller, Laier, Bossu, Smietana, Vitt, White  
Opposed: None  
Abstain: None

Clerk Hastings announced that the **vote to authorize payment of the August bills in the amount of \$158,312.51 was six for and none opposed.** President Chisum declared the motion passed.

President Chisum noted several letters had been received from residents questioning the appropriateness of his initiating a discussion at the last meeting concerning the handling of the public hearing process, since no such item was listed on the agenda. He stated he had consulted legal counsel and was told the action was acceptable, as the trustees did not pass any related ordinance or take any other inappropriate action. They had only delayed the public hearing.

Manager Burke then reviewed the material presented in his memorandum dated September 8, 2006 regarding Board, Commission and Committee Processes. He described the various current committees and commissions, as well as how a committee of the whole process would work. Use of committee of the whole in a workshop format is an alternative to some or all committee meetings, and could be scheduled before the regular board meetings, on alternate dates or as needed. When the trustees meet only monthly an additional such meeting might be helpful to cover strategic planning or enable residents to become more familiar with the issues.

Manager Burke also said preset meeting schedules for all committees and commissions would be helpful to residents and the staff in planning and calendar preparation. Regarding public hearings, the Building, Planning and Zoning Committee has handled meetings related to their proposals historically.

Resident Hughes asked whether committee of the whole meetings in workshop format would be open to the public. Manager Burke answered such meetings would be noticed and open to the public. In some communities residents only attend and are not allowed to participate; however, other communities may allow full public participation in committee of the whole meetings. He reiterated they can be scheduled or held as needed.

Several trustees commented on situations in which a committee of the whole approach might be helpful. Questions about whether other meetings could be reduced or some committees consolidated or eliminated to reduce the number of meetings and time commitment were raised. Trustee Miller felt committee of the whole meetings could effectively replace some of the Finance Committee sessions. Counsel Adams added Northbrook uses a committee of the whole process, but retains standing committees to which serious questions can be referred for detailed study when needed.

Trustee Bossu pointed out that her BPZ committee held 15 meetings totaling about 45 hours in the past year, and each one required 3-4 hours of preparation. In addition, there were 8 public hearings and a forum that took about 20 hours, with a comparable amount of preparation time. She expressed concern about the scheduling challenges and time commitment that number of meetings as a committee of the whole would entail. Trustee Laier observed that Community Affairs had dealt with a number of issues needing quick, thoughtful answers, and it would have been difficult to find additional dates when the full board could meet to discuss them.

Resident Hughes pointed out having subcommittees study and make recommendations on most questions should free time for the full board to deal with strategic issues. Resident Heidi Mangel said prompt posting of committee session minutes would help in education of the community. Resident Barriger stated a concern that with a committee of the whole process for all subjects, residents would have to come to meetings and wait for the subject of interest to come up.

Resident Holland expressed concern that dispensing with standing committees could actually reduce the opportunities for public input. Resident Cameel Halim said he felt using a committee of the whole approach for all discussions would reduce the board's available time for solving more difficult problems. Also, standing committee members become particularly interested and informed on the subjects for which they are responsible. He feels timely posting of minutes on the website can be solved. He also encouraged the trustees to meet several times a year on overall strategy.

Trustee Laier said she had looked at the procedures in other nearby Villages. Most retain some board committees. Going to a committee of the whole would put tremendous strain on our limited staff to pick up the data gathering of the committees. The committee structure also provides a lot of time for public input. Trustee Smietana said the present committees could probably be reduced from 6 to 2 or 3, but to go to a single one would be difficult. President Chisum said the trustees should begin thinking about committee consolidation.

Trustee White picked up on Manager Burke's comments that trustees were elected to represent all members of the community. They are not advocates, but listen and respond to concerns expressed by community members. Manager Burke added that when involved in hearings trustees need to consider overall aspects, and the chair needs to avoid the appearance of advocating for or trying to shepherd something through. However, that is a challenge, especially where a community seems divided or there are volatile issues. In those situations perhaps public hearings by the full board group or by a committee other than the proposing committee could be considered. President Chisum added that is why he suggested at the last meeting an alternative to having the proposing committee chair the public hearings.

Resident Cameel Halim said persons who are elected should be allowed to have opinions, as they were elected based on their ability and insights. Manager Burke clarified that he was not intending to question any one Trustee's objectivity. He instead was pointing out the present system for public hearings could put a committee chair in the position of appearing to advocate for the committee's proposals. However, it should be remembered the full elected body, the board, still makes the final decisions.

Trustee Vitt wondered if a tree diagram could be put together to show the alternate structures that might be considered.

Resident Caldwell said President Chisum had received several letters expressing concerns after the last trustee meeting, including one signed by a number of people who have served the Village over the years, and they should be included in the record. A lot more time and energy need to go into consideration of the alternatives before a decision is made. At times he may not agree with the decisions reached, but that is acceptable if they have been thoroughly discussed. President Chisum indicated the letters referred to were distributed in the board package.

Anyone who takes the time to run for office might be considered a fool in light of the commitment it requires, said resident John Mangel. To think anyone would not put the best interests of the community first is ridiculous. Resident Barba said it is difficult to be fully informed on the many issues, so perhaps the trustees should reduce the number of things they are trying to deal with at one time so there is more time to consider them thoroughly. Resident Elicia Tippens said she has been at many meetings in recent months. It already is 9:20 pm and very little has been accomplished so it would be desirable to try to move to addressing the problems.

Resident Kobor said she felt if using a committee of the whole process could bring the number of meetings to 4 from 15 it would enable more residents to be in attendance, which is more important. She said she has spent about 15 hours per month at meetings the last several months and it is the number of hours that makes it difficult to stay informed.

Several other comments were made both in support of a committee of the whole approach and favorable to the present committee structure. Trustee Bossu then suggested that perhaps a Blue Ribbon committee should be convened to consider whether changes would be beneficial or there were other alternatives. Trustee Miller added it might be desirable to have a meeting to focus on prioritization and policy setting. Trustee Smietana thought a committee of the whole approach to study what to do might be useful, which Trustee Miller said would be okay with him.

Resident Holland suggested we needed to proceed with business while the questions were addressed. He stated that Winnetka does not have public hearings conducted by other than the proposing committee.

Resident Bigoness asked for clarification of how a Blue Ribbon committee would operate. Trustee Bossu described the way in which the Blue Ribbon committee on Home Rule had functioned as an example. Neighboring communities practices are researched, staff are interviewed, what individual committees do is considered, and what works or does not is evaluated. Trustee Vitt said perhaps there is a need for a committee of the whole meeting to discuss the pros and cons of using the committee of the whole. President Chisum stated he would get together with Manager Burke and develop a proposal for how to move forward.

Resident Holland inquired what will happen to the public hearings in the meantime, and asked if they could proceed. President Chisum indicated that had not been decided. Trustee Bossu said the question of who would chair the public hearings had not yet been discussed. It was noted that

if the Plan Commission were to be responsible they already had meetings scheduled for the next night and for October 11 and November 6.

Trustee Laier said the public hearings were approved by the Board in June and should be held soon, and *moved the Trustees proceed with the public hearings on the proposed Zoning Ordinance amendments that had been approved and decide separately what changes should be made for the future, if any.* Trustee Bossu seconded the motion. She added the purpose of the public hearings is to gather information, not to make final decisions, so it would be healthy to have the hearings and get a sense of what the residents want.

Trustee Miller wondered if there was a way to hold public hearings before an ordinance is drafted, so it doesn't appear that a particular position is being pushed. Counsel Adams stated this could be done, although others noted it was helpful to at least have alternative suggestions to facilitate the discussion. Trustee Laier described the public hearing process and how the responsible committee then takes the comments made at the public hearing into account in preparing a final proposal. That proposal then goes to the full board of trustees for consideration. Hopefully most or all of the trustees would have been able to attend the public hearing and are aware of the residents' inputs and take them into consideration in voting on the recommendations.

It also was noted the law requires specific notice of the public hearings, and that additional ones can be held if desired or needed to allow for thorough resident input. Trustee White asked for clarification as to whether the motion was to proceed with the public hearings, and Trustee Laier responded affirmatively.

Resident Cummins stated his opinion the Municipal Code makes clear amendments to zoning codes go to the Zoning Board of Appeals. The issue is if the Building, Planning and Zoning Committee is responsible for the public hearings, the inputs may not be objectively considered. Counsel Adams corrected his understanding, stating state law and the Zoning Ordinance provide proposed amendments go to the body designated by the Village board.

Resident Nefrette Halim expressed concern that the talk about community meetings continues, and yet people are waiting for decisions to be made. Without public discussion and determination of a consensus basis for proceeding, the unrest will only get worse. Residents are taking it upon themselves to hold public meetings because of the inaction.

*Trustee Miller suggested the public hearings for the Zoning Ordinance Amendments be held under committee of the whole leadership while the issues are resolved, and asked if the mover and seconder would accept an amendment to the motion to that effect. Trustees Laier and Bossu accepted the amendment, with Trustee Bossu adding that it makes sense since all trustees should be at public hearings anyway.*

A roll call vote was then taken on the motion as amended.

For:	Laier, Bossu, Miller, Smietana, Vitt, White
Opposed:	None
Abstain:	None

Clerk Hastings announced that the ***vote to proceed with the public hearings for the Zoning Ordinance Amendments that had been proposed under committee of the whole leadership and decide separately what changes should be made, if any, was six for and none opposed.*** President Chisum declared the motion passed.

President Chisum said he would see that a public hearing date was set promptly.

**Trustee Smietana moved that a committee of the whole meeting be called to discuss the committee of the whole format and its appropriate use, seconded by Trustee Miller. A voice vote was taken and the motion passed without dissent.**

### **Committee Reports**

#### **Building, Planning and Zoning – Jackie Bossu, Chair**

Trustee Bossu asked who would respond to the letters which have been received regarding the delay in the Building, Planning and Zoning Committee's proposed public hearings. President Chisum said the Village office would do so.

She then commented the BPZ committee has not met since the last board meeting, and during August permits were issued in a total amount of \$1,607,478.75.

#### **Community Affairs – John Vitt, Chair (also Ad Hoc)**

Community Affairs will meet on September 27 and pick up discussion of historic considerations, stated Trustee Vitt. A scheduled Ad Hoc meeting had to be deferred due to a lack of a quorum, and needs to be re-scheduled.

Trustee Laier read one sentence from a detailed letter written by Lee Brown of Teska Associates. The letter was written in response to a letter received by the Board questioning the results of the Village Survey. Trustee Vitt said he found it not surprising Teska would support the process and results since they conducted the survey.

Resident Terrill stated he had not found the survey biased.

Trustee Miller said a discussion of the survey and its results was not on the agenda for tonight's meeting. Trustee Laier asked that it be on the agenda for the next meeting.

#### **Finance – Craig A. Miller, Chair**

The Finance Committee continues its work on financial planning, reported Trustee Miller. He summarized the Financial Policy Statement, updated to reflect current practice and solicited comments from the full Board. He would like to hold a committee of the whole meeting in November to cover the financial schedule and long range plan. The October committee meeting will cover the year-to-date financial status and audit review and wrap-up.

Trustee Bossu supported the use of a committee of the whole meeting on the long range plan. She said she thought board members would receive an interim budget, and wondered what the items are on the capital budget wish list. Trustee Miller said the Finance Committee would cover operational questions in October, with perhaps another session in December or January. The 10 year plan has been discussed at the committee level, and he will distribute a draft copy with the additions in advance of the committee of the whole meeting in November.

Resident Holland recalled a Strategic Financial Plan Committee was formed over a year ago to assist in long term planning and did a lot of work. He asked if there is a date for completion of the long range plan. Trustee Miller responded he intends to have 1 year, 3 year and long term plans completed before his term as trustee ends next April. He said there remains a need for a careful look at repairs and updates for the Village Hall, streets, curbs, and some other capital items.

#### **Police and Fire - Katie Dold White, Chair (Newsletter)**

A summary of August police activity was presented by Trustee White. There were 649 calls for service, with 2 Part I crimes – a burglary from a motor vehicle and a theft of under \$300. Sixteen Part II crimes were reported, including 1 criminal damage, 3 criminal trespass, 5 deceptive

practices, 3 disorderly conduct, 1 narcotics offense and 3 for illegal possession/use of alcohol incidents. The police also responded to 12 fire and ambulance calls, 22 burglar alarms, 9 construction complaints, 37 animal complaints and aided outside agencies on 13 occasions. Seven suspicious persons investigations were conducted, 7 traffic-related arrests were made and responses were made to 2 non-injury traffic crashes.

September 18 is the 40<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the unsolved murder of Senator Percy's daughter Valerie. Local television stations have indicated they will broadcast a story on the crime, which is still an open investigation. Sergeant Dave Miller is the Police Department Investigations Supervisor and very knowledgeable about the case. The police department is preparing for any activity the coverage might generate.

The Emergency Telephone System Board (ETSB) will meet September 14, 2006 to discuss the upgrade of the E911 system and the RFP prepared for this project.

The State of Illinois has purchased an emergency alert system called EMnet, a satellite based messaging system to serve as a single source of emergency information for schools, hospitals, the media and governmental agencies. There is no cost to the Village to participate, so it is being evaluated.

**Streets, Drainage and Public Works** – Cristy Laier, Chair

Trustee Laier thanked Public Works Superintendent Fiorentino for his good work in handling the unusually large number of dead and diseased trees this summer. She suggested that tree donations be encouraged and the donors recognized in the Newsletter and/or on the website. Trustee Vitt recalled that Sears School sold bricks as part of their fund-raising and wondered if the same could be done for trees. Trustee Laier and President Chisum each concurred it was a good idea worth considering.

Manager Burke said a funding application had been submitted to the Northwest Municipal Conference for improvement work on the Skokie Ditch. The review of the application is pending.

**Water and Electricity** – Robert Smietana, Chair (Plan Commission)

Daily average pumpage of 646,000 gallons in July and 710,000 in August were reported by Trustee Smietana. Each month was significantly below the 2005 levels of 898,000 and 804,000, respectively. Finished water pumpage at 20,026,000 and 22,069,000 for July and August, respectively, was below the 10 year average in July but above it in August.

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**Village Treasurer** – Richard Cooper

Treasurer Cooper indicated there was no additional financial information to add.

**Village Legal Counsel** – Barbara A. Adams

Counsel Adams reported the bond issue was successfully closed during the past month. She also worked on the ordinance covering the request by The Last Detail.

Her firm supported the September 11, 2001 firefighters' memorial wall in New York City.

**Village President** – T. Tolbert Chisum

A letter from Nan Kaehler, a member of the What Women Want Committee, was forwarded from former President Hamilton Kerr. She has requested permission to hold a raffle at their November 9, 2006 fundraiser at the Kenilworth Club. The proceeds would benefit the Juvenile Protective Association, which is dedicated to protecting children from abuse and neglect and repairing families. ***Trustee Vitt moved to approve the request for permission for the What Women***

**Want Committee to hold a raffle at their November 9, 2006 fundraiser to benefit the Juvenile Protective Association, Trustee White seconded, and the motion was approved by voice vote without dissent.**

President Chisum reported new Water and Electricity Superintendent Kevin Zeoli had received a thank you note from co-chairs Jill Delany and Pam Katcha thanking him his staff's professional and highly appreciated support of the 8<sup>th</sup> grade beach party.

**Village Manager** – Brad Burke

Manager Burke said the beach clean up would take place this coming Saturday morning beginning at 8 am. The Village will provide rakes and have vehicles to haul away the rocks. The scouts have agreed to assist. He particularly thanked resident Tim Miller for assistance in organizing the project.

Trustee White asked if there should be a similar clean-up next spring. Manager Burke said that already was being planned.

Trustee Laier wondered if sufficient word had been spread regarding the online Comprehensive Plan Resident Questionnaire. Trustee Laier suggested a voice-mail blast for all residents, and Trustee Bossu suggested a postcard. Manager Burke agreed to proceed with public information efforts regarding the online Resident Questionnaire.

Manager Burke reported the House Democracy Assistance Commission Parliamentary Exchange Program evening with the delegation from the Republic of Afghanistan did occur and seemed to be successful. He, President Chisum and Park District President Feeney welcomed the visitors. Due to the interest of the visitors the bulk of the discussion centered on how the Village provided utilities, where they came from and what they cost. The visitors also expressed considerable interest in the quilt depicting historic homes which they observed hanging on the Village Hall board room wall.

It was noted President Chisum has been asked to serve on the Best Practices Committee of the Northwest Municipal conference.

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There being no further business, Trustee Miller moved to adjourn the meeting, Trustee Smietana seconded, and the meeting was concluded by voice vote at 10:24 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Robert A. Hastings  
Clerk

Bradly J. Burke  
Deputy Clerk

**BOARD COMMITTEE COMPOSITION**

FINANCE: Craig A. Miller, Chair; Trustees Laier & White

COMMUNITY AFFAIRS: John Vitt, Chair; Trustees Laier & Miller

STREETS, DRAINAGE & PUBLIC WORKS: Cristy Laier, Chair; Trustees Vitt & White

WATER & ELECTRICITY: Robert Smietana, Chair; Trustees Bossu & Vitt

**BUILDING, PLANNING & ZONING:** Jacquelynn Bossu, Chair; Trustees Smietana & Miller

**POLICE & FIRE:** Katie Dold White, Chair; Trustees Bossu & Smietana