

PUBLIC HEARING

**Regarding the Levy and Collection of Taxes for the Village of Shorewood,
Will County, Illinois for the Fiscal Year Beginning April 1, 2008 and
Ending March 31, 2009**

Mayor Chapman opened the Public Hearing for discussion of the proposed ordinance for the Levy and Collection of taxes for the Village of Shorewood. Trustee Gron (Chairman of the Finance Committee) and Finance Director Sue Berg answered the questions from the Board (this is a second read for the Board). The 2008 tax rate increase for the General Fund was discussed. This was due to the increase in the Consumer Price Index (per the Will County Clerk's office). The Board discussed passing the Tax Levy as it stands at the higher rate, but also approve a resolution that will allow the Board to analyze the revenue/expenditure streams before April 2009 and decide if it's fiscally sound to abate the taxes (the increase over 2007). The tax rate for the General Fund is .2033 which is an increase over last year's rate which was .1974. The Board needs to file the levy with the Will County Clerk's office by December 29th. However, the Board's intent is in April they will review the tax levy and abate taxes with the effect that the limiting rate for 2008 will not exceed the limiting rate of 2007, if after the review it is a fiscally sound action. (A Resolution must be passed stating this intent). Jim Lynch of Shorewood Glen presented a list of questions for clarification. Mayor Chapman and Finance Director Sue Berg answered the questions noting what a small portion of the tax bill actually is Shorewood's portion. When there were no more questions from the Board or the Public, Trustee Schwartz made a motion to close the Public Hearing. Seconded by Trustee Gron. Roll Call: Yeas: Anderson, Fitzgerald, Gron, McDonald, Schwartz, Stahr. Nays: None. Motion carried.

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

ROLL CALL

After the invocation was given by Deacon Carl Huebner of Holy Family Parish and the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag, the following answered to Roll Call: Trustees: Dan Anderson, Gary Fitzgerald, Dan Gron, James McDonald, Celine "Cene" Schwartz, Lea Stahr and Mayor Richard Chapman. Also present: Administrator Kurt Carroll, Attorney Eric Hanson. The number present represents a quorum.

CONSENT AGENDA

- Approval of minutes of the regular meeting of November 25, 2008.
- Approval of accounts payable invoices in the amount of \$339,810.37.

- Approval of payment #3 in the amount of \$15,750.00 to Northern Escrow. Inc. for work completed by D.E. Thompson Company for the DuPage River Water Main replacement project.
- Approval of payment in the amount of \$20,338.58 to Anchor Masonry, Inc. for work completed on Well House # 9.
- Approval of payment in the amount of \$354,196.44 to LA Sites Corp. for work completed on the Mound Road Sanitary Sewer and Water Main.
- Approval of Air Conditioning & Heating Maintenance Agreement with Johansen & Anderson, Inc. for Police Station building.
- Approval of payment in the amount of \$123,178.45 to D.E. Thompson Excavating Company for work completed on Rt. 59 North Water System Improvements.
- Approval of a Resolution (08R-710) Releasing Maintenance Bond for Walnut Manor (Trails) Units 1, 2 & 3 of the single family development.
- Approval of payment in the amount of \$25,000.00 to Crowe Horvath for Utility Rate Study.
- Approval of payment in the amount of \$21,088.65 to Siemens for Upgrade/Integration of Police Department Phone System.
- Approval of a Bid Award to Arbor Tek for Tree Trimming Services.

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

REPORTS AND COMMUNICATIONS

Mayor Chapman took the opportunity for the Board to wish everyone a Merry Christmas since this is the last official Board meeting of this year. He also hopes next year will be an even better Christmas and year than this one has been. He also reminded people to “Shop in Shorewood,” which benefits our businesses, our residents and the Village. Trustee Fitzgerald mentioned the Police Department was shopping in Shorewood and congratulated the Shorewood Police Department for their very successful “Shop with a Cop,” program. The children and policemen loved it.

The Board agreed to move Agenda Item # 4 (Ordinance re: Trees & Shrubs) to Item # 2A.

ORDER OF BUSINESS

LEVY AND COLLECTION OF TAXES

ORDINANCE # 08-1521)

Trustee Gron summarized the proposed 2008 Tax Levy. This is a second read. The issue was presented earlier in a public hearing (immediately before this regular meeting). The tax levy must be passed. As was discussed in the Public Hearing the tax rate for the General Fund is .2033 which is an increase over last year’s rate which was .1974. The Board needs to file the levy with the Will County Clerk’s office by December 29th. It was repeated that the Board’s

intent is in April they will review the tax levy and abate taxes with the effect that the limiting rate for 2008 will not exceed the limiting rate of 2007. (A Resolution must be passed stating this intent). Mayor Chapman reiterated the statement from our Finance Director that “Only 4 cents of every dollar you pay on your property tax bill comes to the Village.” After discussion, Trustee Gron made a motion in accordance with the recommendation of the Finance Committee to pass an Ordinance (#08-1521) for the Levy and Collection of Taxes for the Village of Shorewood, Will County, Illinois for the Fiscal Year beginning April 1, 2008 and ending March 31, 2009. Seconded by Trustee Anderson. Roll Call: Yeas: Gron, McDonald, Schwartz, Stahr, Anderson, Fitzgerald. Nays: None. Motion Carried.

SHOREWOOD 2008 TAX RATE
ESTABLISHING INTENT TO REVIEW
RESOLUTION # 08R-711

This proposed Resolution will let the County know the Village intends to have another look at the levy before the final rate is set. Trustee Gron made a motion to approve a Resolution (#08R-711) establishing the Intent to review the Village of Shorewood 2008 Tax Rate on Real Estate. (This will be done the first week of April). Seconded by Trustee Anderson. Roll Call: Yeas: McDonald, Schwartz, Stahr, Anderson, Fitzgerald, Gron. Nays: None. Motion Carried.

AMENDING CODE OF ORDINANCES
RE: TREES AND SHRUBS
ORDINANCE # 08-1520

The Celebration of Arbor Day (April 25, 2008) this past year was a joint effort of the Public Works Department and the Economic Development Department. An application will be made to the National Arbor Day Foundation (due December 31, 2008) for National Tree City Status. To obtain this status several criteria must be met. A Tree Care Ordinance covering guidance for planting maintaining and removing trees is one of the criteria. Shorewood has such an ordinance, but amendments are being requested, plus the approved species of trees allowed to be used within Village parkways also needs to be addressed. One other criteria is having a certified arborist. Superintendent Roger Barrowman has arranged for Ron VanDyke, Certified Arborist, of Arbor Tek to serve as our Arborist at no charge to the Village. The Board discussed other provisions with respect to who is responsible for removing and replacing dead trees, and directed Staff to re-look at some of the amendments with the goal of developing a policy to address the issues. Trustee Schwartz made a motion to pass an ordinance (#08-1520) of the Village of Shorewood amending the Shorewood Code of Ordinances Title 4 Chapter 7 Regarding Trees and Shrubs. Seconded by Trustee Anderson. Roll Call: Yeas: Schwartz, Stahr, Anderson, Fitzgerald, Gron, McDonald. Nays: None. Motion carried.

AMENDING CODE OF ORDINANCES
RE: LAND SUBDIVISIONS
ORDINANCE # 08-1519

Trustee Fitzgerald presented an ordinance that Staff had proposed presenting amendments to the Land Subdivision Ordinance Exhibits to revise the detail sheets PVT-13 Handicap Sidewalk

Ramp and create detail sheet MSC-5 Parking Stall Striping. The handicap sidewalk ramp detail sheet is being revised to reflect current accessibility and IDOT requirements as well as address inconsistency issues seen in the field. The parking stall striping detail sheet is new and has been created in order to provide direction to commercial projects as to the requirement of double striped nine by eighteen foot (9' X 18') parking stalls. This ordinance was considered by the Planning & Zoning Commission and their recommendation was unanimous to approve the ordinance amending the standard construction details as proposed. This is also a second read for the Board. There was discussion of the pros and cons of the size of spaces. Trustee McDonald read a letter he had received from a resident expressing concern about small parking spaces. He expressed his numerous concerns about the size of parking spaces. Trustee Fitzgerald made a motion to pass an Ordinance (08-1519) amending the Standard Construction Details of the Village of Shorewood Code of Ordinances Title 11 Regarding Land Subdivisions. Seconded by Trustee Stahr. Roll Call: Yeas: Stahr, Anderson, Fitzgerald, Gron, Schwartz. Nays: McDonald. Motion carried.

TOWNE CENTER PARK

Trustee Schwartz noted that when the park designers submitted the grant proposal to the State for the new Towne Center Park site the estimated cost for the design was slightly under \$1.1 million. When the bids came in they were anywhere from a quarter of a million to \$600,000 over what the engineer and the park designers estimated the cost would be. Trustee Schwartz feels that all bids should be rejected and have the Parks & Recreation Committee work with Staff and Hitchcock representatives and Burke Engineering to rework the project and still meet the criteria so the grant is not lost and meet the budget. Mr. Carroll noted the park was originally designed to be in two phases because of the cost. Some of the second phase items had been moved into the design submitted for the bidding which increased the cost. Also, some of the items will have to be better defined and any parts that would have the costs shared by developers, or a part of the Veteran's Memorial, etc. should be designated. After discussion, Trustee Schwartz made a motion to reject the bids for the Towne Center Park and rework the specifications with Hitchcock Design and Burke Engineering (and, hopefully, go out to bid in early February). Seconded by Trustee Fitzgerald. Roll Call: Yeas: Anderson, Fitzgerald, Gron, McDonald, Schwartz, Stahr. Nays: None. Motion Carried. (The grant will not be affected).

CUSTOMER WORK AGREEMENT COM ED/BLACK ROAD

This issue was before the Board a month or two back. Mr. Carroll explained that Com Ed has to upgrade their system to bring more power to the area. Under ICC rules the most cost effective way would be a second transmission line down Black Road. The Village would like to have the lines buried. Com Ed has agreed to bury one and a quarter miles of new line, from Route 59 west along Black Road to a quarter mile west of River Road. They requested the Village to pay the cost differential of burying the line versus placing a new line on poles. Com Ed gave the Village an excellent price (\$204,575.55). The cost of burying the line could be taken from Capital Improvement fees. The Board needs to approve the Customer Work Agreement and release the payment for the work. After discussion, Trustee Fitzgerald made a motion to approve a Customer Work Agreement with ComEd for work along Black Road and Release of Payment

for work. Seconded by Trustee Anderson. Roll Call: Yeas: Fitzgerald, McDonald, Schwartz, Stahr, Anderson. Nays: None. Abstention: Gron. Motion carried.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Trustee Anderson reported the closing of another successful Leaf Vac program for Public Works. They managed to keep ahead of the leaves with multiple pick ups across the Village. They will be back for Spring cleanup.

Trustee Gron reported the Finance Committee discussed the upcoming budget and submitted some very conservative direction to the Staff in developing the budget.

Trustee Stahr reported there will be no Citizens Advisory Committee meeting for December.

Trustee Schwartz reported that “Sunday with Santa” was quite successful with over 100 children participating. Twenty six kids went shopping with a Cop, and lunch was also provided for them. Trustee Schwartz considered the program very successful for the first Shop with a Cop. The Parks & Recreation Committee will not meet in December, but will probably have one or two special meetings in January to work on the Towne Center park plans. She wished a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year to all.

From the Board: Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.

ADJOURNMENT

Trustee Schwartz made a motion to adjourn. Seconded by Trustee Gron. Roll Call: Yeas: Anderson, Fitzgerald, Gron, McDonald, Schwartz, Stahr. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Julia A. Russell
Village Clerk