

**Village of Indian Head Park
201 Acacia Drive
Indian Head Park, IL 60525**

**MEETING MINUTES
BOARD OF TRUSTEES**

“Pursuant to 5 ILCS 120/2.06 (3) minutes of public meetings shall include, but need not be limited to a general description of all matters proposed, discussed, or decided and a record of votes taken.”

Thursday, March 13, 2014

7:30 p.m.

CALL TO ORDER – MAYOR RICHARD S. ANDREWS

The regular meeting of the Village of Indian Head Park Board of Trustees was held on Thursday, March 13, 2014 at the Municipal Facility, 201 Acacia Drive, and was convened at 7:30 p.m. by Mayor Richard S. Andrews. Village Clerk Joseph Consolo called the roll as follows:

ROLL CALL: JOSEPH CONSOLO, VILLAGE CLERK

PRESENT (AND CONSTITUTING A QUORUM):

Mayor Richard Andrews
Trustee Brian T. Bailey
Trustee Tom Hinshaw
Trustee Brenda O’Laughlin
Trustee Norman L. Schnauffer
Trustee Matt Walsh

ALSO PRESENT:

John Brooks, Chief of Police/Administration
Steve Busa, Treasurer
Joseph V. Consolo, Village Clerk
Richard Ramello, Counsel, Storino, Ramello & Durkin
Edward Santen, Water/Public Works Superintendent
Dave Vandervelde, Christopher Burke Engineering

NOT PRESENT

Trustee Amy Jo Wittenberg

For the record, Mayor Andrews noted Board meetings are being videotaped by the Village as well as video or audio recordings by others.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG

Mayor Andrews and the Board of Trustees led the audience in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag: *"I Pledge Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America and to the republic for which it stands, one nation under God indivisible with liberty and justice for all"*.

MAYOR'S REPORT – RICHARD ANDREWS

Mayor Andrews introduced John Brooks who is the new Village Administrator and Chief of Police. He noted the appointment to those offices was made last week at a special Village Board meeting and John brings a wealth of law enforcement experience to the table. Mayor Andrews stated John started out in law enforcement as a police officer for the City of Berwyn and he was there from 1981 to 1987 (a patrol officer the first couple of years then detective and youth officer from 1983 to 1987), after that John worked for the Federal government from 1981 until this past January. His last assignment was a special agent in charge of the Office of the Inspector General for the United States Department of Veteran Affairs Criminal Investigations Division. Mayor Andrews further stated John was the man in charge of the central field office that included satellite offices in Chicago, Cleveland, Denver and Kansas City, he supervised twenty five to thirty employees at each of those offices and provided law enforcement services to approximately 56 VA Hospitals and numerous other medical centers as well as interacting in the law enforcement area with Federal, County, State and local city officials. Mayor Andrews noted he has heavy credentials and a lot of management skills he brings to the table and a little bit different avenue but somewhat similar to what we had with our retired Chief Frank Alonzo. Mayor Andrews stated he spoke with Frank Alonzo who is enjoying his retirement.

Mayor Andrews mentioned the deadline to sign up for the new healthcare law is March 31, 2014 if anyone is interested. He also mentioned the annual Easter Egg Hunt will be held in Blackhawk Park on Saturday, April 19th at 11:00 a.m. and hopes everyone turns out.

Mayor Andrews stated the Cook County Forest Preserve District provided a spring schedule of programs if anyone is interested and also the Lyons Township Supervisor's Office asked that information be distributed regarding the Lyons Township Illinois Discount Prescription Card to save up to 75% on prescriptions that individuals and families can use.

Mayor Andrews stated Stagg High School will be having an arts and crafts festival on March 22nd from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. and March 23rd from 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

CONSENT AGENDA

Mayor Andrews stated since John Brooks was appointed as Administrator he will serve as primary delegate to the Intergovernmental Risk Management Agency to replace Frank Alonzo and Dave Brink will be the alternate.

Approval of a Resolution Appointing a Delegate and Alternate to the Intergovernmental Risk Management Agency (I.R.M.A.) **Resolution #R3-14-1.**

Approval of 2014 Arbor Day Proclamation

Trustee Bailey moved, seconded by Trustee Walsh, to approve the Consent Agenda, as presented. Carried by unanimous voice vote (5/0/1).

PLANNING AND ZONING COMMISSION AGENDA ITEMS – REPORT AND RECOMMENDATION FROM CHAIRMAN DENNIS SCHERMERHORN (DISCUSSION AND A POSSIBLE VOTE MAY TAKE PLACE)

1. Report from the Commission Regarding Zoning Petition #179 for an Amendment to Chestnut on the Green Planned Unit Development, Phase 2

Chairman Dennis Schermerhorn stated at the Tuesday, March 8, 2014 Planning and Zoning Commission meeting Zoning Petition #179 was presented to the Commission requesting an amendment and variations to the Chestnut on the Green Planned Unit Development. The petition was presented by Michael J. Castellino, an attorney representing Chestnut on the Green, Phase 2 Townhome Association. He noted the changes requested would apply to four of the ten buildings in the Phase 2 complex, the petition was framed in two parts; (1) to allow an extension of four feet to the walk-out patio contemplated in the original P.U.D. since window wells and ac units occupy much of the first four feet of the rear of the building. This request would allow a greater utilization of the rear yard space by allowing the usable ten feet of patio space as originally contemplated in the P.U.D.; (2) to allow for a rear yard encroachment for those four buildings to the extent that within the ten foot patio space it would be allowed to construct seating walls and pillars not to exceed thirty inches in height incorporated in the seating wall design to allow lighting to be installed in the pillars to enhance the patios. Chairman Schermerhorn stated one resident expressed concerns about ground water and seemed satisfied with the response given by the petitioner and she withdrew the complaint. After hearing from the petitioner and a member of the townhome association in support of the petition, the Commission determined that the proposed plan, amendment and variations would not impair the neighbors of the surrounding community, there were no objections stated and the proposed variations would not present any hazards or impairments.

Chairman Schermerhorn stated the Commission voted to recommend to the Village Board to accept the findings and approve the request with the conditions that the patios will always remain open to the sky and not enclosed and an incursion into an existing right-of-way or easement area shall entirely be at the risk of the homeowner. The vote to approve the petition with the conditions presented was four in favor, none opposed and three were absent.

Mayor Andrews entertained a motion to accept the report from the Planning and Zoning Commission as presented by Chairman Schermerhorn with respect to Petition #179.

Trustee Hinshaw moved, seconded by Trustee O’Laughlin, to accept the report from the Planning and Zoning Commission regarding Petition #179. Carried by unanimous roll call vote (5/0/1).

Ayes: Trustees Bailey, Hinshaw, O’Laughlin, Schnauffer, Walsh

Nays: None

Absent: Trustee Wittenberg

2. Ordinance to Approve Amendment to the Chestnut on the Green Planned Unit Development, Phase 2 (Ordinance #2014-5)

Mayor Andrews entertained a motion to approve the ordinance to amend the Chestnut on the Green Planned Unit Development, Phase 2. Trustee Hinshaw moved, seconded by Trustee O’Laughlin, to approve Ordinance #2014-5 amending the Chestnut on the Green Planned Unit Development, Phase 2. Carried by unanimous roll call vote (5/0/1).

Ayes: Trustees Bailey, Hinshaw, O’Laughlin, Schnauffer, Walsh

Nays: None

Absent: Trustee Wittenberg

APPROVAL OF FINANCIAL REPORT

Financial Report for the Month ending January 31, 2014

Treasurer Steve Busa presented the financial report for the month ending January 31, 2014. For the month of January, he noted: total revenues were \$414,372.59; expenditures were \$441,980.14 and fund balances in all accounts at the end of January were \$1,123,589.69.

Trustee Hinshaw stated at the last meeting and other meetings we had talked about getting detail for the legal services and engineer expenses and he did not receive it in his packet. Mayor Andrews stated legal service details were provided in the Board mailboxes and he received a detailed report provided this evening by Dave Vandervelde from Christopher Burke Engineering. Trustee Hinshaw asked if that information could be added with the Board packets electronically as everything else is sent. Mayor Andrews stated a memo to that effect was in the packet previously distributed so it can be discussed further at another time.

Trustee Hinshaw stated on page 12 of the packet received, check register 761 on Friday, January 17th, page 2, there is a check number 21018 for \$3,035.31, in the right column it says three of three. He asked what the expenditure was for. Mayor Andrews stated the payment was to Richard S. Andrews and it is the healthcare reimbursement in connection with his responsibilities as the liquor commissioner of the Village of Indian Head Park. Mayor Andrews asked Trustee Hinshaw if he received the financial report on February 21st why he waited until tonight to ask the question what that was for or if it was an attempt to put him on the spot in front of the good people because there were several weeks to bring it up to ask that question. Trustee Hinshaw stated he did not know he was supposed to ask questions prior to the meeting. Mayor Andrews stated questions can be asked and when we do not know the answer, we can look it up. Trustee Hinshaw stated we did know the answer to that question.

Trustee Schnaufer moved, seconded by Trustee Walsh, to approve the financial report for the month ending January 31, 2014, as presented by Treasurer Busa. Carried by unanimous roll call vote (5/0/1).

Ayes: Trustees: Bailey, Hinshaw, O’Laughlin, Schnaufer, Walsh

Nays: None

Absent: Trustee Wittenberg

APPROVAL OF BOARD MEETING MINUTES

Minutes of the Regular Board Meeting – February 13, 2014

Minutes of the Special Meeting – February 20, 2014

Trustee Hinshaw requested the following changes to the February 13, 2014 Board meeting minutes. Page 4, paragraph 3, under the financial report at the end of the first sentence add the words “*Frank said we can count on that for each month*”. Page 5, at the end of paragraph 2, add the words “*Frank stated it should come with the bills*”. Page 8, at the end of the last paragraph, add the words “*Donna Smith stated she was shocked to learn that the current Board received a salary for a stipend*”. Page 9, the first paragraph, add “*an email was received from a resident Tami Zepnick-Holzhueter*”. Page 10, second paragraph, line 6, after the word little add “*Frank said in any case the issue of enforcing compliance moves to the new person who replaces me*”. Page 10, second paragraph at the end of the sentence add the words “*Frank stated that he does think sending letters should be in the mix*”. Page 16, at the end of the second paragraph, add the words “*he stated it would be nice if Mayor Andrews and rest of the Trustees would forego their pay as well.*”

Mayor Andrews asked the Board for individual votes on the proposed amendments to the minutes by Trustee Hinshaw. Trustee Walsh asked if the Board could consider all of the amendments collectively. Trustee Hinshaw moved, seconded by Trustee O’Laughlin, to approve the February 13, 2014 Board meeting minutes, including the amendments by Trustee Hinshaw and to approve if there are no objections to any of the changes, on page 8, 9 and 10 or 16. Carried by unanimous voice vote (5/0/1).

After review of the regular meeting minutes, Trustee Hinshaw moved, seconded by Trustee O’Laughlin, to approve the February 13, 2014 Board meeting minutes, as amended. Carried by unanimous voice vote (5/0/1).

After review of the special meeting minutes, Trustee Walsh moved, seconded by Trustee Schnaufer, to approve the February 20, 2014 special Board meeting minutes, as presented. Carried by unanimous voice vote (5/0/1).

QUESTIONS AND/OR COMMENTS FROM THE AUDIENCE – AGENDA ITEMS ONLY

None

AGENDA ITEMS (DISCUSSION AND A POSSIBLE VOTE MAY TAKE PLACE)

1. Motion to Reconsider Approval of January 9, 2014 Regular Board Meeting Minutes to Allow for an Amendment of Those Minutes – Trustee Hinshaw

Mayor Andrews stated Trustee Hinshaw requested discussion to allow an amendment to the previously approved Board meeting minutes from the January 9, 2014 meeting. Mayor Andrews stated before the Board can discuss any amendments to the January 9, 2014 minutes a motion is needed to reconsider the prior approval of those minutes.

Trustee Hinshaw moved, seconded by Trustee O’Laughlin, to reconsider the prior approval of the January 9, 2014 meeting minutes to allow for an amendment of those minutes. The motion did not pass (3/3/1).

Ayes: Trustees: Hinshaw, O’Laughlin, Walsh
Nays: Trustees: Bailey, Schnauffer, Mayor Andrews
Absent: Trustee Wittenberg

TOWN HALL MEETING DISCUSSION REGARDING ROAD BOND REFERENDUM

Mayor Andrews stated that the referendum is already on the ballot and the Board is constrained from advocating in the public meeting for or against the referendum. He noted only factual information will be provided as much as we can and provide input on the questions we have. Mayor Andrews pointed out detailed information can be obtained in the February and March issues of Smoke Signals which is also available on the Website and if anyone has not voted already people can still vote ahead of time before Tuesday’s election. Because it is a General Primary election some people may not want to vote to declare their party but someone does not have to do that in a municipal election. Someone can vote the referendum question and not vote for anything else.

Mayor Andrews stated it is a matter of public record that the street bond referendum question was placed on the ballot with the majority of the support of the Village Board. He noted while trying to shovel snow Wednesday on his driveway, he noticed more asphalt sections deteriorating and it has been a brutal winter for the roadways. He noted in the summer of 2010 the Board tried to do something with Village finances and a home rule referendum was proposed that would have given the Village authority to raise revenue in many ways including not just having the Board vote on property tax increases. That was before the electorate at the November 2010 meeting and it was unsuccessful. He noted in 2012 two general referendums that were proposed would have helped the Village across the board and it was articulated the money was needed to hire another full time police officer because there was a vacancy for a number of years, money was needed to fix streets and also to help with the debt increase payment that we were going to experience having paid off the street bond. In 2009, two debt certificates were refinanced and the first few years it was a lower amount. Last year it jumped up by \$100,000. Mayor Andrews stated the first referendum asked for a \$350,000 property tax increase to be spread amongst the homeowners in the Village and that was unsuccessful.

He noted in November, 2012 another referendum was proposed and the amount was reduced to \$200,000. \$100,000 would have helped pay the debt certificate payments and \$100,000 to put towards a street program. That referendum was unsuccessful.

Mayor Andrews stated we are now in March, 2014 with a street bond referendum proposed, and if passed will have the same effect, it will raise property taxes and the money will be used to fix the streets. He noted a Town Hall meeting was held in November when it was discussed the Board would move forward and people in the audience at that meeting were in favor of streets getting fixed. Mayor Andrews stated that the election next Tuesday will determine where it goes and he opened the discussion to the audience for input or comments on the street bond referendum.

Chris Metz, of Arrowhead Court, asked what kind of engineering study has been done so far, is it cursory, what is the cost for a detailed study and do we know what the real costs would be to fix the roads. Mayor Andrews stated we do know the costs, it is encompassed in the 2.5 million dollars that we are asking for but Village Engineer Dave Vandervelde can explain the nature of the engineering study that took place to arrive at the estimated cost that was previously put out. Dave Vandervelde, from Christopher Burke Engineering, stated so far a cursory study was conducted by driving every street in town and evaluated the streets based on engineering experience to determine what is necessary. He noted an actual inventory of the asphalt that needs to be replaced will be conducted and possibly some of the streets we thought needed crack filling or just patching may need more work since the winter. Dave Vandervelde stated all streets need to be inventoried, some pavement cores to be taken, curbs and gutters to be inventoried and determine if there are any problems above and beyond just the streets we can solve. He added engineering is expensive and until we know how the referendum turns out and what exactly needs to be done, those costs would be lost if the engineering study is done but the referendum fails. Chris Metz asked what would be done for engineering. Dave Vandervelde stated some core samples would be taken, a complete set of plans to verify all infrastructure in town would be done and infrastructure would be reviewed from twenty-five or thirty years ago to see if any problems have developed. Streets listed on the high priority list are pretty far gone and those streets may need to be rebuilt and the actual study will be the design process. Chris Metz asked why that would not be done ahead of time. Dave Vandervelde stated that to implement the improvements, a plans and study is needed. If money became available for instance in three years, the plans would still be re-evaluated again to determine wear and tear on the streets or damage that occurred to streets from when the engineering work was completed and when the funds were actually available to do the work. Chris Metz asked how much would it cost to complete final engineering plans. Dave Vandervelde stated that has not been determined yet but engineering costs for a project of 2.5 million dollars normally I.D.O.T. works on percentages so the total cost for engineering would be about 5% to 10% of the total project, some things are difficult to design, some things are not labor intensive and easy to do but once we start physically working on the streets, that is where the costs come in.

Patrick Ferguson, of Elmwood Court, presented to the Village Board pictures of the sewer at the end of his driveway showing the area around the sewer that is actually collapsing.

He noted there are some deep spots 8” deep in the pavement and there are areas of the road crumbling that are about twenty-four inches wide. Mr. Ferguson stated he is in favor of repairing and up keeping streets. Mayor Andrews stated he spoke with Mr. Ferguson about this issue before the meeting. Mayor Andrews asked Superintendent Santen to look into Mr. Ferguson’s concerns with the sewer. Mr. Ferguson stated because the sewer is actually at the end of his driveway, he is concerned with pulling in and out of the driveway with the collapsing sewer. Superintendent Santen stated he would look into it tomorrow morning.

Vern Kramer, of Glenbrook Lane, stated what happens if the referendum fails. Mayor Andrews stated if it does not pass we need an alternate plan and he asked the residents here tonight what they would do if the referendum fails. Mayor Andrews pointed out that Trustee Wittenberg, Trustee Bailey and Public Works Superintendent Santen along with Dave Vandervelde looked at this matter and came up with a report that was disused at the Town Hall meeting in November as well as information printed in the last two issues of Smoke Signals so it was a cooperative effort to provide the numbers of 2.5 million dollars. Mayor Andrews stated he is in favor of addressing this issue now and not letting it lapse irrespective of the outcome of the bond issue. He noted if the vote is favorable, we can get the money to get the best deal in the bond market to borrow the money whether it is 10, 15, or 20 years. However, if it is unsuccessful we will not have those funds. He asked Trustee Hinshaw what would he do as an alternate plan to fix the roads in the event the road bond referendum fails. Trustee Hinshaw stated we have talked about that several times and one thing he would do would be to look at cutting things like the liquor commissioner \$3,000 payment. Mayor Andrews stated elected official salaries have already been cut. Trustee Hinshaw stated there are other cuts in the budget we can do and there is not enough in the budget to do that so then we have to talk about other things to raise money.

Mayor Andrews stated we now have a finance committee with two residents of the Village as well as Trustee O’Laughlin, Trustee Schnaufer, Dave Brink and our new administrator to identify those cuts in places we can save money. Mayor Andrews stated he agrees with Trustee Hinshaw that whatever we cut that it will still not be enough money to go forward so there has to be a way to raise revenue. He asked Trustee Hinshaw if he had any ideas to raise revenue. Trustee Hinshaw stated he did not. Mayor Andrews stated if the referendum fails one area to raise revenue would be to raise vehicle sticker fees to generate additional money. As a hypothetical, for example, Trustee Hinshaw gave a report that we sold 3,017 vehicle stickers last year and this year 3,060 so if we raised the vehicle stickers from \$50.00 to \$100.00 that would generate another \$150,000. Mayor Andrews stated the Village can take a loan, the Board can vote on it and the loan can be paid off in ten years. He noted with the \$150,000 additional revenue from vehicle stickers we could afford in ten years to pay back 1.5 million dollars and with the interest that would only be enough money to cover the nine streets that are in the worst condition on the street plan. These streets include Arrowhead Trail, Deercrest Lane, Cascade Drive, Glenbrook Lane, Ashbrook Lane, Pembroke Drive, Edgebrook Lane, Keokuk Road, Buttonwood Court with estimated engineering costs, interest and additional \$150,000 revenue from vehicle stickers, we can do those streets. Mayor Andrews stated other areas and streets need to be done we need to carve that out of the general fund and these ideas are just suggestions to raise revenue. He noted vehicle stickers cannot be deducted on income taxes but property taxes can be deducted.

Jack Brandush, of Cascade Drive, stated he is in favor of the road bond referendum. He noted he has been looking more closely at his tax bill, the Village only gets about 8.28 percent of the total real estate tax bill but he has concerns with the amount being paid to pensions and noted 23.55% of the 8% he pays to the Village is related to pensions. He asked if that is true because it is a lot and can that amount for pensions be reduced so we get more revenue. Mayor Andrews asked Mr. Brandush if he could take a look at his tax bill to get an answer to that question.

George Matook, of Hiawatha Lane, asked why we have to do all the roads at once and why we cannot do one each year. Mayor Andrews stated that is certainly an option to consider but there are a number of streets that are in bad shape and to do the basic nine streets mentioned it will cost about 1.3 million to 1.5 million to fix. We cannot generate enough money to do all the streets and if we borrow the money we need \$150,000 to pay it off in ten years but in the meantime the other streets deteriorate. Mayor Andrews stated if we take 1/2 of those streets of the top nine and get those done, we borrow less money and we still need to generate some revenue and a combination of cuts and maybe not such a significant increase in vehicle stickers. George Matook stated maybe consider \$75.00 for a vehicle sticker. Mayor Andrews stated he has not analyzed the numbers to determine exactly how much revenue would be raised.

Vern Kramer stated we are only a few days away from the election and we have no assurances or action to encourage our citizens to vote for this referendum and our streets are in desperate need of repairs. Mayor Andrews stated one of the constraints as Village government is that the law prohibits the Village from spending resources to advocate for or against a referendum. That means we cannot print a Smoke Signals newsletter and mail to residents that says why we think you should vote for this, all we can do is provide factual information and it is up to residents to talk to their neighbors. Mayor Andrews stated he as well as some Board members have been attending meetings to communicate with associations and some association representatives indicated they would put out a newsletter to their residents about the referendum. Mayor Andrews stated some may not vote for it if they believe they will not benefit from it and others will vote for it because they want the streets maintained.

Lou Mini, of Pontiac Drive, stated however the roads get paid for can anyone estimate the value of the infrastructure of the streets to determine how it affects property values because that might resonate more with property owners. Mr. Mini stated he is concerned with property values and the significance of maintenance of the infrastructure and impact on property values if it is not maintained. Mayor Andrews stated that is a good point, he had not looked into such an analysis and maybe some of the local realtors that live in town could shed some light on that issue. He pointed out if someone has a million dollar house on a street with nice curb, gutter and streets and someone else has a similar house but deteriorating streets it would not be worth the same.

Patrick Ferguson asked if it is possible to apply for any type of state or federal funds for the project. Mayor Andrews stated in the past the Village has applied for funding when it is available.

In 2009, we paved Blackhawk Trail with the assistance of the West Central Municipal Conference we were able to get federal grant funding from the stimulus package with a \$400,000 project that only cost the Village about \$25,000 in Village funds. Our Village engineer is always looking for grant possibilities but lately with the economy money is not available. Mayor Andrews stated sometimes when grants are available we have to come up with a certain percentage to qualify and often there is no money in the budget for our part to get the grant and because we are not home rule we cannot raise the funds on short notice. Mayor Andrews stated a home rule community can go to the bank to borrow the \$200,000 they need to come up with their match for an \$800,000 grant and add a few cents tax on something to pay the loan over a period of time but the Village cannot do it. Mayor Andrews stated in 2010 he recommended we go to home rule and maybe we could have done it better but there are people who were against it then but may be for it now.

John Corcoran, of Apache Drive, pointed out the audience is predominately for the referendum, for the record he noted Mayor Andrews and Trustee Hinshaw agreed on something, the streets are in bad shape all around and there is agreement about that. John Corcoran stated vehicle sticker increases were discussed and that should be considered. He noted he is anti-home rule but could be convinced if the home rule is structured in such a way that preserves the critical protection for the taxpayers as it relates to property tax increases. He noted other Villages in the area have done so, that is the best of both worlds and will give us an opportunity to pursue other funding sources but will not expose us to abuses of home rule where citizens are left holding the bag. Mayor Andrews stated he appreciates the comments and is open to suggestions. He noted when home rule was first proposed he advocated for it because it was a good idea at the time for the Village to move forward after celebrating the 50th anniversary of the Village because we are not a young adult community anymore and have matured a bit. Although it was a first attempt, if home rule is handled in a proper way with authority of a Board and not onerous to the residents, it can be beneficial to the community. Mayor Andrews stated if a Board in a home rule community needed to borrow \$200,000 they can get it and take two or three years to pay it off. In the meantime, a few cents could be added to trash pick-up or a few cents per gallon of gas in town or other until the money could be raised to pay back the \$200,000.

Patrick Ferguson stated the Board needs to be realistic about home rule because the Village of Indian Head Park just does not have the business to raise a volume of enough revenue so it will eventually go back to the taxpayer. Mayor Andrews stated we would want to make sure it is handled in a proper way if home rule were considered.

James Davidson, of Thunderbird Drive, stated maybe we do not need to spend all that money the first year for road repairs. Mayor Andrews stated it was discussed that we would go out for the road bond for 2.5 million to pay for the all streets scenario and do something on all the streets in town for a couple of reasons. He noted the question to the voters is to authorize the Village to raise 2.5 million dollars for a bond issue, then the Board would go out to the bond market with the best repayment terms to minimize the impact and the amount of interest to be paid. Mayor Andrews stated by doing a bigger plan, the economy of scale is that a better price will be given for a larger project. Mr. Davidson stated because we have no money set aside for the roads, if we delay 10% of this work for the project for a year and set money aside we would have a quarter million dollars in reserves.

Mayor Andrews stated it is a good idea to look into. He noted once we borrow the 2.5 million dollars we have to start paying interest on it so it is costing us money just to hold it. Counsel Ramello stated the road bond funds would need to be spent on the streets but the Board can decide how to spend it.

Tim Kyzivat, of Stonehearth Lane, asked the Village engineer if he is aware of any of the surrounding towns that have received any grant funding for road projects. Dave Vandervelde stated his firm works in a number of communities and the primary source of road funds for the area is the West Central governmental agency, they have a budget and only certain streets qualify for funding. In Indian Head Park, Blackhawk Trail and Acacia Drive are on the federal aid system and they are the only streets eligible for funding through the Mayors and Managers Association and he is not aware of any other funds at this time that are available for many years. Tim Kyzivat asked if the money from funding would be enough to pay for all of the improvements. Dave Vandervelde stated most likely grant funds would only pay for a portion of a project, if money is available.

Sue Kiley, of Edgebrook Court, stated we have been through this over and over again, the time to talk is over and it is time for people to get out and vote on the road bond referendum.

Mayor Andrews stated at the special Board meeting last week in connection with the appointment of John Brooks as Chief of Police/Administrator, he made a reference to former President Jaeky appointing a friend of his retired Chief of Police of Brookfield to fill an opening. Since that time, Mr. Jaeky sent a note to the Village and clarified at the time Chief Hymel was appointed as Chief of Police in Indian Head Park Mr. Hymel was not a friend of Mr. Jaeky although they did become friends later. In any event, Chief Hymel turned out to be a very good choice and he was good for our Village and we were fortunate to have Chief Hymel as our Chief of Police and the same will be true with Mr. Brooks.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Trustee Walsh moved, seconded by Trustee Schnauffer, to adjourn to Executive Session pursuant to Section 2 (c) (21) of the Open Meetings Act to review closed session meeting minutes as required by Section 2.06 of the Open Meetings Act. Carried by unanimous roll call vote (5/0/1)

Ayes: Trustees: Bailey, Hinshaw, O'Laughlin, Schnauffer, Walsh

Nays: None

Absent: Trustee Wittenberg

RETURN TO THE OPEN MEETING

There being no further business to discuss in the Executive Session, Trustee Schnauffer moved, seconded by Trustee Hinshaw, to return to the regular Board meeting. Carried by unanimous voice vote (5/0/1). Trustee Schnauffer moved, seconded by Trustee Bailey, to retain all closed session meeting minutes. Carried by unanimous roll call vote (5/0/1)

Ayes: Trustees: Bailey, Hinshaw, O'Laughlin, Schnauffer, Walsh

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Nays: None
Absent: Trustee Wittenberg

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to discuss, Trustee Walsh moved, seconded by Trustee O’Laughlin, to adjourn the regular Board meeting at 9:15 p.m. Carried by unanimous voice vote (5/0/1).

Submitted by,
Joseph V. Consolo, Village Clerk

Minutes prepared by,
Kathy Leach, Deputy Clerk/Recording Secretary