

**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, December 4, 2008

7:30 P.M.

★ CALL TO ORDER - MAYOR RICHARD ANDREWS

The regular scheduled meeting of the Village of Indian Head Park Board of Trustees was held on Thursday, December 4, 2008, at the Municipal Facility, 201 Acacia Drive, and was called to order at 7:30 p.m. by Mayor Richard 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 Anne Bermier
Trustee Carol Coleman
Trustee Norman L. Schnauffer

ALSO PRESENT:

Frank Alonzo, Chief of Police/Administration
Dave Brink, Finance/Administration
Joseph V. Consolo, Village Clerk
Monica Kiehl, Counsel, Storino, Ramello & Durkin
Edward Santen, Water/Public Works Superintendent

NOT PRESENT:

Trustee Debbie Anselmo
Steve Busa, Treasurer
Trustee Matthew P. Walsh II

★ PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG

Mayor Richard 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**

Mayor Andrews extended congratulations to Congressman Lipinski, State Representative Jim Durkin, State Senator Christine Radogno and Pat Rogers on their recent election to various offices on November 4, 2008. He noted that Lyons Township Supervisor Pat Rogers, who also serves as the Village's Prosecuting Attorney, was elected to the position of Judge of the Circuit Court of Cook County and Russ Hartigan, who also serves as counsel to the Village's E-911 Board and Police and Fire Commission, was appointed to fill the position of Lyons Township Supervisor effective December 1st.

Mayor Andrews reported that the Village's law firm, Storino, Ramello & Durkin, will be making a donation on behalf of the Village of Indian Head Park to a charity. He noted that the donation will be made to the Make a Wish Foundation of America and he also thanked representatives from Storino, Ramello and Durkin for the donation on the Village's behalf. Mayor Andrews noted for the record that Superintendent Ed Santen and Public Works Department staff have done an excellent job in the snow removal efforts this year as well as the leaf program.

Mayor Andrews pointed out that effective January 1, 2009 the City of Countryside will be increasing the water rate to Indian Head Park by approximately fifteen cents per 1,000 gallons of water and the Village will adjust the water rate accordingly as the increases occur.

Mayor Andrews thanked all Village staff and Board members for their hard work throughout the year and he wished everyone a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.

Dave Brink, the Village's Finance Director, reported that a tax levy ordinance for fiscal year beginning May 1, 2008 and ending April 30, 2009 was presented to the Board for approval. He noted that the tax levy ordinance is required to be passed to allow the Village to levy taxes on property tax bills that residents pay. Dave Brink stated that the Village is not the only taxing district that appears on a property tax bill and the Village is required to pass the levy ordinance and file the document with the Cook County Clerk's Office no later than the last Tuesday in December. He pointed out that the property tax extension resolution presented to the Board this evening is merely an estimate of the levy amounts and the Property Tax Extension Limitation Law (PTELL) Resolution is prepared to direct the county how to allocate those levy amounts. The levy amount this year is approximately \$947,000. Dave Brink noted that if for some reason due to tax caps or the levy amount is estimated slightly higher than the total amounts the Village is able to receive, the PTELL Resolution allows the Village to direct Cook County on which funds of the levy should be reduced in the order and amounts specified in the resolution.

CONSENT AGENDA

Approval of the Tax Levy Ordinance for Fiscal Year Beginning May 1, 2008 and ending April 30, 2009 (*Ordinance #08-19*)

Approval of a Property Tax Extension Limitation Law Resolution (*Resolution #R12-08-1*)

Approval of Meeting Dates for 2009

Reappointment of Steven M. Busa as Treasurer for the term ending December 31, 2009

Trustee Coleman moved, seconded by Trustee Bermier, to approve the consent agenda as presented. (4/0/2). Carried by unanimous roll call vote.

Ayes: Trustees: Bailey, Bermier, Coleman, Schnauffer

Nays: None

Absent: Anselmo, Walsh

APPROVAL OF BOARD MEETING MINUTES

Minutes of the Regular Board Meeting - November 13, 2008

After review of Board meeting minutes, Trustee Schnauffer moved, seconded by Trustee Bailey, to approve the November 13, 2008 regular Board meeting minutes, as presented. Carried by unanimous voice vote (4/0/2).

QUESTIONS AND/OR COMMENTS FROM THE AUDIENCE - INDIAN HEAD PARK RESIDENTS

Trustee Bermier asked if Village representatives could contact Commonwealth Edison to inquire about the cause of power outages that occurred in the Village on two evenings this week. Superintendent Santen stated that he contacted Commonwealth Edison about the power outages. He noted that one of the outages was due to fuse changes by Commonwealth Edison crews behind Briarwood in Acacia and a power outage also occurred in the 125 Wilshire Green Building due to a transformer that needed to be replaced.

Superintendent Santen stated that there have been some intermittent power outages that have also affected the pumping station behind the Municipal Facility. He noted that Commonwealth Edison is trying to correct the problem and there are on-going maintenance repairs scheduled to be completed by Commonwealth Edison.

Trustee Bailey stated that he had a few residents ask about the crews working in the Village from the Cook County Sheriff's Department. Joe Consolo, Village Clerk, stated that he works for the Cook County Sheriff's Department. He noted that crews from the Sheriff's Work Alternative Program (S.W.A.P.) have routinely worked in the Village for many years, the crews are supervised at all times and the individuals volunteering their time through this program do not have criminal records. Chief Alonzo noted that some individuals may participate in community service programs through the Sheriff's Department in lieu of fines for traffic violations or other minor offenses. Superintendent Santen stated that the Village has participated in the Sheriff's Work Alternative Program for the past fifteen years and the extra manpower is appreciated to help keep the Village clean.

Superintendent Santen reported that many of the repairs and work have been completed at the Heritage Center including new roof shingles, rear structural reinforcement of the building foundation, new gutters, chimney repairs, new siding and a new rear entry door. Superintendent Santen stated that Eck and Sons was the contractor on the project and they did an excellent job. Mayor Andrews also thanked Jack Yelnick who installed the concrete walkway in the back of the building.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to discuss, Trustee Coleman moved, seconded by Trustee Schnauffer, to adjourn the regular Board meeting at 7:55 p.m. Carried by unanimous voice vote (4/0/2).

Respectfully Submitted,
Kathy Leach, Deputy Clerk/Recording Secretary