

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING
OF THE PRESIDENT AND BOARD OF TRUSTEES
OF THE VILLAGE OF VERNON HILLS, LAKE COUNTY, ILLINOIS
HELD AUGUST 15, 2006**

I. Village President Byrne called the meeting to order at 7:03 p.m.

Call to Order

II. Roll call indicated the following Trustees present: Koch (arrived at 7:05 p.m.), Marquardt, Schultz and Williams. Trustees Hebda and Schwartz were absent.

Roll Call

Also present were Village Manager Allison, Assistant Manager Kalmar, Finance Director Nakrin, Police Chief Fleischhauer, Village Engineer Brown, Attorney Citron and Deputy Clerk Pelletier.

III. The Pledge of Allegiance was given.

**Pledge of
Allegiance**

IV. Citizens Wishing to Address the Board

None

Citizens

V. Officials Reports

Official Reports

A. Village President

1. President Byrne recognized Mike Plucinski's 17 years of service on the Summer Celebration Events Committee.

**Mike Plucinski-17
years of services on
the Summer
Celebration
Committee**

2. President Byrne read the proclamation designating August 28-31, 2006 as "School's Open Safety Week".

3. President Byrne announced the Girl Scouts-Illinois Crossroads Council-Announcement of Sales of Fall products for 10/13/06-10/29/06 & 11/20-12/3/06 and Girl Scout Cookies for 1/5/07-1/28/07 & 2/24/07-3/25/07.

**Girl Scout-Illinois
Crossroads
Council Sales**

4. President Byrne and the Board of Trustees designated Tuesday, August 29, 2006 for the next Regular Meeting of the Board instead of Tuesday, September 5, 2006 at 7:00 p.m.

B. Village Manager

**Chicago Breast
Cancer Walk**

1. Manager Allison announced the Susan B. Komen-Chicago Breast Cancer Three-day Walk would begin in the parking lot of Sam's Club early Friday, September 8th and it would proceed south through the Lake County Forest Preserve with its final destination ending at Grant Park on Sunday, September 10th.

2. Manager Allison announced the Village had received a check in the amount of \$4,100 from the Vernon Hills Cougars Athletic Association Concession Stand for monies collected at the AYSO Tournament.

**AYSO
Tournament**

C. Assistant Village Manager

No report.

**3rd Annual
Blood Drive**

D. Finance Director/Treasurer

No report.

E. Chief of Police

1. Chief Fleischhauer announced the Village's 3rd Annual Life Source Blood Drive to be held Tuesday, August 22, 2006 in the Senior Center from 1 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.

F. Public Works Director

No report.

G. Building Commissioner

No report.

H. Village Engineer

No report.

Omnibus

VI. Omnibus Vote Agenda

President Byrne read the Omnibus Vote Agenda Items A-H. Motion by Trustee Williams, second by Trustee Schultz to approve the Omnibus Vote Agenda A-H. Roll call vote:

Ayes: 5-Koch, Marquardt, Schultz, Williams, Byrne

Nays: 0-None

Absent: 2-Schwartz, Hebda

Motion declared carried.

Minutes

A. Approval of 8/08/2006 Board Minutes. Approved by omnibus vote.

Voucher List

B. Approval of voucher list of bills dated 8/15/2006 in the amount of \$291,810.92. Approved by omnibus vote.

**Res. 2006-125
2006 Sidewalk
Improvements**

C. Approval and passage of Resolution 2006-125 authorizing the approval of a contract with Schroeder & Schroeder, Inc. for the 2006 Sidewalk Improvement Program in an amount not to exceed \$40,000. Approved by omnibus vote.

**Res. 2006-129
Village Clerk
Referendum**

D. Approval and passage of Resolution 2006-129 initiating a referendum to amend the Municipal Code of the Village of Vernon Hills to allow for the appointment of Village Clerk. Approved by omnibus vote.

**Res. 2006-130
Auto Sale
Permit**

E. Approval and passage of Resolution 2006-130 granting a Special Event Permit to Baxter Credit Union located at 400 N. Lakeview Parkway for an outdoor auto sale September 15-16, 2006. Approved by omnibus vote.

**Res. 2006-131
Pita Grill
Permit**

F. Approval and passage of Resolution 2006-131 granting an Outdoor Dining & Seating Establishment Permit to Pita Grill located in the Hawthorn Village Commons Shopping Center. Approved by omnibus vote.

**Res. 2006-132
Transfer of
Funds**

G. Approval and passage of Resolution 2006-132 authorizing a transfer of \$8,920 from Acct #0119004-520990 to Acct # 0119004-530020 for Printing of Visitors Maps. Approved by omnibus vote.

H. Approval and passage of Resolution 2006-135 authorizing approval of a Class “H” Liquor License and waiver of fees to the Vernon Hills Oktoberfest. Approved by omnibus vote.

**Res. 2006-135
Class “H”
License-
Oktoberfest**

VII. Unfinished/Additional Business

A. Approval and passage of Resolution 2006-133 authorizing the issuance of certain payments prior to the next Regular Village, which has yet to be determined. **(Pulled-not required with the 8/29/2006 scheduled as the next Regular Board meeting)**

**Res. 2006-133
Pulled-Not
required**

B. Approval and passage of Resolution 2006-134 authorizing the contracting with Energy Choices, P.C. to receive bids for the provision of the Village’s electrical supply. Finance Director Nakrin noted Excelon was spinning off ComEd to be solely an electricity distributor and Excelon would concentrate on energy production. With the recent ICC decisions, municipalities would face dramatic electric cost increases in 2007. A recommended way to mitigate some of this increase was through bidding out electric supply. The Village had a presentation from NIMEC (the Northern Illinois Municipal Cooperative), who would pool municipalities and receive a single bid. Staff recommended the approach endorsed by the Metropolitan Mayors Caucus to hire Energy Choices, P.C. as the exclusive advisor on the electric bidding process. Energy Choices would provide individual bids for individual municipalities based on their individual profiles. Since the Village’s electric costs come from street lights rather than from water and sewer, our usage during peak hours was below those of other municipalities. The Village also had a strong credit rating. Staff recommended Energy Choices because of the relative strength of our profile, and the concern about the adverse selection that NIMEC’s approach might generate. Energy Choice would not charge the municipality provided we go with their recommendation if it achieved more than a savings of 2% of the ComEd price. If Energy Choice found us a supplier who would save us 2% or more, we could still opt for ComEd. The Village would pay a fee of 1.5% of our actual electricity expenses for the prior year, or about \$2,200. Both vendors agreed time was of the essence. If the Village did not participate in the September auction for 2007 electricity, the suppliers’ leverage would increase. Trustee Schultz inquired if the well at Lake Charles would be a large expense and Manager Allison noted if there were a dry spell, the cost could be significant. Motion by Trustee Schultz, second by Trustee Marquardt approval of Resolution 2006-134 authorizing the contracting with Energy Choices, P.C. to receive bids for the provision of the Village’s electrical supply as presented. Roll call vote:

**Res. 2006-134
Energy Choices
Contract**

Ayes: 5-Marquardt, Schultz, Williams, Koch, Byrne

Nays: 0-None

Absent: 2-Schwartz, Hebda

Motion declared carried.

VIII. New Business/Communications

A. President Byrne stated he had received resident concerns regarding trees hanging over sidewalks that impeded bike riders and pedestrians and requested them to be trimmed.

**Trees
Manhole Covers**

B. President Byrne inquired the status on the manhole cover thefts and Chief Fleischhauer informed him it was still under investigation.

IX. Adjournment

Adjournment

Motion by Trustee Williams, second by Trustee Marquardt to adjourn the Board Meeting and go to Closed Session for discussion of land acquisition-[Sec.2(c)5]

as allowed under the Open Meetings Act following the Committee of the
Whole meeting. Roll call vote:
Ayes: 5-Schultz, Williams, Koch, Marquardt, Byrne
Nays: 0-None
Absent: 2-Schwartz, Hebda
Motion declared carried.

Meeting adjourned at 7:25 p.m.

Approved this 29th day of August 2006

Linda Pelletier, Deputy Village Clerk

Roger L. Byrne, Village President