

MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF THE PRESIDENT AND BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE VILLAGE OF ARLINGTON HEIGHTS HELD IN THE BOARD ROOM AT THE ARLINGTON HEIGHTS VILLAGE HALL ON MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 20, 2010

President Mulder called the meeting to order at 8:00 PM.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

President Mulder led the audience in the Pledge of Allegiance.

ROLL CALL

The Village Clerk called the roll with President Mulder and the following Trustees answering: Hayes, Farwell, Blackwood, Rosenberg, Stengren, Breyer, Glasgow, Trustee Scaletta arrived at 8:03 PM. Also present were Village Manager Bill Dixon, Assistant to the Village Manager, Diana Mikula, Assistant Village Attorney Robin Ward and Village Clerk, Edwina Corso.

MINUTES

Trustee Farwell moved approval of the Minutes of the Board of Trustees Meeting of September 7, 2010. Trustee Stengren seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

Trustee Scaletta arrived at 8:03 PM.

ACCOUNTS PAYABLE

Trustee Hayes moved approval of the Village of Arlington Heights Warrant Register for the period ending September 15, 2010 in the amount of \$1,636,953.16. Trustee Farwell seconded the motion and roll was called with:

AYES: Hayes, Farwell, Blackwood, Stengren, Glasgow, Breyer, Scaletta, Rosenberg, Mulder

NAYS: None

AYES 9 Nays 0 – MOTION CARRIED.

RECOGNITIONS AND PRESENTATIONS

A. MAYOR'S SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM AWARDS

President Mulder stated that this is the seventeenth year for the awarding of these scholarships. She recognized some of the businesses that contributed to these scholarships including Motorola and Arlington Park.

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President Mulder introduced Jennifer Stash, from the Workforce Board. She also introduced Helen Jensen, chairperson of the committee to award the scholarships, and Monica McCarthy a member of the committee.

Helen Jensen announced the winners of the scholarships as follows: Chanell Johnson, Harper College, Vanessa Neal, Harper College, Devon Gordon, Barber College, Tanisha Brewer, Harper College, Mary Claire Reedy, Harper College, Jacqueline Richardson, Northeastern Illinois University and Debra Nelson, Training program for fundraising. Each of the scholarship winners commented. President Mulder introduced the other members of the committee.

B. PROCLAMATION RE: LEE DEWYZE WEEK

President Mulder asked Ali Lapping and Carly Gordon, leaders of the Lee Dewyze fan club, to come forward as she read the Proclamation proclaiming the week of September 20th as "Get Ready for Lee Week". Lee Dewyze will be performing at Arlington Park on Friday, September 24, 2010. Also, there are a number of activities throughout the week. President Mulder introduced Tony Petrillo from Arlington Park. Ali and Carly presented the Mayor with a Lee Dewyze CD,

CITIZENS TO BE HEARD

A. SETH GOLDBERG RE: FUNDRAISER ON OCT. 2 FOR CHICAGO WHEELCHAIR BULLS

Seth Goldberg, resident and member of the Citizens with Disabilities Commission, appeared before the Board. He encouraged everyone to attend the basketball game between the Chicago Wheelchair Bulls and Buffalo Grove and Arlington Heights Firefighters. The game will be held at Miner School on October 2. He also pointed out the poster made by Dawn Walters announcing the game. Seth encouraged everyone to attend the game. He said the goal is to foster new opportunities by developing positive role models.

Trustee Farwell moved to take up Item A under "Petitions and Communications", 125th Anniversary Committee. Trustee Rosenberg seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

APPOINTMENTS

A. COMMITTEE RE: 125TH ANNIVERSARY OF ARLINGTON HEIGHTS IN 2012

President Mulder said that 2012 will be the 125th anniversary of the Village of Arlington Heights. The Village was incorporated on January 18, 1887. She introduced Laurie Harp. Ms. Harp introduced the members of the Committee as follows: Greg Ford, Jim Glueckert, Alan Lattof, Gary and Haven McClung, Cathy Sauer McQuillan,

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Robert Paddock, Krystle Seifert, Gerry Souter, Kristine Stabler, and Deb Whisler. (attached as Exhibit "A" is a brief bio of each member).

Ms. Harp said after reviewing the history of the Village she realized that a simple weekend or one event was not going to do this justice. The concept is to reach out to all the existing businesses, groups, schools and organizations that currently provide annual celebratory opportunities and invite them to join with them in celebrating the a themed education and history for the entire year of 2012.

In order to accomplish this, she has a fabulous committee. She said that their plan is to work with the Special Events Commission and kick off this celebration at holiday lighting in 2011, followed by events each month sponsored by others and shared with us. As far as marketing and memorabilia, she realizes that the Village is in the middle of its current financial budget cycle. This committee may approach the Village for some seed money for a couple of early projects that they will want to pursue. That will include the development and printing of a 2012 commemorative calendar and 2012 holiday ornament that we would utilize over two holiday seasons with the kick off in 2011. Once the committee meets, we will set a formal agenda and submit a formal request for funds.

She has also been in contact with three individuals who have agreed to serve in an advisory capacity. They are, Joe Burlini, Monica McCarthy and Jack Muesch. Our discussions have included developing art work for the calendar, logo to be used in all marketing and merchandising. Proceeds from the calendar and ornament sale would pay back our initial seed money and fund future offerings. It is hoped that a successful marketing campaign will yield a surplus to commission a 2012 commemorative donation to the Village of Arlington Heights. We are hoping to honor the past, celebrate the present, and explore the future.

Trustee Blackwood moved to concur with the formation of the 125th Year Anniversary Committee with Laurie Harp as its esteemed chair. Trustee Hayes seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

President Mulder said that Laurie Harp brings her expertise to this Committee and you have gotten representatives from the entire community to serve on this Committee.

OLD BUSINESS

- A. REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE-OF-THE-WHOLE MEETING OF SEPTEMBER 13, 2010
 - 5. PROPOSED ALLEY VACATION – 2020 E. NORTHWEST HIGHWAY (FORMER MARK MOTORS SITE)

TRUSTEE BREYER MOVED, SECONDED BY TRUSTEE HAYES, THAT THE COMMITTEE-OF-THE-WHOLE RECOMMEND TO THE VILLAGE BOARD THE

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VACATION OF THE WEST HALF OF THE ALLEY LOCATED BEHIND 2020 E. NORTHWEST HIGHWAY ADJACENT TO GREGORY STREET, TO THE PROPERTY OWNER OF 2020 E. NORTHWEST HIGHWAY, SUBJECT TO THE FOLLOWING CONDITIONS:

1. REMOVAL OF THE SANITARY SEWER IN THE WEST HALF OF THE ALLEY,
2. REPAVE THE EAST HALF OF THE ALLEY, AND
3. THE VILLAGE TO RETAIN UTILITY EASEMENTS, IF ANY, IN THE VACATED PORTION OF THE ALLEY.

THE ORDINANCE APPROVING THE VACATION SHALL NOT BE PASSED UNTIL A DEVELOPMENT PLAN FOR THIS SITE IS APPROVED. The motion carried unanimously.

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President Mulder said we have a developer who is interested in this site and he is trying to assemble it but to lay out the building for this small shopping area he came to the Village. The conditions are there but will not become official until the project comes through the process of the Plan Commission and the Village Board.

6. REHABILITATION OF WELL 13 – CHANGE ORDER

TRUSTEE ROSENBERG MOVED, SECONDED BY TRUSTEE STENGREN, THAT THE COMMITTEE-OF-THE-WHOLE RECOMMEND TO THE VILLAGE BOARD APPROVAL OF A CHANGE ORDER TO LAYNE-WESTERN NOT TO EXCEED \$98,000 TO REHABILITATE AND RESTORE WELL 13. COSTS ASSOCIATED WITH THIS WORK WILL BE CHARGED TO THE WATER AND SEWER CAPITAL PROJECTS ACCOUNT #505 9001 571 5025.

The motion carried unanimously.

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Scott Shirley, Director of Public Works, stated that Well #13 is a standby well for portable water which is located at the Nicol-Knoll facility on the north end of town. As part of a rehabilitation project that started four or five weeks ago, part of the well casing that was protecting the well from some unstable rock collapsed. This change order is to reinstate the well so it can become operational.

President Mulder said should anything happen with Lake Michigan bringing water here we have sufficient capabilities of activating these wells so that they will be operational.

**ON MOTION MADE AND SECONDED, ROLL WAS CALLED WITH:
AYES: ROSENBERG, STENGREN, GLASGOW, HAYES, BREYER, SCALETTA,
FARWELL, BLACKWOOD, MULDER
NAYS: NONE
AYES 9 NAYS 0 – MOTION CARRIED.**

7. DECORATIVE LED LIGHT FIXTURE – AWARD RECOMMENDATIONS

TRUSTEE ROSENBERG MOVED, SECONDED BY TRUSTEE FARWELL, THAT THE COMMITTEE-OF-THE-WHOLE RECOMMEND TO THE VILLAGE BOARD THAT THE BID FOR DOWNTOWN DECORATIVE LED LIGHT FIXTURES BE AWARDED TO STERNBERG LIGHTING OF ROSELLE, IL IN THEIR TOTAL BID PRICE OF \$161,700. FUNDS FOR THIS PURCHASE WILL BE PAID FOR BY THE VILLAGE'S ENERGY EFFICIENCY CONSERVATION BLOCK GRANT.

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GLASGOW, HAYES, BREYER, SCALETTA, Mulder
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8. UPDATE – NEGOTIATIONS WITH GROOT RE: RESIDENTIAL SOLID WASTE CONTRACT

TRUSTEE SCALETTA MOVED, SECONDED BY TRUSTEE BREYER, THAT THE COMMITTEE-OF-THE-WHOLE RECOMMEND TO THE VILLAGE BOARD THAT THE VILLAGE BOARD APPROVE A FIVE-YEAR EXTENSION THROUGH MARCH 31, 2016, FOR THE SINGLE-FAMILY SOLID WASTE CONTRACT WITH GROOT, REFLECTING THE FOLLOWING TERMS AND CONDITIONS:

- CONTRACT TERM – FIVE YEAR CONTRACT WITH AN OPTIONAL FIVE YEAR EXTENSION
- RATE FREEZE – RATE FREEZE FOR ONE YEAR THAT WOULD EXPIRE MARCH 31, 2012
- ANNUAL INCREASE SCHEDULE – AN INCREASE OF 2% ANNUALLY FROM APRIL 1, 2012 – MARCH 31, 2016
- LANDSCAPE WASTE COLLECTION – RATE FREEZE FOR APRIL 1, 2011 – MARCH 31, 2012

INCREASE OF \$0.05 FOR A COST OF \$2 PER STICKER FROM APRIL 1, 2012 – MARCH 31, 2013. ANNUAL INCREASE OF \$0.10 PER STICKER FROM APRIL 1, 2013 – MARCH 31, 2016.

A \$5 ANNUAL INCREASE TO THE OPTIONAL LANDSCAPE SUBSCRIPTION PROGRAM, AT A COST OF \$120 FOR APRIL 1, 2012 – MARCH 31, 2013. FROM APRIL 1, 2013 – MARCH 31, 2016 THERE WILL ALSO BE A \$5 CONTRACT YEAR INCREASE IN THE SUBSCRIPTION FEE.

- RECYCLING AND REFUSE CARTS – GROOT WILL PROVIDE A RECYCLING CART TO EACH SINGLE-FAMILY HOUSEHOLD AT NO ADDITIONAL CHARGE TO THE CURRENT COLLECTION RATE – RESIDENTS WILL RECEIVE AN OPTION TO LEASE A GARBAGE CART FOR A MONTHLY FEE OF \$2.50
- VILLAGE ROAD CLEANUP FUND – GROOT WILL MAINTAIN UP TO \$25,000 PER YEAR IN AN ACCOUNT SPECIFICALLY SET-UP TO CLEAN STREETS. AYES: Blackwood, Breyer, Hayes, Rosenberg, Scaletta, Stengren, Mulder. NAYES: Farwell.

Mr. Dixon said that for the last six months the Board has been discussing, almost on a monthly basis, the pending expiration of our contract with residential solid waste, recycling and yard waste. The contract expires March 31, 2011.

It was originally thought that the Village was going to seek bids for this assignment. As part of the process of review and analysis, the Board authorized a citizen survey, paid for by our Solid Waste Fund.

The Board was faced with coming up with the best package for the total community that was responsive to the survey results and also took into account that we are serving 17,200 households on a weekly basis.

We have had very dependable service over the past ten years from our current hauler and that current hauler came forth, after the decision was made to go for proposals, and said that the track record on bids is not all that good in terms of financial outcome. We verified that with the Solid Waste Agency of Northern Cook County.

Staff was authorized to enter into negotiations with Groot, and they brought back a package that the Board further refined. The point he would make is that not every Board member is necessarily happy with this package, also not every resident is happy with this package. However, it is probably the best package for the best price. It provides unlimited service.

President Mulder said that she has received numerous e-mails on this issue and there are a lot of opinions and there are a lot of variables.

Trustee Scaletta said that we started out talking about this and we looked at a negotiated versus the bid, 8% for negotiated versus 24% for bid. As you look at the survey results everybody wants to save money, it is always the cost. The second thing is unlimited garbage. Also, there was the question of once a week pickup versus twice pickup. When you look at the survey results it is 43% for once a week, 41% for twice a week and the other 16% had to do with once a week versus an additional pickup. This was not necessarily part of the option that they gave us.

We started looking at more of the survey results. The once a week versus twice a week had to do with environmental concerns which are very important. Our contractor came to us with natural gas vehicles. There are also free recycling carts and our residents can use the totters at this time and not necessarily switch over to a cart if that is not convenient. When you start looking at the survey results that everything that was combined in the contract, it did not make everyone happy but it answered most of the questions. He has no problem with once a week. His concern is that if we say no to this contract because we are bent on once a week, and bid it out, and we have an increase in our waste and a decrease in service that residents are going to say "what were you thinking". That is why this came down to his decision to make the motion for this new contract.

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TRUSTEE BREYER SECONDED THE MOTION.

Trustee Breyer said he agrees with what Trustee Scaletta has said.

Trustee Farwell said that the vote taken last week was an informal Committee-of-the-Whole vote. He was the sole dissenter of the vote. The purpose behind his dissent was he did not believe that we fully negotiated out the option with once a week. His dissent had nothing to do with being critical of the contract that had been negotiated to that point. He believed that we did not fully investigate or negotiate a singular week option. There has been a great deal of discussion on this matter in the last two meetings. There was a question of cost reduction between once a week and twice a week, and it equaled out to be about five dollars per month per resident.

What it does not include under the once a week program would we then have to pay for the totters, and if so, it is kind of a wash. There were certain questions that were never asked and answers that were

never received by fully investigating a once a week possibility so that we can make a fully informed decision on which way to go.

He would never be in favor, given the numbers that were received earlier, as well as the statistics that we got from SWANCC to just blindly go out to bid. He feels that the administration did the right thing to first negotiate with Groot. They have a considerable customer satisfaction rate with the residents, it made sense. If you give such a large garbage contract to a new hauler they would have a big capital outlay to service us and that would be built into the cost of the contract.

He did reread the minutes from the August 9th meeting. We talked about the various criteria that was set forth in the survey. We then compared many of the priorities. He was the motion make August 9th when we said to continue to negotiate with Groot to come back with options so we could review it. When the contract came back, we did review it, it came back as a twice a week pickup. He did not get discouraged last week when he saw a contract that had a singular twice a week pickup. He felt that the homework was not done and the negotiations were not totally exhausted to his personal satisfaction, given the percentages of 43% and 53% of the survey that he felt comfortable in voting in favor.

Trustee Glasgow said he has reviewed everything that has been given to the Board with regard to the waste contract and the biggest percentage that struck him was cost. In reviewing the contract, whether you go two or one, this contract was the best deal for Arlington Heights and the citizens of Arlington Heights. Some may disagree as to the timeframe or the environmental issues, and he respects those issues but he has to look at what is best for everyone in the Village. He concurs with Trustees Scaletta and Breyer that this is a good business decision for everyone in the Village.

Trustee Blackwood said when you look at the proposal that Groot came back with and a question was asked when it came back as a twice a week proposal, would we get the same cost cut and consideration if we went to once a week. There was a one word response to that and it was "no". The cost considerations would not be nearly as compressive and the services would not be nearly as comprehensive if we went to a once a week.

James McCalister, Director of Health, said that Groot did not bring a proposal for once a week pickup to the Board. The proposal was for twice a week.

Trustee Farwell said that was the problem. In the conversation on August 9th, he was expecting to see some sort of furtherance of the

once a week option. That was early on when they were also talking about a seven year contract. There was definite sentiment that seven was too long. There lies some of the negotiation that had not been exhausted. If we went back to once a week, might we have recaptured some of the incentives, such as the \$1,000,000 worth of the recycling bids? There is no way that they would be able to give us at once a week what they are giving us at twice a week for just a five year contract. You have to look at all the facets at what gave the most and where can you bring that to an even point so that it is a win win. Not to say that the contract we are looking at is a bad contract. The Board is right, it is a good business decision but he is not sure it is the best decision. It takes into consideration, cost, the environment and services. There is no way that going out on our own we would have come close to getting this overall 8%. He did not feel the homework was totally done. We have until March, it is not like we were up against a timeframe where a decision must be made and ratified this evening. He felt that there is still room to have a discussion and to get homework totally complete and we might be back here looking at the same thing.

Trustee Blackwood asked why the Village would not take on the garbage billing. In many municipalities there is one bill that come out and it is usually for sewer, garbage and water. She asked why we selected to walk away from that.

Mr. McCalister said that it is an option that the Village could take on that responsibility. Obviously, we have had staff cuts over the last couple of years and that would be taking on another program that would be operated out of the Finance Department.

Trustee Blackwood said we do not have the manpower to do it? Mr. McCalister said we have never done it as long as he has been here.

Mr. Dixon said historically the billing has been done by the hauler, it could be done by the Village and there would be staff consequences that result in requests for additional staff. He does not know if there would be a total savings for the residents because costs have to be handled whether you are paying Groot or the Village. Also, on a day to day basis it makes it clear for the residents of who you pay is providing the service and who you call when you have a problem. When you put it in with the water and sewer bill, which could be done, that is a totally different fund that is solely operated by the Village. We have been successful in having the residents understand that the private sector is providing this service. If it were to become part of the bill it becomes a little cloudier.

Mr. Kuehne, Director of Finance, said that is something that he has heard talked about in the past. It is something we could look into.

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He would suggest that if we do want to do that perhaps after five years of a contract that would be something we look at. Mr. Dixon's point was that it makes a clear distinction between private and public sector services and that was the overriding reason.

Trustee Scaletta said besides being responsible for sending the bill you would also be responsible for collecting the money? Mr. Kuehne said yes, we would be responsible for collecting the money and if there were questions on bills they would be directed to us.

Trustee Scaletta said that if someone did not pay or fell behind there would be some collection expense.

Trustee Scaletta said with regard to the percentage of once a week versus twice a week, he has heard 43% versus 53%. He asked if his number of 43% for once, 41% for twice a week and 16% for once a week with an option. Mr. McCalister said that is correct. Trustee Scaletta said that when Trustee Farwell is talking about 43%/53% where he is coming from.

Trustee Farwell said that 53% was the result of the online. He said he is using everything that was in the survey. The 43% was more scientific and it had a much lower standard deviation.

Trustee Scaletta said part of the problem is that Groot is not going to negotiate with us publicly. It is now hard to ask the staff if there was any negotiating on our part for once a week. He feels that when we set up our team to negotiate for us they read the study and understood the direction that we gave them. Why would Groot want to come by twice a week if it were more expensive for them?

Mr. Dixon said it is important to remember that as we were going down the path of bidding, Groot came to us. When they came to us by means of a letter offering to extend the contract his recollection is that initial overture was twice a week. That is what they provide and that is what they are interested in Arlington Heights. Trustee Farwell is correct we could have said we would like to know more about once a week. Mr. McCalister can speak to this and also Mr. Kuehne, his sense and understanding is that the package changed dramatically when you start talking once a week, to the extent that if we are going to once a week we should bid. Groot is only going to give us this package with the twice a week.

Mr. Dixon said we have to look at a few things and one is the recycling carts, they are a major breakthrough for Arlington Heights. That is something we do not have now. Recycling will go up and our reimbursement from SWANCC will go up. It will set the stage for garbage carts some day. The other thing is the compressed natural

gas trucks. Groot claims that the carbon footprint from those trucks, twice a week for garbage is less of an impact environmentally than once a week for the conventional truck

Trustee Breyer said the suggestion of putting the billing on the water statement, without a lot of study that would be a mistake and clearly while there be a small savings on the garbage haulers bill, he is sure that there would be staff considerations on the part of the Village and questions that might come up in the billing process if someone had a question and if there would be bad debts. He does not think it would be a very good idea.

Trustee Rosenberg said when we looked at this contract we really got the best of a lot of issues here. First by having recycling carts, the standard size is 65 gallons. Secondly, the residents will have the option of still continuing to use their recycling bin if they do not elect to take a cart. Also, residents will have the option of leasing a cart of refuse with a monthly cost of \$2.50 per month. In addition, if they have a cart, they can still put bags of refuse out. There were a lot of alternatives we were given or negotiated in this contract that was a very favorable contract.

He said that one of the concerns we all had was switching from twice a week to once a week and there was a big outcry among the residents. We thought this was the best of both worlds to transitioning into a program where residents would get a cart, especially for recycling first and get them used to that and maybe at the end of the four years we would look to possibly doing a once a week with carts for both refuse and recycling.

Trustee Farwell said his vote against this particular contract is not critical of the contract itself, it is critical of the homework. Did we do enough of the homework to decide this was the best? My voting against this necessitates us to go for request for proposal as it was suggested. He wanted to be very clear in his vote against this particular contract, it would not then suggest that we go for a request for proposal, it means we go back and explore the once a week option.

He said at the August 9th meeting in a conversation with a member of Groot that gentleman had stated that they were in the beginning of the natural gas capital truck turnover. That this contract would then be the catalyst to continue hopefully at an accelerated level. If we were to go to once a week, that does not mean that we are going to get two pickups a week with natural gas versus once with conventional engine. The Groot representative states in August that they had already some natural gas trucks in their fleet and that there was a policy they were going to continue that. The question was

asked would they offer twice a week if it is not going to be economical as once a week. Because they have the capital already and they have the employees. They are going to go after the larger contract. Again, not to be critical of it, it is just a homework issue for me.

President Mulder went to the audience for comments.

Debra Baruch, 710 N. Highland, said that there is talk of being a global community. We are one of three communities in the whole state that has to have twice a week garbage pickup. She agrees with Trustee Farwell, we do not have the complete facts here. She does not think this is a good business decision. She would ask the Board to table this and get more information.

President Mulder said she would ask a representative from Groot to answer a question and that would be the one relative to the capacity of the natural gas truck versus the traditional one. The statement that we recall in reference to the carbon print is so significantly less which part of the global concerns is. The twice a week would not exceed what a once a week traditional diesel truck would be.

Frank Hillegonds, Municipal Manager/ Groot Industries, said that the natural gas trucks are the same size. They are a little bit lighter than the trucks out here. There was a comment earlier about once a week garbage and heavier loads so wear and tear on the streets is a concern. Groot is the only company in the Midwest that has invested over \$10 million in natural gas. We are going to start expanding our fuel island to have more trucks. We have 13 more trucks that are coming in the yard in the next couple of weeks.

We approached the Village for the extension with the existing service. We responded to the survey. A majority of our towns have once a week, but there satisfies a very strong group in Arlington Heights that would like it twice a week. We have the capital in place and we have the drivers, it runs like clock work. The trucks are 80 percent cleaner in emissions than today's clean diesel emissions.

There was discussion regarding changes that would take place with the once a week pickup. Trustee Glasgow said he believes that Groot indicated there would only be a change in one truck off the streets.

Amy Kitzmiller, 1296 S. Walnut, said she has a misunderstanding regarding the fact that typical negotiation will increase costs 8 percent and bids will increase the cost typically 20 or 24 percent. She said Arlington Heights is not typical, it is one of only three towns that have twice a week pickup in all of Illinois. She has not seen any real data supporting this fact. She said Groot makes money on twice a week and they want to keep twice a week. Until you look at competitive

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bids and see what the market has and the costs for once a week, she does not believe that a reasonable informed decision can be made.

Mr. Dixon said we do have Professor Culhane's analysis. This analysis is somewhat simplistic and does not take into account the individual aspects of each community. No two solid waste contracts are the same. Many include unlimited landscape waste, fall leaf collection programs, and as Arlington Heights has a large senior discount and the billing of residents, these types of add-ons can increase amounts by as much as \$2.50 per month. While we will agree with his premise that once a week is less expensive than twice a week due to the reduction in the second collection he would strongly dispute his estimated cost savings as being aggressive and over simplistic.

President Mulder said it is difficult to compare communities to communities. She said there is a complexity to this contract.

Jim Valentine, 2607 Garden Walk, talked about the survey and the money spent on the survey. Overall going to once a week saves money. He feels in this economy contractors are hungry in these lean years and are willing to do more as they put their bids together. That is a reason why we should put on RFP's. He talked about the totters

He recommended that the Board table this, and if you are not going out for RFP's at least go back to Groot and talk about the once a week option.

President Mulder said that one of the key things in her vote was that they would not mandate the resident who does not want the totter that they will still accept the green bin. Very few garbage companies would do both. We have a lot of households that clearly cannot accommodate the storage of a totter.

Bob Ruffatto, 1019 E. Waverly Dr., said he supports Mr. Culhane's position. He looked through the survey. It has already been said that this is a luxury and it is not a necessity and most communities don't have it. He actually enjoys the twice a week but he understands Mr. Culhane's concern and other's concern about the environment.

He said that with today's technology we cannot set up a system where those that want once a week pay for twice a week. He said 60 percent would not be subsidizing the 40 percent. We look at a way to take away the subsidy, reduce the cost for the once a week people and pass that on to the twice a week people. Even if it is complex, it is still the cost for those that want twice a week.

Kathy Hanzlik, 1107 W. Thomas St., thanked Trustee Farwell for responding to her e-mail. She also thanked Mr. Dixon and his staff for working on this complex project.

She said that when we are talking about now the residents have an option of either putting out the old cart for recycling or having the totter with the automated arms would lift up, does that mean they have a super truck that can both take totters manually that you would throw in the back and also have elevated arms.

President Mulder said that would be one truck.

Ms. Hanzlik said with regard to the survey she did not want to forget the 16 percent with once a week option. When she came to this room to hear the discussion on the survey, it seemed so obvious that we should go for once a week, she was surprised we did not.

She asked that this be tabled and reconsider the once a week pickup.

Paul Culhane, 828 N. Forrest, talked about his study and clarified the source of his study. He said we are for spending money on good public services. We pay extra for yard waste. He gave an overview of the prices surrounding communities charge for garbage. He said why Arlington Heights residents must pay high prices for an old-fashioned, inefficient garbage contract. He does not have anything against Groot.

He said that Arlington Heights is an intelligent town so he is sure that the residents have the capacity to adapt and change from twice a week to once a week pickup without going into shock. He understands that in these economic times we want to pay less. Let us put out an RFP for a 21st century waste contract for once a week collection that will save homeowners a lot of money.

Janet McDonnell, 1322 N. Vail, said she is here to ask the Board to reject a contract that locks us into twice-a-week garbage pickup for five years. She applauds Groot's plans to phase in natural gas powered trucks but that does not justify continuing with twice-a-week pickup especially in light of the survey results. The fact that every other town in northern Cook County has once-a-week pickup with the exception of Skokie, means it is clearly doable as are totters. We are trying to be good neighbors which means doing what is best for all such as reducing noise and air pollution while encouraging recycling. Please reconsider twice a week pickup.

Jim Elgas, 1826 N. Chestnut, said it his understanding that Groot never presented a once-a-week proposal to the Board. Mr. McCalister

said that is correct. Mr. Elgas asked if anyone thought to go back to Groot to ask for a proposal for once-a-week.

President Mulder said we indicated at the Committee-of-the-Whole the answer was no.

Mr. Elgas asked if the Village is going to go back and get a once-a-week proposal.

President Mulder said that is what is being discussed this evening.

Mr. Dixon said that in the interest of clarity and to give the Board credit, the Board did ask that question one week ago about once-a-week within the context of this package. The question was, 'would this package be available once-a-week' and the representative from Groot said "no". That does not mean a variation cannot be forthcoming. He feels that the Board should make it clear that they did ask.

President Mulder talked about the survey and the success of the survey. She said one of the things was that this was the only vendor that we would be able to get a bid from that had natural gas, and they knew the community. Almost every one of us mentioned cost as a factor. The Board has received a letter from Finance showing the cost year by year and cost was being considered.

Mr. Dixon said that the total Groot contract is 8 percent or 1.6 percent per year. We use some of the solid waste fund surplus during the current fiscal year to basically freeze the rate.

President Mulder said with the totter people will recycle more because they have a bigger container. Mr. Dixon said we get a rebate on recycling and recycling generally increase when you go to the wheeled carts. President Mulder said that surplus or that savings would stay in the account and would keep the cost down for the residents and Mr. Dixon said that is correct.

Trustee Hayes said that he would agree with the Mayor that this has been a very difficult puzzle to put together because there are so many different parts to it. He is surprised that we were able to come up with a consensus vote last week. He thinks the majority of the Board felt that this was a contract that was in the total best interests of the Village of Arlington Heights. No matter what we do we are not going to be able to please everyone.

We have a lot of people who are speaking for once a week pickup and if the recommendation was for once a week, there would be residents in the audience opposing that.

He said that the survey was a very valuable tool and it provided us with information we did not have in the past. We are being responsive to the number one concern that was addressed in the survey and that is cost. We do save a lot of money by renegotiating versus going out to bid.

There are a lot of other components to this contract, not only twice a week pickup. He will base his vote here this evening looking at those numbers again 43 percent and 41 percent and the 16 percent. Individuals this evening have said that those 16 percent should be assumed to go to once a week. He does not think you can do that. To be fair you really have to split that 8 to 8. What the status quo is and what the residents of the community have been used to for pretty much their entire lifetime and that is the reason he is not in favor of changing from twice a week to once a week. We have negotiated a very good deal for the Village and he is going to vote in favor of the motion.

Trustee Stengren said he agrees with Trustee Hayes' comments. He agrees with Trustee Hayes interpretation of the 16 percent on the online survey. You have to be aware of the silent majority. If you take those factors out, it really is a close vote.

Trustee Scaletta asked if the employees picking up the garbage are union employees and he was told they are.

He said that one of the speakers said when bidding out jobs now he is finding everything is going down. He is looking at trucks, fuel, labor and those are things that are not going down right now.

Trustee Scaletta said we talked about environmental vehicles for the Village and we have purchased these vehicles for the Village. We are spending more money to be environmentally friendly. He cannot take the environmental concerns over the number one concern that was identified inside the survey which was cost. Number three was once-a-week versus twice a week. He repeated his motion and it was seconded by Trustee Breyer.

Trustee Blackwood said that in surveying people who have once-a-week pickup if they missed that garbage pickup, it was not just missing it for three to five days but they would be involved with 14 days worth of extended garbage collections. What they are doing is taking their particular garbage and finding someone else who had not had their garbage pickup or putting it in a dumpster.

Also, she said in the area when the Village has chips you can see many bags of garbage.

There are a lot of components to this. This particular project is really aimed at being a transitional piece that is going to say, let's recycle more let's get people more involved in the green aspect then we can move to a garbage totter when you can have the actual garbage completely enclosed and you are not going to have problems with raccoons.

There are a lot of us that are used to twice a week pickup. We would probably be open to once-a-week if it was a two totter type of a situation. It is ball changing behaviors and is the entire Village ready to make that change.

Trustee Farwell said that his vote against the contract is not critical of the contract itself, a contract that has been negotiated out to the benefit of listening to the concerns of the survey.

There have been comments earlier that carts themselves fell quite low in the issues. Also the concern of protection from wind and animals and keeping parkways clean during pickup were ranked 2 and 3 and 4 and 5. The carts begin to address that as well.

When you look at the survey you have to look at that 16 percent where to put the 16 percent. He is not sure if we totally answered the question on did we receive a once-a-week proposal. There was quite a bit of discussion at the August meeting. What Groot was telling us as far as an actual cost savings between once and twice a week coincided with what Mr. Culhane was saying. It was just that that aspect was not fully investigated, in the form of a full proposal or a full negotiation. He will still be voting against it and he is looking forward to change to five years and free garbage totes in five years.

Trustee Breyer said he agrees with virtually everything that has been said here tonight except what Trustee Farwell had to say said that one thing when you judge community feeling about this topic, we probably had three times as many people here recently regarding a rezoning of a very small piece of property that affected a limit portion of the Village compared on this topic which affects everybody. That tells us that the majority of the people are happy.

Also, he accepts that our professional staff has gotten numbers from their trade associates as to the way contracts are going. He said that he knows from his business that if I go to a trade convention everybody tells me if you go out for bid your costs are going to come back a particular percent higher.

He feels that this is a good package and the Administration has done a good job. The one thing that came through loud and clear is that

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the residents are concerned about cost. He feels that it is nice to get rid of garbage and not keep it around the house. When people offer you services you either take the bundle or you find that when you go out and try to buy the components, it costs more than if you take the bundle. This is a reasonable bundle and one that he is comfortable voting for.

Trustee Glasgow asked what they do with the bins and Mr. McAllister they can keep the recycling bins and if they do not want them they give them to us and we recycle.

President Mulder said that everyone looked, listened, read e-mails and read mail. She would put down cost as the thing we were looking for. Secondly was the environment. She feels that she would not have been interested in this if it was not for the investment of the natural gas truck and the comment about that it in fact would reduce the carbon footprint.

Third, that came out from a number of residents was the comment, that there are not any complaints and they are pretty reliable and they do a good job. The service and the quality of the service has been good. Hopefully, we can look at the totters for garbage in the future. There is also, the seniors, the white goods and all the other things, the unlimited amount of garbage. We still have that unlimited amount and we can still put something out in our green bin. She will be supporting it.

On motion made and seconded, roll was called with:

AYES: Scaletta, Breyer, Blackwood, Stengren, Glasgow, Hayes, Rosenberg, Mulder

NAYS: Farwell

AYES 8 NAYS 1 – MOTION CARRIED.

CONSENT AGENDA

LEGAL

- 1. AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE SALE OF PERSONAL PROPERTY OWNED BY THE VILLAGE OF ARLINGTON HEIGHTS**
(Northwest Municipal Conference Public Auction, Saturday, 10/09/10 at the Wheeling Public Works Facility) **10-036**

Trustee Farwell moved adoption of the Consent Agenda. Trustee Stengren seconded the motion and roll was called with:

AYES: Farwell, Stengren, Hayes, Glasgow, Blackwood, Breyer, Rosenberg, Mulder

NAYS: None

AYES 9 NAYS 0 – MOTION CARRIED.

Trustee Scaletta left the meeting at 10:30 PM.

NEW BUSINESS

A. **PETITIONER:** Linda Z's Sewing Supply Center
1216 E. Central Road
P.C. #10-009

REQUEST:

1. A Land Use Variation to allow a Sewing Supply and Fabric store in a B-4, Limited Service District
2. A variation from Chapter 28, Section 5.1-13.6, Required Minimum Yards (Transitional Yard), and Section 5.4, Table of Required Minimum Yards, to allow a reduction to the minimum front yard setback from 40 to 4.22 feet.
3. A variation from Chapter 28, Section 6.12, *Traffic Engineering Approval*, to waive the requirement for a traffic and parking study from a Certified Traffic Engineer.
4. A variation from Chapter 28, Section 11.2-8, to allow a reduction to the minimum drive aisle width for two way circulation from 24 to 20 feet for the northernmost and easternmost drive aisles.
5. A variation from Chapter 28, Section 11.7, Schedule of Loading Requirements, to waive the requirement for a 10 foot by 35 foot loading berth.

On August 25, 2010, the Plan Commission held a public hearing. The recommendation of the Plan Commission during the hearing was as follows:

PLAN COMMISSION / MOTION

Commissioner Dawson moved and Commissioner LaBedz seconded

A motion to recommend to the Village Board of Trustees approval of P. C. #10-009, a Land Use Variation to allow a sewing supply and fabric store in a B-4, Limited Service District; A variation from Chapter 28, Section 5.1-13.6, Required Minimum Yards (Transitional Yard), and Section 5.4, Table of Required Minimum Yards, to allow a reduction to the minimum front yard setback from 40 to 4.22 feet; a variation from Chapter 28, Section 6.12, *Traffic Engineering Approval*, to waive the requirement for a traffic and parking study from a Certified Traffic Engineer; a variation from Chapter 28, Section 11.2-8, to allow a reduction to the minimum drive aisle width for two way circulation from 24 to 20 feet for the northernmost and easternmost drive aisles; and a variation from Chapter 28, Section 11.7, Schedule of Loading Requirements, to waive the requirement for a 10 foot by 35 foot loading berth.

This approval is contingent upon compliance with the recommendation of the Plan Commission and the following recommendations detailed in the Staff Development Committee report dated August 19, 2010:

1. The land use variation for Sewing Supply and Fabrics shall only apply to Linda Z's.
2. Within 3 years of ordinance approval, the Petitioner shall install the 5 required trees within the substandard parking lot islands that are located along the south property line.
3. The Petitioner shall comply with all Federal, State, and Village codes, regulations and policies.

Roll Call Vote:

Commissioner Dawson, LaBedz, Ennes, Jenson, Lorenzini, Sigalos, Wolfe, and Chairman Green voted in favor. Motion carried.

President Mulder said that she wanted to commend Mr. Dixon and staff in working with this business.

Mr. Dixon said that this is a land use variation to allow a sewing supply and fabric store in a B-4 Limited Service District. There are some other supporting variations.

The petitioner, Linda Zachman her attorney, Marvin Metke came forward, and also the architect John Berta.

President Mulder said that she met Linda 25 years ago and she has always had something new and her business has expanded.

Trustee Hayes said it is great to see a business in Arlington Heights doing well.

Trustee Hayes moved to concur in the recommendation of the Plan Commission as follows: A Land Use Variation to allow a Sewing Supply and Fabric store in a B-4, Limited Service District. A variation from Chapter 28, Section 5.1-13.6, Required Minimum Yards (Transitional Yard), and Section 5.4, Table of Required Minimum Yards, to allow a reduction to the minimum front yard setback from 40 to 4.22 feet. A variation from Chapter 28, Section 6.12, Traffic Engineering Approval, to waive the requirement for a traffic and parking study from a Certified Traffic Engineer. A variation from Chapter 28, Section 11.2-8, to allow a reduction to the minimum drive aisle width for two way circulation from 24 to 20 feet for the northernmost and easternmost drive aisles. A variation from Chapter 28, Section 11.7, Schedule of Loading Requirements, to waive the requirement for a 10 foot by 35 foot loading berth, subject to the conditions set forth by the Plan Commission. Trustee Breyer seconded the motion.

Trustee Rosenberg asked if the petitioner is in agreement with all the conditions set forth by the Plan Commission and she said that she is. Trustee Rosenberg said especially about installing the required trees within three years and the petitioner said yes.

President Mulder questioned the fence and the boards missing and Ms. Zachman said they are fixing the fence.

Trustee Farwell said that you are seeking a land use variation which is a very specific item. He is thrilled that the business is doing well. He thinks the use that they are proposing is a great use for this building. He feels that it is a very logical presentation and proposal that you put together this evening.

On motion made and seconded, roll was called with:

AYES: Hayes, Breyer, Farwell, Stengren, Glasgow, Rosenberg, Blackwood, Mulder

NAYS: None

AYES 8 NAYS 0 – MOTION CARRIED.

Trustee Farwell pointed out some of the events that are taking place in Arlington Heights in the next few weeks:

This weekend the paper destruction event by SWANCC from 9:00 AM - 11:00 AM at the Senior Center.

Autumn Harvest – October 2nd at North School Park

Candidate Forum in the Village Hall

Prescription drug disposal program

Family Internet Safety night October 5th from 6:00 PM to 7:30 PM at South Middle School

Chicago Wheelchair Bulls versus Arlington Heights and Buffalo Grove Fire Departments on Saturday, October 2nd at 7:30 PM at 1101 East Miner.

Lee Dewyze, Friday night.

APPOINTMENTS

- A. COMMITTEE RE: 125TH ANNIVERSARY OF ARLINGTON HEIGHTS IN 2012
(This was taken up earlier in the Agenda)

REPORT OF THE VILLAGE MANAGER

- A. REQUEST FOR CLOSED SESSION PER 5 ILCS 120/2(c)(12):
LITIGATION, WHEN AN ACTION AGAINST, AFFECTING OR ON BEHALF OF THE VILLAGE HAS BEEN FILED AND IS PENDING BEFORE A COURT OR

ADMINISTRATIVE TRIBUNAL, OR WHEN THE BOARD FINDS THAT AN ACTION IS PROBABLE OR IMMINENT

Trustee Hayes moved to adjourn into Closed Session PER 5 ILCS

120/2(c)(12) AT 10:45 PM:

LITIGATION, WHEN AN ACTION AGAINST, AFFECTING OR ON BEHALF OF THE VILLAGE HAS BEEN FILED AND IS PENDING BEFORE A COURT OR

ADMINISTRATIVE TRIBUNAL, OR WHEN THE BOARD FINDS THAT AN ACTION IS PROBABLE OR IMMINENT. Trustee Stengren seconded the motion and roll

was called with:

AYES: Hayes, Stengren, Blackwood, Glasgow, Breyer, Farwell, Rosenberg, Mulder

NAYS: None

AYES 8 NAYS 0 – MOTION CARRIED.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 10:45 PM.

Edwina Corso, Village Clerk