

CALL TO ORDER

President Miller calls to order the Village of East Dundee Committee of the Whole Meeting at 6:00 pm.

ROLL CALL:

Trustees Skillicorn, Selep, Wood, Lynam and President Miller. Trustees Gorman and Ruffulo were absent.

Also in attendance Village Administrator Bob Skurla, Village Engineer Joe Heinz, Chief of Police Terry Mee, Deputy Village Administrator/Village Clerk Heather Maieritsch and Deputy Village Clerk Katherine Holt.

PUBLIC COMMENT (Non-Agenda Items only): None

Downtown Marketing Director Karen Blair reported that over 100 students from area schools have written letters to President Lincoln in conjunction with the Village's "Love and Lincoln" event. The letters are currently displayed at the Depot, the Annex and the Village Hall. Snow sculpting by Fran Volz will begin on Wednesday, February 11. There will be a Mr. and Mrs. Lincoln presentation and memorial train at the Annex on Saturday, February 14. Also on Saturday, A "Love Letters" play will be performed at 8pm at the Senior Center. Tickets are \$10, however, if you eat at an East or West Dundee restaurant and bring your receipt, the ticket price will be reduced to \$5 at the door.

OLD BUSINESS: None

NEW BUSINESS:

A. Sustainable Energy Development District Presentation

Laurel Bergren and Ernst Nemeth of Arc Perspectives Inc. gave a presentation to the Board about sustainable energy district initiatives. They reported on their findings and recommendations from their study for East Dundee's potential for creating a sustainable energy development district. They described the challenges with today's energy and the benefits of sustainable energy. Ms. Bergren advised that some area towns have specifically built solar energy districts for their waste water treatment plants, generating electricity that is strictly devoted to their treatment plants. Administrator Skurla advised that there is a Carpentersville school that currently has a solar field on its roof that is funded by the Clean Energy Foundation. He said that one specific area in town to consider for a potential solar district is the cemetery located on the corner of routes 25 and 72. The cemetery has a 30 acre prairie area that has yet to be used for burial plots. He said there is also a large area of land that is south of route 72 and owned by Plote for future mining. He said there are also several lakes in the area that could be considered for geothermal energy. Ms. Bergren said this solar energy district would be created as a way of incentivizing new construction as well as rehabilitating existing buildings. She said that she believes East Dundee would be one of the first in the Midwest to create a solar energy district if it chooses to. She said the Village would gain attention and would most likely receive funding from the Department of Energy. Mr. Nemeth advised that currently there is a 30% federal tax credit for solar energy systems. Administrator Skurla emphasized that the concept is a marketing attraction tool for the Village and could put East Dundee on the map as being one of the first in the area with a renewable energy district. He is proposing a first year initiative of \$75,000 which would be used to offer a 50/50 share with larger companies who may want to seek a study to determine their feasibility of converting to renewable energy.

B. Sewer Repairs for Fiscal Year 2015-2016

Village Engineer Joe Heinz stated that Wendt Street has had sewer issues for quite some time now. He said that a report was done on the issue back in 2006. He said a section of the sewer is laid very flat and is not flowing efficiently. The best option that he recommended is to run a lower line. He said this is the most expensive solution but also the cleanest solution. He will look at the maps to see if this work could be tied in with the Lion's Park project and will come up with a new cost estimate this week. Administrator Skurla will then see if the repairs could be worked into the 2015-2016 budget that is currently being drafted.

C. Downtown Overnight Parking

Police Chief Mee advised that Bandito Barney's owner, Roger Shelton, has requested that overnight parking be allowed to expand to Jackson Street between Van Buren and Water Streets. In addition to this, Chief Mee recommended that the expansion include the new Village public parking lot located between Railroad and Hill Streets. He also recommended including Hill Street from Van Buren to River Street. He said the previously expanded overnight parking areas have not been problematic and sees no issue in adding these additional areas. The Board is in consensus to move forward with these recommendations.

D. Bike Race 2015

President Miller advised that this item is being pulled since the bike race maps have not yet been finalized.

PUBLIC COMMENT: None

EXECUTIVE SESSION: None

Motion to adjourn the Committee of the Whole Meeting at 7:09 Skillicorn/Wood.

Roll: Ayes – 5 – Trustees Lynam, Skillicorn, Wood, Selep and President Miller. Nays – 0. Absent – 2 – Trustees Gorman and Ruffulo. Motion carries, meeting adjourns.

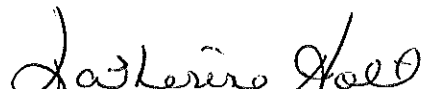
Respectfully Submitted,

Katherine Holt

By: _____


Village President, Lael Miller

Attest: _____


Deputy Village Clerk, Katherine Holt