

I. CALL TO ORDER:

President Keller called the Committee of the Whole Meeting to order at 7:30 pm.

II. ROLL CALL:

Present were President Keller, Trustees Voss, Gillam, Price, Osth, Hanley and Yuscka. Also present were Village Manager Cavallaro, Village Attorney Brechin, Community Development Director Tymoszenko and three (3) persons in the audience.

III. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

Trustee Osth led the Board and the audience in the Pledge of Allegiance.

IV. APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

MOTION: Moved by Trustee Yuscka and seconded by Trustee Price to approve the agenda as presented. Upon roll call, motion was approved.

AYES: Trustees Voss, Gillam, Price, Osth, Hanley and Yuscka

NAYS:

V. VILLAGE PRESIDENTS REPORT:

President Keller reported on the letters he wrote to the elected State Representatives and Senators regarding the Local Government Distributive Fund (LGDF) proposed 5% reduction, which would greatly affect our FY 2011-12 budgets, which has already been passed. He encouraged the Trustees to phone, write or e-mail them to express their concerns about the proposed reduction and how it will adversely affect our municipality.

VI. REPORTS AND QUESTIONS FROM TRUSTEES: There were none.

VII. VILLAGE STAFF REPORTS: There were none.

VIII. ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION:

A. Theatre Proposal Ace Reuse

Director Tymoszenko introduced this topic for discussion which proposes the reuse of the Ace building as a cultural arts theatre. She said the questions that need to be considered are: can the building be reused with a reasonable investment, who makes the investment and what does it mean for the downtown expansion plans. She introduced Mr. Rick Browne, a member of the Appearance Review Commission and an architect, who has been exploring options for the building.

Mr. Browne presented a power point presentation after introducing himself and giving the Board some background on his experience with music and theatre programs and his career in the architectural business.

He spoke to using the building as a multifunctional building with theatre, offices and residential. He presented the Mission Statement, gave a history of the site, explained how a theatre building can help downtown revitalization, strategies for funding, creating partnerships, maintaining and developing genuine public spaces, getting local government involved and developing the unique qualities of downtown. He presented the preliminary Board of Directors for this proposed project and gave their backgrounds and experience.

He also explained that he would like to have the building be LEED certified which is recognized for promoting environmental issues and which would qualify the building for incentives. He presented a preliminary finance and construction cost analysis, revenue repayment and producing programs and asked for an additional four (4) months to create a comprehensive feasibility study along with the Village of West Dundee to explore financial options of grant writing, fundraising, community, corporate involvement and support, revenue opportunities, accurate construction costs and alternatives to phasing-in the project.

Discussion was held by the Trustees questioning how improvements would be paid, the role of the Village in the project, flexibility of funds, the need for a study for financial feasibility, verifying the cost numbers, what steps would be needed for fund raising,, grant funding, parking, the ultimate transfer of the property and the effect on downtown revitalization plans.

The Board asked staff to prepare a report and documentation from other Villages which have similar venues to see what they are doing.

IX. EXECUTIVE SESSION:

President Keller asked for a motion to recess to Executive Session for the purpose of discussing personnel – evaluation.

MOTION: Moved by Trustee Voss and seconded by Trustee Gillam to recess to Executive Session for the purpose of discussing personnel-evaluation.. After a brief discussion, the motion was withdrawn.

X. MISCELLANEOUS:

Trustee Voss announced a Track and Field Day for Children with Special Needs to be held on Saturday, May 21, 2011.

XI. ADJOURNMENT:

MOTION: Moved by Trustee Price and seconded by Trustee Voss to adjourn the Committee of the Whole Meeting. Upon roll call, motion was unanimous.

The Regular Board Meeting adjourned at 10:02 pm.

ATTEST:

Barbara Traver
Village Clerk

Larry Keller
Village President