

**SPECIAL VOTING COMMITTEE MEETING  
THE VILLAGE BOARD OF THE VILLAGE OF ISLAND LAKE  
November 29, 2007 7:00 pm**

**CALL TO ORDER** Mayor Thomas P. Hyde called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm.

**ROLL CALL** Roll call indicated the following present: Trustees Garling, Ponio, Sadoski, Saville and Verciglio. Absent: Trustee Herrmann

Also in attendance was: Village Attorney Scott Puma.

1. Call to order
2. Public Hearing for Hillside Estates

Motion by Trustee Garling, properly seconded to move the Public Hearing to take place after item number 4 on the agenda as Mr. Mark Janeck of Circle Land Development had not yet arrived for the public hearing. It is noted that Mayor Hyde attempted to reach Mr. Janeck via 2 phone calls.

Upon roll call, Trustees voted as follows:

AYES: Trustees Garling, Sadoski and Verciglio  
NAYS: Trustees Ponio and Saville  
ABSENT: Trustee Herrmann  
ABSTAIN: None

Motion was declared carried.

1. Resolution for Salvation Army

Making Red Kettle Days this year for Saturday, December 8, 2007, outside of Dunkin Donuts, Subway, True Value, 7-11 and Walgreens.

Motion by Trustee Garling, properly seconded to approve the Red Kettle Days Resolution for the Salvation Army making Red Kettle Days this year for Saturday, December 8, 2007, outside of Dunkin Donuts, Subway, True Value, 7-11 and Walgreens.

Upon roll call, Trustees voted as follows:

AYES: Trustees Garling, Herrmann, Ponio, Sadoski, Saville and Verciglio  
NAYS: None  
ABSENT: Trustee Herrmann  
ABSTAIN: None

Motion was declared carried.

2. Approval of signage for the following Village Events: 2007

Motion by Trustee Verciglio, properly seconded to approve signage for listed Village Events.

Trustee Ponio inquired as to whom is building these signs. Trustee Verciglio replied that most are wooden and some are prelaminated type signs with 2 to 3 poles. Trustee Ponio stated that some of the signage is not in very good condition. He would like the Village to make sure that signage is presentable and lasts for the duration.

Upon roll call, Trustees voted as follows:

AYES: Trustees Garling, Herrmann, Ponio, Sadoski, Saville and Verciglio  
NAYS: None  
ABSENT: Trustee Herrmann  
ABSTAIN: None

Motion was declared carried.

3. Approval of Resolution 539-07 Setting the Island Lake Board meetings dates and times for 2008 with the addition of November 20<sup>th</sup> and December 18<sup>th</sup>.

Motion by Trustee Ponio, properly seconded to set the Island Lake Board meetings dates and times for 2008.

The Board discussed some of the dates as there are Holidays in between. The Board agreed to add November 20<sup>th</sup> for a Board meeting and December 18<sup>th</sup> for a Board meeting for 2008.

Upon roll call, Trustees voted as follows:

AYES: Trustees Garling, Herrmann, Ponio, Sadoski, Saville and Verciglio  
NAYS: None  
ABSENT: Trustee Herrmann  
ABSTAIN: None

Motion was declared carried.

1. Public Hearing for Hillside Estates subdivision

Mr. Mark Janeck had still not arrived nor was anyone else present from Circle Land Development.

Motion by Trustee Ponio, properly seconded to table the public hearing.

Attorney Puma suggested not tabling this matter but rather suggested open the public hearing to another date. He commented that certified notices have already gone out as well as there are publishing costs. He stated that it would be best to continue the public hearing rather than table it. He said if the Board tables the public hearing, all the notices will have to be resent and it will have to be republished.

Trustee Ponio rescinded his motion and Motioned instead to open the public hearing, properly seconded.

Upon roll call, Trustees voted as follows:

AYES: Trustees Garling, Herrmann, Ponio, Sadoski, Saville and Verciglio  
NAYS: None  
ABSENT: Trustee Herrmann  
ABSTAIN: None

Motion was declared carried.

Trustee Saville questioned to Attorney Puma which version of this annexation agreement is being worked on and Attorney Puma stated that it is the July 23, 2007 version. Trustee Saville stated that he has been comparing the two versions. He said that he brought up last week already that he would like to see some changes to the agreement. He clarified that when he is saying "I", he is speaking for the people of the Village of Island Lake. Trustee Saville said that the Village already has \$1000 per home to go to the Park & Recreation Department per the Village's impact fees. He would like to see funds go towards the Recreation Department as the Recreation Department is in need of revenue. He added that they are supposedly not funded by tax dollars. Trustee Saville said that the before and after school program is a solid program and that hopefully more funds towards the Recreation Department would allow then this program to be able to purchase needed tools, games, learning tools, etc. Trustee Saville would also like to see the open space funds go directly to the Recreation Department specifically and the funds be specifically earmarked for Recreation. Trustee Saville also wants the following fees added to the annexation agreement - \$1500 per house for Public Works and \$1500 per house for the Police

Department. Next, Trustee Saville referred to the park – the 7.5 acres – on page 7 and 8, number 2. He read this section and then explained that he would like this area to be much more specific. He would like everything spelled out and specific. Trustee Saville would like to see what equipment is suggested, what kind will be used, where the wetlands are and where storm water run off is, etc. Trustee Garling replied that the wetlands are where they are. Trustee Garling pointed out that the agreement says plural, park(s). Attorney Puma said that the Board will get a Park Plan. Trustee Saville commented that there are too many open areas in terms of, if a bench is to go into the park, where will it be placed, what kind of bench, how many, etc. He stated that his main concern is that past annexation agreements have been left too loosely, the specifics were not there, and now the Village Board has to deal with the recourse of those bad decisions. For example, he pointed out the emergency gate for Prairie Woods. The specifics were not in the annexation agreement and this Board has been left to deal with it. He mentioned that there are issues too with Pine Ridge subdivision and again, this Board has been left to deal with the issues. Another example was the restrictor for the Southport Pond. This was not addressed in that annexation agreement so this Board is left to deal with that matter too. Trustee Saville said to the Board, let's not be vague, lets get specific. Attorney Puma again said that the Board will get a Park Plan. Mayor Hyde replied that the park has been in the making for awhile now and was started by former Trustee Dan Schmidt.

Trustee Saville pointed out on Page 19, F. He mentioned that this was discussed at the October 9<sup>th</sup> meeting. Trustee Saville said to Attorney Puma that Mr. Janeck was at that meeting and he directly stating to the Board that he will not agree to the tap on schedule. Trustee Saville pointed out how he would like to see this tap on to the water system handled by the Developer. Trustee Saville would like to see in the annexation agreement that after the first grading permit is issued, within 12 month, the first half of the tap on fees be paid to the Village. Then, the second half, due 12 months after that point. He reiterated, 12 month from the annexation agreement but grading permit has to be within 12 months. Attorney Puma clarified that the grading permit will be within 12 months and it was agreed that that was what Trustee Saville had said. Attorney Puma suggested that the Board continue to discuss each issue that they may have. He said it is a good idea to continue negotiations. Trustee Ponio questioned the grading permit as they are good for 4 years. Trustee Saville replied that no, he said within 12 months.

Trustee Saville mentioned a well site and referred to Page 8. He suggested adding back in the water tower and well house. Trustee Ponio questioned if a well location site too should be added back in. Attorney Puma agreed. Trustee Ponio discussed with the Board deep wells vs. shallow wells. He pointed out that shallow wells do not have allocations that come with deep wells. He said that a deep well can not be drilled without a permit and permission.

Trustee Saville next mentioned a recent article that came out re: Village's charging cul du sac fees of \$5000. There is one cul du sac in this subdivision in the NW Corner. He suggested adding such a fee. Trustee Ponio questioned if the Fire Department approves the cul du sacs and it was agreed that they do. Clerk Kaczmarek mentioned that the Fire Department also attends all the TAC meetings so yes, they are reviewing any proposed cul du sacs.

Trustee Ponio commended Trustee Saville for his thoroughness on his review of this annexation agreement. He too would like to see specifics and product specifics also. He stated that everything is very clear then for everyone involved. Trustee Ponio questioned the fees that Trustee Saville would like to add. Trustee Saville replied that he would like to see the \$500 allocated from Parks to go directly to the Recreation Department. Trustee Ponio questioned then though who controls the funds. Trustee Saville replied that John Little explained to him that the funds do go into the general fund; however, these funds will have a specific ASN number to them so the funds are all located into one area. He added that the funds then can not be distributed until the Board approves it. Trustee Ponio commented that this could assist with long range funding then of programs. Trustee Garling commented that the Board has to be very careful then, when it comes to voting on the distribution of these funds as the Village does not get this money over and over. Once it's gone, it's gone. Trustee Saville said that yes, the Board needs to be frugal and be efficient with what they do with funds. Trustee Garling replied, fugal and careful. He added then that it is most likely better then to purchase equipment vs. programs because programs come and go whereas equipment will be around. Trustee Sadoski suggested a development plan for allocation of such funds. Trustee Saville said ear mark the money and be very specific.

Motion by Trustee Ponio, properly seconded to continue the public hearing. Trustee Garling requested a specific date and the Board decided on Thursday, December 6, 2007, at 7 pm.

Trustee Verciglio commented though that some people in the audience have come tonight because this was supposed to be the night of the public hearing and what if they can not make the next meeting.

Trustee Ponio rescinded his motion and motioned to open the public hearing to the floor, properly seconded. All in favor.

Tom Kaczmarek, 703 Fox Trail: Mr. Kaczmarek asked if the public can still speak at the next meeting when the public hearing is being continued to. Attorney Puma replied that it is up to the Board. Trustee Ponio replied that the public should always be given the opportunity to speak. The Board Members overall agreed. Mr. Kaczmarek stated that he agrees with Trustee Saville that these annexation agreements need to be more specific as he too has seen situations come up where items were not addressed in these agreements and now there are problems and issues. He mentioned Pine Ridge and that the residents are not happy back there as there are still pending issues with the developer. Mr. Kaczmarek questioned the back stop in the park that's proposed for Hillside Estates. He asked for the bench height, the dirt, if there will be bleachers, the height of the fence, what kind of fence, etc. He stated that specifics too are important for the Building Inspector who has to handle all these inspections. The more specific the agreement is, the easier it is for the Building Inspector as well. He added that he hopes that all the Board Members are listening to Trustee Saville and are taking him seriously.

Laurie Rabattini, 4702 S. Hampton: Ms. Rabattini asked if the Board is listening to Mr. Saville and if they are more supportive of him and his ideas this evening. Trustee Ponio replied that after listening to some of Mr. Janecks responses from last time, Trustee Saville does have support from the Board. Trustee Verciglio replied that he will review all that has been said and commented on. Trustee Garling replied that yes, he will consider what Trustee Saville has brought up this evening and in the past on Hillside Estates.

Motion by Trustee Garling, properly seconded to bring the public hearing back to the Board.

Motion by Trustee Ponio, properly seconded to continue the public hearing for Hillside Estates to December 6<sup>th</sup> at 7 pm, along with public comment will be again included.

Attorney Puma will be sending Mr. Janeck a letter of the issues and concerns brought up this evening.

Upon roll call, Trustees voted as follows:

AYES: Trustees Garling, Herrmann, Ponio, Sadoski, Saville and Verciglio  
NAYS: None  
ABSENT: Trustee Herrmann  
ABSTAIN: None

Motion was declared carried.

Items from the Clerk, Trustees and Department Heads

- Clerk Kaczmarek reminded everyone that the newsletter articles are due by or before December 3<sup>rd</sup>.
- Clerk Kaczmarek reported that the 2008 Village vehicle and boat stickers go on sale starting December 1<sup>st</sup>.
- Trustee Ponio inquired about the consideration of combining the Plan Commission and Zoning Board of Appeals. He added that possibly an Architectural Review Board could be added and that maybe some of the members from the Plan Commission or Zoning Board would consider serving on that Board instead. Attorney Puma replied that yes, this was talked about the Board and the ordinance would need to be changed. He further talked about an Architectural Committee and stated that this type of committee can be very beneficial for Villages. He explained the new Act from the Governor dealing with this exact issue. Trustee Ponio commented that Island Lake will see a lot of changes over the next 10 years. He feels that these items need to be in place so there's good, solid planning and a solid review process. The Board Members overall agreed that this was a good idea. Attorney Puma said that the combined Plan Commission and Zoning Board would consist of 7 people.
- Trustee Ponio requested executive session for Personnel.
- Trustee Ponio questioned the voice mail system for Village Hall. He inquired if within the system there could be an extension list that could be accessed by callers in case one does not know an extension number. Clerk Kaczmarek will look into this with John Little.

- Trustee Ponio brought up the Village website and that he would like to see the Police Departments numbers at the top of the page so it is easy to find. He would like the number readily available. Trustee Ponio stated that the Police Department is not even listed under all the departments. He said the Police Department should have a main page for people. Trustee Garling responded by mentioning that himself, along with Clerk Kaczmarek, are working on revamping the website. Trustee Garling is in the process of redesigning it along with he will be adding links to specific departments. He said that former Trustee Fleissner, placed the Police Departments number under emergency services. He said that you have to go to emergency services and then there's a link to the Police Departments webpage. In the redesign, there will be a link to the P.D.
- Trustee Ponio suggested that he would like to see in the future a space for Trustee in Village Hall to use a desk, have access to a computer and a phone, a place to store files and paperwork, etc.
- Trustee Sadoski reported that the safety quotes are all in now. She will provide a copy to everyone for their review.
- Trustee Garling stated that he sent out 42 letters to area businesses regarding the Uptown Improvement Committee. The idea was presented to them regarding the ownership of the grass, tress, etc., along 176. This is state land so the state needs to be spoken to. They are mulling over the idea too of planters for the businesses. They are looking at cement planters vs. whiskey barrel planters now. Trustee Garling said that the Pet Grooming place in Westridge is having a Grand Opening. It is being discussed that possibly a Grand Opening for everyone in the Westridge Mall can be held all together as there are so many new businesses. Trustee Herrmann and Garling are working on this and talking to all the businesses.
- Trustee Garling sent out 20 emails to individuals that he met at the ICSA Conference regarding available commercial property in Island Lake. He said that there is link now on the Village website as to exactly what is available if anyone would like to review it. Trustee Saville added that the Walgreens going on has been a breath of fresh air already for Island Lake. Trustee Garling stated that Shiner has reported that they will begin Phase 2 over there shortly. Trustee Ponio reported that he did speak to the Post Office and they are working on the signage. The property owner is responsible for the sign and the Post Office has been calling and calling them for assistance. Trustee Saville suggested maybe a letter go out to the property owner then from the Village. Trustee Garling reported to that the Uptown Improvement Committee is looking at the Village ordinances, such as these that pertain to businesses, to see what we have in place as well as what surrounding Villages have. He invited Trustee Ponio to join them at a meeting and work with them on the ordinances as they have a lot of research done already.
- Trustee Saville said that he questioned organized sports and what they contribute to our Village. He said that all he could find is that the Falcons gave Island Lake a \$1000. He said that it was brought up at a Village meeting that organized sports contribute a lot of funds to our Village. Trustee Saville said that he has asked Trustee Verciglio more than once exactly what they contribute. He said that he has a lot of questions about Park and Recreation. He's like to know who they are, what they do and how they do it, what money comes from support as they as advertise that they do not receive funds from taxpaying dollars, do they contribute to the Village building and if not, why don't they, do they help pay for fees, electric, etc, in the building. He would like to see the Park and Recreation discussed at the next meeting. Trustee Saville does not see how they can function without taxpaying dollars and still be considered a Department of the Village. He would like to get a handle on this. Trustee Saville mentioned that there's also a Club program. Trustee Verciglio replied that everything is reported in the report at the Board meetings. Trustee Saville said that profits are reported, not losses. He questioned if there are requirements for class sizes and how are the people running these classes getting paid – a percentage or an hourly wage and who is handling paying them. Trustee Saville reported that in Section 8 of the ordinance book, and he read the ordinance, that the Recreation Department is to have a Director position, and that that Director is appointed by the Mayor. He questioned why there is a Supervisor then, not a Director. Mayor Hyde interrupted Trustee Saville and stated that he is tired of Trustee Saville's phrase "cheap seats". He said he is personally tired of it. Trustee Saville rephrased it and said, "sitting out in the audience", and Mayor Hyde said that is much better. Trustee Garling said the audience would probably appreciate that too. Trustee Saville apologized if he offended anyone. Mayor Hyde said that is much better and asked Trustee Saville to continue. Trustee Saville stated that too there is supposed to be an Advisory Committee per the Village ordinances, consisting of 8 people. He added that he has a young lady by the name of Becky Coolidge who would be interested in such a committee. Trustee Saville said that the Advisory Committee is supposed to be the one's putting this all together with the Park and Recreation Department and he feels that maybe the Park and Recreation Department may have been control of everything if this was in place. Trustee Saville feels it's important to get back to dollars and sense.

- Trustee Saville asked Mayor Hyde about a letter from David LeSueur regarding Timber Trail. He said that he left the Mayor a message as the letter was addressed to the Mayor, not to Mr. Kootstra and Public Works, and to please let Mr. LeSueur that the Village does not maintain private property including Timber Trail which is privately owned. The letter referred to an intergovernmental agreement as well. Trustee Saville stated that Public Works does not get involved with private property.

Mayor Hyde reported that he expressed Mr. Saville's wish to Mr. Ken Michaels of Northern Moraine. Timber Trail is a private road and there is an easement given to the sanitary district which makes them responsible. Trustee Saville told the Mayor though that he had asked for this to be in writing to the Sanitary District, not a conversation. Mayor Hyde said he would consider it. Trustee Saville said that he asked for this to be in writing because this is just another example of something biting back at the Village. Mayor Hyde questioned this. Trustee Saville said that this is not the Village's responsibility. Trustee Ponio asked if the Village plows this road. Trustee Saville replied that yes, the Village has been plowing it; however, the Village will no longer work on private property. Mayor Hyde said that one of the Village's subdivisions, the only way you can get to that subdivision, is by going down this road. Mayor Hyde said there's a full subdivision. Trustee Saville said at the end of the road is the Sanitary District and on either side is private property and there is no subdivision. He added that the subdivision is off of Roberts Road and one has to go all the way down Roberts Road and around and in the back to get to that subdivision. He said this has nothing to do with the subdivision. Mayor Hyde said he passed this on to Mr. Kootstra because he is the Road Department. Trustee Saville said that there is nothing Mr. Kootstra could do about this and that it is addressed to the Mayor. Mayor Hyde doesn't feel the letter is asking the Village to do anything. Trustee Saville said he would like clarification from Mayor Hyde that the Village will not be doing private property. Mayor Hyde said he never told Public Works to do private property. Trustee Garling inquired as to how long they have been plowing that road and Trustee Saville replied almost as long as forever. Trustee Garling said then that this is part of the last administration. Trustee Ponio stated that Trustee Saville is probably pointing all this out because when there's five inches of snow on the ground and their road isn't plowed they are going to be wondering and they should be told not to expect Village plows to show up to clean their road. Trustee Saville said the letter is asking for an Intergovernmental Agreement. Attorney Puma said that he has worked on this already. He said that the Village is not obligated to plow this road and that him and Mr. Kootstra have already discussed this at length. He has not seen this letter. Trustee Garling feels that a phone call should suffice. Mayor Hyde suggested Trustee Saville send a letter and acknowledge his thoughts in this letter on behalf of Public Works. Trustee Saville said that the letter was addressed to Mayor Hyde. Mayor Hyde said he would be glad to see Trustee Saville write the letter.

- Trustee Saville reported that the Southport Pond is another situation that has come up that deals with private property. He explained that Mr. Puma will be looking at the restrictor and this matter and that Public Works will not be doing any work on this at this time. The pond and the water in the pond is private property. Mayor Hyde asked if this is the project where the engineering firm worked on a plan for this project already and then the contract, for doing the work came back quite high. Trustee Garling said that that's why the Village was going to do this project internally then. Trustee Saville said that that is right; however, it is now being checked into because it is private property. Trustee Garling suggested to Trustee Saville that the Village or Association build a wall that keeps "any of your water from coming on to my property". Attorney Puma replied though that there is a pipe there. Trustee Saville said that this whole matter needs to stem from the annexation agreement and when that was built and that if Mr. Garling was sitting in here, in meetings, two and three years ago, he would have heard the whole discussion back then. Trustee Garling said the subdivision has been there longer than 3 years. He added that it handles flood water and handles water from the entire subdivision so that is why the Village is involved with it. Trustee Saville said the Village was involved with this because Public Works was instructed by the last administration, and last Mayor, to do it. Trustee Saville then mentioned Vista Drive and asked Trustee Garling if he remembers there where the water came flooding in, in the back of that pond, and that pond happens to be on private property. He said it was okay then that the Village not do anything because it was on private property and that he is pointing out that individuals forget what's private property and what is not. Trustee Garling said that what Trustee Saville is forgetting is the fact that all that water is coming from the entire subdivision and that's what makes it the Village's responsibility. Trustee Saville said that that's Trustee's Garling's opinion and Trustee Garling replied that yes, that it is his opinion. Trustee Saville said it is private property. Trustee Garling said that all the Board is

talking about is a pipe that will run out to the Fox River and take the water out there and keep the homes from flooding. Trustee Saville replied though, what if it is the Homeowners Associations responsibility, not the Village's. He said that it is not the taxpayer's responsibility to pay for items on private property. Trustee Garling replied that why is it that he then is paying any tax dollars for him to get his street plowed when he does not get his street plowed by the Village. He questioned why is it that he is paying property taxes for all kinds of other things that he does not get to enjoy as a homeowner. Trustee Saville said that's probably because the streets in there are not dedicated. Trustee Garling said they were approved by the Village. Trustee Saville said again, they are not dedicated though. Trustee Garling said they still approved it.

- Trustee Saville asked Mayor Hyde and Trustee Verciglio when they expect to talk about this Pedestrian Link that he received a letter on. Trustee Verciglio replied that when they have the proper information to present it to the Board. Trustee Saville questioned why it was presented though already at a Westridge Homeowners Association meeting a couple months back. He asked why it was brought to them and not to the Board yet. Mayor Hyde said a concept was presented and that Westridge has property that would be involved in this. Trustee Saville questioned though that the Village Board is not involved too. Mayor Hyde said they presented a concept of extended sidewalks which go into a bike trail to connect to the Westridge streets, that was the presentation because the Engineering gave them a concept at best as to the possible best routing. He felt it would be appropriate to speak to the Homeowners Association about the routing as it goes through their area and to get their feedback on this type of connection. Mayor Hyde said there were no negative thoughts. Trustee Saville said no, there were no negative thoughts, however, there was no commitment either. Mayor Hyde said they did not ask for a commitment. Trustee Saville said that after reading the letter from Baxter & Woodman, he would like to know when they are all going to be involved with this. Mayor Hyde replied that it would be appropriate for them to get their information first and then bring it to the Board. Trustee Verciglio said that the letter was addressed to him to handle. He said that they do not have all the final figures, they do not have the final layout and so what's there to present to the Board. Mayor Hyde said they are working on something, trying to put something together and that they do not have the answers. Trustee Saville said that yes, the two of you are working on putting this together. Trustee Verciglio said so now we are conniving. Trustee Saville replied that he did not say that but that the two of them are working on this together. Trustee Garling stated that if this group is such a family, then why is it that Trustee Saville wants to suddenly take part of the family, meaning my pond over there, and cut it off from the rest of the family. Trustee Saville said it is private property and maybe family isn't the word to use. Trustee Saville said that if Trustee Verciglio wants to use the word conniving then he guesses, yes, it's conniving because the two of them haven't brought this to the forefront. Trustee Verciglio questioned that the Board needs to be involved in every little detail and that everything has to be micromanaged. Trustee Ponio asked if engineering dollars have been spent on this already and Trustee Verciglio that no, no money has been spent yet. Trustee Ponio said then, that if a subject comes up, then it's open for whatever the mind wants to think. Trustee Verciglio said he takes this as an insult and that he is doing his job. Trustee Saville said that that was Trustee Verciglio's word, not his, and that he is trying to be nice. Trustee Saville said that the reason he has a copy of this letter is because Kevin Sutherland forwarded him a copy because anything that has to do with engineering and Public Works, is sent to Trustee Saville. He added that yes, when something is being worked on, and with dollars such as this, everyone yes should know. Trustee Saville added that the Hometown Award is a good thing to have but that that is another situation. He said that he was sitting up here and when he found out about it, we were just told that we won a Hometown Award. Being naive about these things, Trustee Saville thought that the State comes out, takes a look and gives out Hometown awards but now he know how it works. An application is put in. The application was reviewed and the Village received an award, which is good; however, he feels it would have been nice to have been told about the process and that an application was submitted. Mayor Hyde questioned what Trustee Saville had missed. Trustee Saville said that he did not hear about the process, that there was an application, that it was for the work that the Eagle Scout had completed at the park, etc. Mayor Hyde said that he did not turn in the application and that that Department did it. Trustee Saville said it's the procedures and tactics that take place that he does not appreciate. Mayor Hyde questioned why Trustee Saville is dissatisfied and Trustee Saville replied that no one most likely would be against going out for such an award, it's just the tactics being used. Trustee Saville said that this is not the first time that everyone is finding out about something that is done in hindsight. Trustee Ponio said that he can send an email to the Board Members as to why the Hometown Awards Committee is looking into this. Trustee Garling questioned that they were

already out and inspected everything and are fine with it. Trustee Ponio said that they revised the award though. Trustee Verciglio said that they revised the name on the plaque. Trustee Ponio said they revised what was submitted by Trustee Verciglio. Trustee Verciglio recalls in June that he presented to the Board that this was in process and they did receive the award and there was no objection back then. Trustee Saville said that Trustee Verciglio said back then that the Village had received the award. It was already all completed. Mayor Hyde said that there are many documents that he signs on a daily basis in one fashion or another that relate to the Village and questioned if Trustee Saville wanted everything that they do. Trustee Saville said that on October 16<sup>th</sup>, regarding a grant and Senator Watson on the streets, Mr. Kootstra had presented the Mayor a letter from this Senator about grants being issued for Roads. The mayor sent it back to Mr. Kootstra along with a some notes and he wanted to know what Mayor Hyde meant as Mayor Hyde said "I have been given a clear path by the President of the McHenry County Board which will take extensive time over the next several months". He questioned what was so important here that Mayor Hyde could not assist Mr. Kootstra in writing a letter for a grant. Mayor Hyde said that what he told Mr. Kootstra is that they are working on improving 176 with turn lanes. He said that that was more important and thought Trustee Saville would be the perfect person to assist Mr. Kootstra in moving this forward. Mayor Hyde said that he pointed out that he is working on this other project already which is taking an extensive amount of time and is still being worked on. Mayor Hyde said he only has so many hours and questioned how many hours Trustee Saville spends at Village Hall. Trustee Saville replied then that that would be his job and this is not his job. Attorney Puma said that there is a misunderstanding here and that the Mayor is not a full time Mayor. He is not paid as a full time Mayor and that he is in the same boat as the Trustees. Attorney Puma said there is no strong Mayor full time form of Government and that they are all on equal footing. He said that the Mayor has certain duties but he is not to run the Village on a day to day basis and that's what a Village Administrator does. Department Heads run their own Department but that the Mayor does not run the Village on a daily basis. Trustee Saville said though that the Village is not getting any better. Attorney Puma suggested hiring an Administrator and somehow find the money to do it. Trustee Ponio said that there is a company in the suburbs, the Par Group, which has part time administrators for hire. They will come in and evaluate the Village and provide a presentation so that the Village can look at a part time Administrator. Trustee Garling suggested starting a committee. Trustee Saville said that he has spoke with John Little more than once and there are no funds for this. Trustee Sadoski said that each one of the Trustees chairs a department. We are the one's that are first made aware and then we act as a liaison to the rest of the Board. She feels that it is impossible for the Board to be made aware of everything. Trustee Sadoski said that maybe they were not ready to make a presentation to the Board this evening and they will do so when they are ready. She feels that they would have brought this forward when they were ready. Trustee Sadoski said that she feels that they are all in agreement that the Village needs an Administrator. Trustee Saville said that this has to be made a goal, everyone has to be serious about it and work on it to make it happen. She replied that sometimes an idea is just an idea. Trustee Saville said it just would have been nice to have known that an application was submitted for an award so we all knew and could all ask questions about the process. All the sudden, it's done. Mayor Hyde commented that at Converse Park, there wasn't enough money to finish to park and that's why there's a sledding hill there, because the Village could not afford to take the dirt out of that park. Mayor Hyde said that he feels that it would be appropriate for Trustees to work within their departments on grants as he works himself with a whole other group on grants. He said that he spends a lot of time working on grants with these group and feels that the Trustees need to take hold and work on grants on their own with their departments. Mayor Hyde would appreciate then that Trustees get involved and write letters when they are asked to. He added that he gives every bit of authority to the Trustees to send a letter out on behalf of his/her Department. Trustee Saville said he will then expect the Mayors backing and Mayor Hyde replied there is no backing to it and that each Trustee runs his/her own Department. The Board has to look at each issue and see how they feel about it as a group.

- Trustee Verciglio reported on Organized sports. He said that Trustee Saville is correct, money-wise, the Falcons contributed \$1000. Over the years though, organized sports for the Village has built new dugouts, put in drain tiles, built a concession stand, they maintain the parks, replace dirt, etc. And all is done in kind.
- Trustee Verciglio reported that the purpose of the Hometown Award was for recognition of volunteers for their efforts. He said that he filled out the application and the Village was awarded the award. He is planning to purchase two more signs at a cost of \$240. John Little said that there are funds in the budget for this. One sign will go in the park, one will be attached

to each entrance sign into Island Lake.

- Trustee Verciglio questioned the Illinois Smoke Free Ordinance. Attorney Puma said that he has an ordinance in progress and will get a copy to the Board shortly. It mimics the state statute. Trustee Verciglio questioned the letter that Attorney Puma was going to write to Northern Moraine regarding emergency management agency regarding an agreement between the Village and Northern Moraine. Attorney Puma will completed the verbiage and get back to the Trustees.
- Trustee Verciglio said a meeting was held in June in 2007 regarding the Prevailing Act. He asked about the Contractors Agreement and asked about the status. Attorney Puma said that he provided a Contractors Agreement to Mr. Kootstra, Clerk Kaczmarek, etc., to use. Trustee Ponio said that he recently looked into the Barnick project regarding the storm sewers and he did not see such a contract such as this signed by Barnick. Mayor Hyde said though that the funds that Trustee Ponio wanted held, did not have to do with this project. He said they are funds for other areas where roads had sunk. Trustee Ponio replied that that is right. Mayor Hyde said that a group decided that the funds should be released as this was a different project. Mayor Hyde said that Trustee Ponio received the records he requested and that he is asking for additional documents now. Trustee Ponio said that he did not receive what he had asked for. Mayor Hyde said that John Little had told him that he provided for Trustee Ponio the documents he requested. Trustee Ponio questioned if the funds were released. Trustee Garling replied that the Board had agreed, that when Trustee Ponio received the documents, the payment would be released. John Little reported that he provided the documents to Trustee Ponio. Trustee Ponio replied that he will talk about the rest in executive session. Trustee Ponio said though that that agreement has to be signed by those providing service and work to Island Lake. Trustee Saville said that Barnick is being singled out and that particular job was one man, on person on one job. Attorney Puma explained that if it is one person, acting as him/herself, on one job, prevailing wage does not apply and they are not required to follow prevailing wage. Mayor Hyde asked if Trustee Ponio wanted to see every contract and every piece of paper signed by Public Works with regard to every job being worked on. Trustee Ponio replied that what he wants, when a contractor signs an agreement with the Village, and agrees to provide the appropriate documents and paperwork, that it be done before any payments are released. All documentation should be in place before a payment is released. Trustee Saville explained that with Barnick, yes, it's a corporation; however, with some jobs, he himself does the work along with Public Works. He does the excavating and Public Works assists him on some projects. He allows Public Works to work with him which in turn keeps the costs down. Trustee Ponio expressed his frustration though as this has been going on for years now where the proper paperwork is not necessarily in place. Attorney Puma explained, if it's a corporation, and he/she is paid out of the corporation, prevailing wage has to be paid. Trustee Ponio explained that he does not want the Village to be breaking the law. He said it's been a pattern. He said that if he agrees, and then votes on it to let the money out, the he is breaking the law too. Trustee Ponio commented that the same thing occurred with the Dorothy Beach seawall. He said that the laws have to be followed and things have to be made right.
- Trustee Verciglio questioned the gate for Prairie Woods. Trustee Saville reported that it is being worked on and they are making sure it is handicap accessible.
- Trustee Verciglio questioned the enforcement of animals ordinance as there is no fine attached to the ordinance. Trustee Ponio questioned what a good fine for this matter is though. This will be discussed further at another meeting.

#### *Items from the Mayor*

- Mayor Hyde reminded everyone that he passed out a letter to all regarding Village planning services as recommended by the Village Attorney
- Mayor Hyde received approval from the Board for Attorney Puma to not attend the December 13<sup>th</sup> meeting as he is not available. All agreed.
- Mayor Hyde reported on an email from IDOT. There are concerns with the striping on 176 in front of Walgreens. Mr. Kootstra already contacted them and this will be taken care of asap. Osman handles the striping of the roads.
- Mayor Hyde and Trustee Verciglio attended the Freedom Shrine on Veteran's Day at Wauconda High School
- Comcast letters were passed out
- Seminar information was passed out
- Mayor Hyde mentioned a drunk driving proclamation that he will present to the Board.

- *Mayor Hyde said that the Cotton Creek Holiday Store is asking for permission to place signs on Hwy 176. It's a program where children can purchase Holiday gifts for family members right at school.*
- *Mayor Hyde passed out a letter regarding Prevailing Wage rates*
- *Mayor Hyde asked Trustee Garling to attend a McHenry County meeting regarding development. It is December 5<sup>th</sup> at 6 pm.*

*Attorney Puma explained that the Village has received several complaints regarding tax assessment. One is 129 E. State and the other is the DeLaurentis property on Roberts Road. The Board agreed to not pursue these two matters.*

*Motion by Trustee Garling, properly seconded to open the meeting to the floor. All in favor.*

*Laurie Rabattini 4702 S. Hampton: Ms. Rabattini asked Trustee Sadoski if there is a contract for car repairs on the police vehicles. Trustee Sadoski replied no, not to her knowledge. Trustee Sadoski replied that police vehicle repairs tend to be high dollar repairs so it is often left up to the Chief as to how to economically handle these repairs. If there is a large expense, the Chief generally comes to the Board. Ms. Rabattini asked if there is a procedure in place and Trustee Sadoski replied that she is not sure but will check and get back to Ms. Rabattini. If Public Works has a high dollar repair, they obtain 3 quotes.*

*Motion by Trustee Garling, properly seconded to bring the meeting back to the Board. All in favor.*

*Motion by Trustee Ponio, properly seconded to go into Executive Session. All in favor. A 10 minute break was taken.*

*Motion by Trustee Garling, properly seconded to adjourn Executive Session and return to the Board Meeting. Being that no further business was discussed, motion by Trustee Sadoski, properly seconded to adjourn the Board meeting. The meeting adjourned at 10:55 pm. All in favor.*

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*Christine Kaczmarek, Village Clerk*