

**League of Women Voters
Observers Report**

Board meeting attended: Downers Grove Village Council

Date and Location of meeting: October 10, 2017, Council Chambers, 801 Burlington Ave.

Meeting started: 7 p.m.

Meeting adjourned: 9:45 p.m.

League Observer(s): Emily Teising

Trustees present (P) not present (NP) tardy (T), (Term expires)

Mayor Martin Tully	P	(2019)
Bob Barnett	P	(2021)
Margaret Earl	P	(2021)
Greg Hose	P	(2021)
Nicole Walus	P	(2019)
William Waldack	P	(2019)
Bill White	P	(2019)

Estimated Number Attending (excluding Board and Staff): 13 in audience

Meetings are Streamed and Archived at:

<https://www.youtube.com/user/VillageDownersGrove>

Agenda can be found at: [Agenda October 10, 2017](#)

Proclamation by Mayor Tully: Fire Prevention week. Five uniformed members of the fire department were present. Chief announced community events for the week of Oct. 8-14.

PUBLIC COMMENT

- Linda Brown, 1010 Hickory Trail. Requested that the Village bring greater attention to the \$1.45 million settlement (the Village will pay) Bradley Land Group relating to pending litigation regarding the Brookbank Prairie Subdivision, just as the Village publicly celebrates its successes. The settlement was approved as part of the July 18, 2017 Consent Agenda. Tully stated information about the issue is a matter of public record available to all should they wish to make inquiries.
- Liz Chalberg, Downers Grove Historical Society, announced an Oct. 21 Living Cemetery event, 10 a.m. – noon, Main Street Cemetery.

CONSENT AGENDA

- A. COR 2017-7537 Bills Payable: No. 6356, October 10, 2017
- B. A resolution authorizing an agreement with V3 Companies of Illinois, Ltd. regarding a stormwater project and road construction at Brookbank Road for \$603,488. [RES 2017-7533](#)

Approved unanimously

First Reading

- A. An ordinance increasing the number of beer and wine recreational facility licenses from one to two. **Click here for information:** [ORD 2017-7535](#)
This license is a specific categorization for recreational facilities (REC-2, Beer and wine). This will be for an indoor recreation center also open to children. The applicant will not automatically receive a full liquor license, but will have that classification available to them.

Discussion about:

- Whether the applicant should submit application before license is added to category (initiated by Waldack). Trustees generally agreed that applicants would not go to the trouble of submitting an application for a non-existent license.
 - Whether to go ahead and add two licenses rather than one (initiated by Earl). Trustees were agreeable to this suggestion.
- B. Discuss potential amendments to stormwater management regulations relating to residential construction. **Click here for information:** [INF 2016-7016](#)
Presented by Nan Newlon. Recommendations from staff with input from the Stormwater and Flood Plain Oversight Committee. Evaluated in the categories of effectiveness, cost and administrative burden.
 - Presentation and council discussion focused on the idea that a number of the options for stormwater management are effective under certain conditions, but not all; therefore, flexibility in stormwater management is important.
 - A major question is whether we believe that new development should first do no harm, Barnett said. In which case the first option, on-site detention, would be the solution.
 - There was some discussion about whether to use a tax or fee to incentivize certain stormwater management options.

Public Comment:

- Four residents, speaking from the perspective of homeowners and one builder, voiced strong support of the option requiring on-site stormwater detention.

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Council Response

- Walus leans toward including on-site stormwater detention and is interested in learning about incentivizing this option.

- Waldack acknowledged difficulty of pleasing everyone, asked if the priority is the new people (new construction) or people already living here.

Mayor's Report

Brickhouse Tavern and Tap on Butterfield liquor license application will be on file at Village Hall for two weeks for public comment.

Council Member Reports

Barnett – Staff members at the Downers Grove Public Library received awards for their work from the Illinois Library Association

Walus – District 99 is hosting informational meetings and tours to learn about the Master Facilities Plan.

White – Downers Grove South Music Bowl on October 14. Two South High Students Selected for 2018 U.S. Army All-American Band

Tully – Helping Girls Navigate Adolescence pancake breakfast October 21 at Ballydoyle Irish Pub. Family Shelter Service 5K walk/run and 10K run, October 29.

Meeting recessed to conference room at 8:45 p.m. and resumed at 8:55.

Manager's Report

Part of a series of ongoing budget discussions. Follow link for related documents:
<http://www.downers.us/govt/village-budget>

Discussion of

1. Continued investment in infrastructure
2. Contributions to Open Post-employment Benefits unfunded liability
3. Funding to implement a facilities direction (Village Hall and Police Department buildings)

Detailed report of the budget discussions from Oct. 3 and 10 will be forthcoming.

Date Submitted: September, 2017

By: Emily Teising