

**League of Women Voters  
Observers Report**

**Board meeting attended:** Downers Grove Village Council

**Date and Location of meeting:** November 21, 2017, Council Chambers, 801 Burlington Ave.

**Meeting started:** 7 p.m.

**Meeting adjourned:** 8:15 p.m.

**League Observer(s):** Emily Teising

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

Mayor Martin Tully	P	(2019)
Bob Barnett	T	(2021) (arrived 7:10, before first action)
Margaret Earl	P	(2021)
Greg Hose	NP	(2021)
Nicole Walus	P	(2019)
William Waldack	P	(2019)
Bill White	P	(2019)

**Estimated Number Attending (excluding Board and Staff):** 10 in audience

**Meetings are Streamed and Archived at:**

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

**Agenda can be found at:** [Agenda November 21, 2017](#)

## **PROCLAMATION**

Tully made a proclamation recognizing the bicentennial year of Illinois's statehood, from December 3, 2017 to December 3, 2018. Downers Grove will participate in a bicentennial flag-raising in the village on December 4. See [Illinois200.com](http://Illinois200.com) for more information.

## **PUBLIC COMMENT**

Michael Cassa, president and CEO of the Downers Grove Economic Development corporation recognized the opening of Ashley Homestore in Downers Grove.

## **CONSENT AGENDA**

Approved unanimously

## FIRST READING

- A. A resolution authorizing a third amendment to the sales tax rebate agreement with Downers Grove Imports, Ltd. d/b/a Pugi of Chicagoland RES 2017-7590

**Cassa** spoke in support of the agreement, as it would incentivize other dealerships to come to Downers Grove.

**Owner, Dominic Pugliani** said he looks forward to continuing to grow his business in Downers Grove.

Items B, C, D and E all relate to 2125 Ogden Avenue, at the southeast corner of Ogden Avenue and Belmont Road. The property will be redeveloped with a gas station, convenience store and drive-through restaurant with an outdoor seating element. There will be two curb cuts, for access to Belmont and Ogden. The developer proposes to create two lots (there are five lots of record zoned B-3).

- B. An ordinance vacating a portion of a public alley immediately south of 2125 Ogden Avenue ORD 2017-7576
- C. An ordinance authorizing a special use for Lot 2 of the Power Mart Resubdivision to permit a fueling station with a variation ORD 2017-7573
- D. An ordinance authorizing a special use for Lot 1 of the Power Mart Resubdivision to permit a drive-through with variations ORD 2017-7574
- E. A resolution approving final plat of subdivision with an exception for 2125 Ogden Avenue RES 2017-7575

**Earl:** does not believe the proposal meets the standards for vacation of the portion of the public alley.

**Waldack:** inquired about efforts to contact neighbors.

**Barnett:** Is the problem for Marge and Bill the process or the actual use?

**Earl** did not believe the drive-through was well laid out and said the Ogden Avenue frontage is too narrow. She objects to the alley vacation.

**Petitioner:** Described extensive efforts to contact owners beginning in 2016, including meeting the owner at his home. Said all the infrastructure for the gas station will be new.

**Waldack:** efforts to contact neighbors as described by the petitioner here did not come through in the minutes of previous meetings.

**Barnett:** requested confirmation that gas deliveries and dumpster management will take place during off-hours. The petitioner confirmed this.

**Barnett:** requested a more description of the "container restaurant" building. Petitioner directed him to The Fountain in Detroit as an example.

- F. A resolution approving final plat of subdivision for 3600 Lacey Road RES 2017-7572

This project will create a corporate office campus. Improvements will be made to Finley Road, which runs along part of the eastern edge of the property.

**Resident Scott Richards** raised concerns about traffic on Finley Road at Ogden Avenue.

**Earl** raised a question about the long-term stability of Finley Road bridge crossing Interstates 355 and 88.

**Waldack** asked why the lot needs to be subdivided into five. Staff said this will make it easier to sell the lots separately if needed.

### **Mayor's Report**

A resolution urging the Governor to veto Senate Bill 1451 (Small Wireless Facilities Deployment Act) RES 2017-7597

Tully: This will allow retention of local control over where small wireless facilities will go.

### **Council Member Reports**

Council members listed a number of holiday events you can learn about at:

<http://www.downtowndg.org/whats-happening>

**Date Submitted: November 29, 2017**

**By: Emily Teising**