

**League of Women Voters
Observers Report**

Board meeting attended: Downers Grove Village Council

Date and Location of meeting: December 19, 2017, Council Chambers, 801 Burlington Ave.

Meeting started: 7 p.m.

Meeting adjourned: 7:30 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)

Est. Number Attending (excluding Board and Staff): 6

Meetings are Streamed and Archived at:

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

Agenda can be found at: [Agenda December 19, 2017](#)

PUBLIC COMMENT

1. Vera Miller invited Commissioners to attend the FEJA (Future Energy Jobs Act) information session hosted by, among others, IBEW Local 701 in Warrenville.
2. Another member of the public (Sierra Club), encouraged Downers Grove to aspire to transition to being powered 100 percent by renewable energy.

CONSENT AGENDA Approved unanimously

ACTIVE AGENDA

- A. An ordinance authorizing the extension of a planned unit development site plan approval to allow additional signage at 3300 Finley Road to December 20, 2018 [ORD 2017-7626](#)
- B. An ordinance amending the stormwater utility rate [ORD 2017-7595](#)
- C. An ordinance repealing water rates furnished by other municipalities [ORD 2017-7596](#)

Comment from Tully and Village manager Fieldman on 12/12/17: these items relate to budget implementation. Autonomous boards have made changes, and so the Village Board of Trustees must approve adjustments accordingly.

On 12/19/17, these items were approved unanimously. No one from the public chose to speak, and there was no discussion.

Mayor's Report

Recognized the retirement of Police Chief Bluder, who is starting as Chief of Police in LaGrange in January, 2018.

Report on DU-COMM, DuPage County's public safety communications system.

- DU-COMM will take out a \$7.5 million loan to refinance other debt.
- The collective bargaining agreement with the dispatchers' union was approved.
- The new facility will be completed by April 2018.
- The Warrenville Fire Department was voted back into DU-COMM.

Manager's report

Megan Miles, asst. to Village Manager: At council direction, staff has made changes to the system of boards and commissions. Most notably:

- New landing page on the village website listing number of vacancies and applications on file.
- Individual pages for each board or commission.
- Applicants will receive confirmation of receipt of their application within a week.
- Applicants will receive quarterly communications from the Village while their application is still on file.
- Beginning in Fall 2018, appointees will participate in a group orientation

Council Member Reports

Barnett: the Downers Grove Public Library will offer book club bags (complete with the books).

Others wished everyone happy holidays.

The next meeting will take place January 9, 2018.

Date Submitted: December 20, 2017

By: Emily Teising