

**League of Women Voters
Observers Report**

Board meeting attended: Downers Grove Village Council

Date and Location of meeting: September 5, 2017, Council Chambers, 801 Burlington Ave.

Meeting started: 7: p.m.

Meeting adjourned: 9:15 p.m.

League Observer(s): Emily Teising

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

Mayor Martin Tully	P	(2019)
Bob Barnett	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): Standing room only

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

Agenda can be found at: [Agenda September 5, 2017](#)

Mayor's Report

- Resolution Removing Art Jaros from the Library Board of Trustees
Approved unanimously

PUBLIC COMMENT

- Fifteen individuals spoke in support of the resolution removing a member from the Library Board of Trustees, and in support of a welcoming, diverse town and library that value equity.
- Five individuals spoke against the dismissal of a member of the Library Board of Trustees.

After public comment, many people left at approximately 8:10 p.m. Approximately 40 people remained in the audience.

CONSENT AGENDA

- A. Payroll, August 4 and 18, 2017.
 - B. Bills Payable, September 5, 2017.
 - C. Resolution to authorize Intergovernmental agreement with District 58 for reciprocal reporting system regarding criminal offenses committed by students.
 - D. Motion to authorize contract not to exceed \$93,104.00 to Hancock Engineering for engineering services for the West Burlington and the Middaugh and Blanchard Drainage Improvement Projects.
 - E. Motion to authorize \$24,675.00 to Air One, Inc., Elgin, IL for Firefighter Turnout Gear.
 - F. Not receipt of Minutes, Library Board of Trustees, July 26, 2017
- Approved unanimously**

Active AGENDA

- A. An ordinance authorizing a special use for 1644 Ogden Avenue to permit an automobile dealership
Earl asked if test drive maps would be kept in the cars, in a follow-up question to a discussion at the previous meeting.
Tully said the concern was noted and would be addressed.
Approved unanimously
- B. An ordinance rezoning certain property located immediately south of 1723 Ogden Avenue
Approved unanimously
- C. An ordinance amending Ordinance No. 5539 authorizing a special use for 1723 Ogden Avenue to permit an automobile dealership
A member of the public asked how this would affect revenue to the village.
Village Manager David Fieldman said as this is an expansion of an existing automobile dealership, he hoped it would expand revenue generated for the village.
Approved unanimously

First Reading

- A. A resolution authorizing an incentive agreement with Rexnord Industries, LLC

Districts 58 and 99 previously approved a tax abatement agreement to keep Rexnord in Downers Grove. The project involves construction of a new 250,000 square foot manufacturing facility. As part of the deal, Rexnord agrees to continue in Downers Grove for a minimum of five years.

Tully commented that this is a rare opportunity for the town, county and state. He and José expressed gratitude to Rexnord and the Downers Grove Economic Development Commission.

- B. An ordinance rezoning certain property (Flavorchem Corporation)
- C. An ordinance amending the Zoning Ordinance to designate the property at 1500, 1509, 1515, 1516, 1525 and 1528 Brook Drive; and 1429, 1503, 1505 and 1515 Centre Circle as Planned Unit Development #59 and authorize a Campus Master Plan for Flavorchem Corporation
- D. A resolution authorizing an agreement with Flavorchem Corporation providing for a license with respect to Brook Drive

The master campus plan involves authorizing a Licensing Agreement for Brook Drive. When the item came before the planning board originally, Flavorchem requested the vacation of Brook Drive, which was not approved, at which time Flavorchem revised their proposal.

Four individuals, including property owners and an attorney for businesses on Brook Drive objected to the plan, citing the negative effects on their businesses as well as traffic on Butterfield Road, Finley Road, and Downers Drive, should Brook Drive be closed.

Tully said Boards and Commissions are recommending bodies, and the ultimate decision lies with the council.

Hosé said all businesses will still have access to Brook Drive.

Council Member Reports

Tully – Floodplain mapping update from DuPage County. The public comment period is closed and the 90-day appeal period will begin in 2018. St. Joseph Creek has been added to the list for DuPage County Watershed Plan Studies, which would put the Village in a better position to apply for funding should the need arise.

The groundbreaking for the Oak Trace Retirement Community was September 6.

Hosé – Attended EDC meeting for the first time last month as liaison, impressed by their work. I hope my colleagues will take request (made during public comment) to pledge to appoint trustees who value inclusion seriously.

Waldus – October 16 Oktoberfest hosted by District 58 Education Foundation

Earl – Downers Grove Fine Arts Festival, September 9-10

Date Submitted: September, 2017

By: Emily Teising