

**League of Women Voters  
Observers Report**

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

**Date and Location of meeting:** January 9, 2018, Council Chambers, 801 Burlington Ave.

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

**Meeting adjourned:** 8:20 p.m.

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

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

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| Mayor Martin Tully | P | (2019)                |
| Bob Barnett        | P | (2021)                |
| Margaret Earl      | P | (2021)                |
| Greg Hose          | T | (2021) arrived 8 p.m. |
| Nicole Walus       | P | (2019)                |
| William Waldack    | P | (2019)                |
| Bill White         | P | (2019)                |

**Est. Number Attending (excluding Board and Staff):** 50. all but eight departed after the new police chief was sworn in.

**Meetings are Streamed and Archived at:**

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

**Agenda can be found at:** [Agenda January 9, 2018](#)

**December 19 minutes approved unanimously.**

**New Chief of Police Shanon Gillette sworn in.** Gillette has 24 years of law enforcement experience with the Village of Downers Grove.

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

Violet Radwill, 5410 Grand Avenue. Expressed concern about potential drainage issues on her property relating to changes in grade with new construction next door. This is an issue not just for her property, but for a general lack of consideration shown by builders for existing property, she said.

**CONSENT AGENDA** Approved unanimously

- A. Claims Ordinance: No. 6243, Payroll, December 8, 2017 and No. 6245, Payroll, December 22, 2017 COR 2017-7650
- B. Bills Payable: No. 6372, January 9, 2018 BIL 2017-7651

- C. A resolution authorizing a loan amendment to the loan agreement with the Illinois Environmental Protection Agency (Drinking Water Project L175336) [RES 2017-7648](#)
- D. A resolution authorizing an extension to the agreement with Thompson Elevator Inspection Service, Inc. [RES 2017-7647](#)
- E. A resolution authorizing a second extension to the agreement with Marcott Enterprises, Inc. for supply of crushed limestone [RES 2017-7638](#)
- F. A resolution authorizing a second extension to the agreement with Elmhurst Chicago Stone Company for supply of ready mix concrete [RES 2017-7639](#)
- G. A resolution authorizing a second extension to the agreement with Western Gradall Corporation for roadside ditch reconstruction and maintenance services [RES 2017-7640](#)
- H. A resolution amending the Village of Downers Grove Personnel Manual Sexual Harassment policy [RES 2017-7646](#)
- I. A resolution expressing intent to continue participation in the Suburban Tree Consortium and to authorize certain purchases for FY 2018 [RES 2017-7641](#)

## FIRST READING

- A. An ordinance authorizing a special use for 4832 Highland Avenue to permit a school addition with a variation [ORD 2017-7643](#)

The addition will connect two wings of the existing building at the southwest corner of the school. The setback variation makes it possible for the addition to be aligned with the existing building.

- B. An ordinance amending theater license provisions [ORD 2017-7644](#)

Changes would allow the Tivoli theater to expand when it serves alcohol beyond special events. Currently, the Tivoli serves alcohol only at special events, with a temporary liquor license. Patrons will only be able to purchase one alcoholic beverage at a time. The purchase point will be separate from the sale of other concessions.

**Trustees Waldack, Earl and White** raised questions about the ability to monitor alcohol consumption in a darkened theater, particularly at screenings where minors are likely to be present. Possible limitations included restricting consumption to the lobby, restricting sale to screenings when children are less likely to be present.

**Trustee Walus** asked if the food selection will be expanded or changed. (It will.)

**Trustees Barnett and Tully** do not share their colleagues' concerns, they said. Barnett asked for clarification of some of the objections. Selling liquor is a privilege in Downers Grove, Tully said, and the rules are enforced. Given the Tivoli's good track record handling of liquor at special events and at the bowling alley, he sees no reason to doubt their responsible behavior going forward. Barnett said he thought it was much ado about nothing.

**Willis Johnson, president of Tivoli Enterprises:** The Tivoli bowling alley has had a liquor license since 1982 with two violations during that time.

- C. An ordinance prohibiting the purchase and possession of alternative nicotine products by minors [ORD 2017-7645](#)

### **Mayor's Report**

Attended the Metropolitan Mayors Caucus, shared information about ComEd grants available, administered by the caucus.

### **Council Member Reports**

**Walus:** District 58's Strategic Planning Process Survey is available for residents to fill out at [dg58.org](http://dg58.org).

**Date Submitted: January 10, 2018**

**By: Emily Teising**