

**League of Women Voters
Observers Report**

Board meeting attended: Downers Grove Village Council

Date and Location of meeting: February 13, 2018, Council Chambers, 801 Burlington Ave.

Meeting started: 7 p.m.

Meeting adjourned: 8:15 p.m.

Recessed 7:10-7:25 to await Mayor Tully, whose train was delayed.

League Observer: Emily Teising

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

Mayor Martin Tully	T	(2019) arrived at 7:25, for stormwater discussion
Bob Barnett	P	(2021)
Margaret Earl	P	(2021)
Greg Hose	NP	(2021)
Nicole Walus	P	(2019)
William Waldack	P	(2019)
Bill White	P	(2019) Mayor Pro Tem until 7:25

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

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

Agenda can be found at: [Agenda February 13, 2018](#)

February minutes approved unanimously.

CONSENT AGENDA Approved unanimously as presented

- A. BIL 2018-7679 Bills Payable: No. 6378, February 13, 2018
- B. A motion authorizing \$86,705.55 to CDW Government LLC, Vernon Hills, IL, for replacement of 95 desktop computers, monitors and speakers [MOT 2018-7669](#)
- C. A motion authorizing \$33,576.00 to CDS Office Technologies, Itasca, IL, for replacement of 27 laptop computers and 12 docking stations [MOT 2018-7670](#)
- D. A resolution authorizing a second extension to the agreement with B&F Construction Code Services, Inc. for code inspection services [RES 2018-7676](#)
- E. A motion authorizing a change order for \$67,783.82 to A Lamp Concrete Contractors, Inc., Schaumburg, IL, for West Burlington drainage improvement project [MOT 2018-7672](#)
- F. Note receipt of minutes of Boards and Commissions [MIN 2018-7683](#)

Active Agenda

- A. An ordinance rezoning certain property located at 236 Indianapolis Avenue [ORD 2018-7656](#)
- B. An ordinance authorizing a special use for 236 Indianapolis Avenue to permit a school addition [ORD 2018-7655](#)

Items A and B pertain to an addition to Lester School. The Plan Commission voted 6-0 to recommend approval. The Zoning Map Amendment rezones the property from R-4, Residential Detached House 4, to INP-2, Campus-Scale Institutional and Public District.

The petitioner is proposing to add an approximately 3,400 square-foot addition that will include three classrooms and storage space. This is to accommodate the integration of a full-day kindergarten program at the school.

- C. An ordinance authorizing a special use for 2410 Ogden Avenue to permit an automobile dealership. [ORD 2018-7654](#)

2410 Ogden Avenue was previously the site of DuPage Inn Bar and Grill. The Plan Commission voted 6-0 to recommend approval.

All items on the active agenda were approved unanimously, without discussion.

Mayor's Report

A resolution appointing members to Boards and Commissions [RES 2018-7665](#)

- A. PLAN COMMISSION Appoint Daiva Majauskas to a three-year term expiring August 31, 2021
- B. ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS Appoint Michael McCann as Chair to a term expiring August 31, 2020

Council Member New Business

- A. A motion directing staff to prepare a draft operating process to reinstate the Peer Jury Program [MOT 2018-7674](#)
[**Observer note:** Item deferred for a second time because of council member absence.]

Manager's Report (Recessed to committee room. Meeting resumed after Mayor Tully's arrival)

A report discussing potential amendments to stormwater management regulations [REP 2017-7624](#) *Report includes diagrams and definitions referenced during the discussion.*

Background: Stormwater runoff generated by new residential construction, additions to homes, and construction of accessory structures that comply with current Village regulations sometimes negatively impact adjacent properties.

[**Observer Note:** Major rain events bring residents to village meetings to discuss flooding on their property and in their neighborhoods, and some attend village meetings regularly, seeking relief from the Village.]

The purpose of this discussion was to seek a policy direction from the council.

The outcome was that staff will draft an ordinance aimed at reducing the negative impacts of runoff caused by development activities.

Highlights of Discussion:

David Fieldman, Village Manager:

The questions include

1. Should the village require a connection to stormwater infrastructure already in place?
2. Under what circumstances should such a connection be required?
3. Should volume storage (on-site) be required?
4. What major additions to existing homes should be included under the ordinance?

Cost varies greatly, depending on

1. The length of pipe needed (distance to connection with existing infrastructure)
2. Elevation difference and possible need for a pump to move water
3. Tree and utility conflicts (when new pipe has to be installed)
4. Whether infrastructure needs to be installed under a street (repaving costs) or green space.

Tully: The major goal is more effective drainage. Favors moving forward and getting more details. Compared this to the process of reviewing downtown zoning, where big picture issues were discussed, and then the discussion zeroed in on specific properties to make allowances for actual conditions. He suggested investigating cost sharing and recapture agreements to mitigate the financial burden on those most affected by new requirements.

Waldack: Requirements linked to major additions should be worded carefully so that people don't simply divide projects into smaller pieces to avoid having to comply with the ordinance.

White: Supports requiring an extension to public infrastructure, recapture agreements, and a case-by-case variance procedure.

Walus: Asked for confirmation that residents will be notified before they begin their projects. She shared the example of her family's renovation/addition project, where they were

informed well into the project that they would need to spend \$10,000 more than anticipated. **Answer:** Yes, people will be told ahead of time.

Earl: Noted that a board might be needed to help evaluate variances.

Barnett: agreement that the village should require connection and extension to infrastructure. He noted that the problem is that 40 percent of the community doesn't have the system we wish were in place.

Public:

Jenny Garst: Reminded council members that the cost of rolling necessary connections to existing infrastructure for a new home, which can be rolled into a monthly mortgage payment, has significantly less impact than the cost of recovering and rebuilding after a flood damages an existing home.

Mr. Garst: What are the plans to build out the stormwater infrastructure in the village?

Fieldman: There is a list of priorities based on past flood events (2006, 2013).

Next steps: Staff will begin drafting ordinances. Stakeholders will be contacted (residents, builders). Fieldman and Tully estimated that it will be six months before an ordinance would go into effect.

Date Submitted: February 15, 2018

By: Emily Teising