

**League of Women Voters
Observers Report**

Board meeting attended: Downers Grove Village Council

Date and Location of meeting: February 6, 2018, Council Chambers, 801 Burlington Ave.

Meeting started: 7 p.m.

Meeting adjourned: about 7:50 p.m.

League Observer: Emily Teising

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

Mayor Martin Tully	NP	(2019)
Bob Barnett	P	(2021)
Margaret Earl	NP	(2021)
Greg Hose	P	(2021)
Nicole Walus	NP	(2019)
William Waldack	P	(2019)
Bill White	P	(2019) Mayor Pro Tem

Est. Number Attending (excluding Board and Staff): 10

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

Agenda can be found at: [Agenda February 6, 2018](#)

January 16 minutes approved unanimously.

PUBLIC COMMENT

American Legion Post 80 Commander Rick McClaren reported on the activities of the post, including raising \$27,000 for scholarships, hosting Bingo Tuesdays, putting on the Memorial Day Parade, providing an honor guard for veterans' funerals, and helping needy veterans. "If you know of a needy veteran, send them to us."

Jenny Garst, Farrar Court. Asked when the village plans to follow up on previous discussions of stormwater management in the village. She expressed concern about the lack of action being taken by elected officials on this issue.

[Observer Note: Citizens raise the issue of stormwater management frequently at Village Council meetings. The Council has not taken any binding action regarding this issue in the past year.]

CONSENT AGENDA Approved unanimously as presented

- A. Claims Ordinance: No. 6247, Payroll, January 5, 2018 COR 2018-7663
- B. Bills Payable: No. 6376, February 6, 2018 BIL 2018-7664
- C. A motion authorizing an agreement to pay an amount not to exceed \$185,000 to American Fire Training Systems, Lemont, IL, for construction of a Fire Department training facility [MOT 2018-7667](#)
- D. A resolution authorizing an extension to the contract with KLF Enterprises, Inc., for debris hauling services [RES 2018-7661](#)
- E. A resolution authorizing a local agency agreement with the Illinois Department of Transportation for Main Street resurfacing [RES 2018-7666](#)
- F. A resolution authorizing an amendment to the contract with Hey and Associates, Inc. for engineering and design services for local drainage project #11, Debolt/Linden/Gierz [RES 2018-7671](#)
- G. Note receipt of minutes of Boards and Commission [MIN 2018-7673](#)

First Reading

- 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 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.

Council Member New Business

- A. A motion directing staff to prepare an ordinance amending Section 3.33(c) to allow liquor license holders the ability to show films classified by the Motion Picture Industry as Rated R or less [MOT 2018-7675](#)

Bill Waldack raised this issue as a follow up to the creation of a liquor license classification allowing liquor sales at the Tivoli movie theater, to “create uniform guidelines for all liquor license holders.”

[Observer note: It was unclear to the Observer during this or previous discussions why this is necessary or what problem will be solved by this ordinance.]

Date Submitted: February 7, 2018
By: Emily Teising