

**League of Women Voters  
Observers Report**

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

**Date and Location of meeting:** May 15, 2018, Council Chambers, 801 Burlington Ave.

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

**Meeting adjourned:** 8:45 p.m.

**League Observer:** 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):** 28 (two including Observer remained for manager's report)

**Meetings are Streamed and Archived at:**

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

**Agenda can be found at:** [Agenda May 15, 2018](#)

[Council Minutes 05-08-18](#) Approved unanimously

**APWA Presentation** Public Works Director Nan Newlon, P.E., Named APWA 2018 Top Ten Public Works Leader

**Proclamations by Tully**

- Public Works week in Downers Grove. June 7 Public Works Department Open House.
- Police Week in Downers Grove. Remembrance of Richard Barth, officer killed in the line of duty in Downers Grove.
- National Garden Week

**Public Comment**

Connie Schmidt, chair of the IL Sierra Club. Downers Grove signed onto the [DuPage Monarch Project](#). Reminder that June is National Pollinator month. A representative of the Pierce Downer Heritage Alliance also spoke.

## **Consent Agenda**

- A. COR 2018-7774 Claims Ordinances: No. 6261, Payroll, April 13, 2018; No. 6263, Payroll, April 27, 2018
- B. BIL 2018-7758 Bills Payable: 6394, May 15, 2018
- C. A motion authorizing \$17,355.00 to Affiliated Customer Services, Inc., for fire alarm systems at Fire Stations #3 and #5 [MOT 2018-7770](#)
- D. A motion authorizing \$2,792,999.76 to K-Five Construction Corp., Westmont, IL, for 2018 street resurfacing contract B [MOT 2018-7750](#)
- E. A motion authorizing an amount not to exceed \$100,000.00 to Infrastructure Management Services, LLC, Rolling Meadows, IL, for pavement condition assessment services [MOT 2018-7769](#)
- F. A resolution authorizing a local agency agreement with the Illinois Department of Transportation for Maple Avenue street resurfacing [RES 2018-7764](#)

**Unanimously approved.**

## **Active Agenda**

- A. A resolution granting historic landmark designation for 1323 Maple Avenue [RES 2018-7752](#)
- B. An ordinance amending the wine boutique liquor license classification [ORD 2018-7759](#)
- C. An ordinance amending provisions of Chapter 9, Office of Emergency Management [ORD 2018-7761](#)

**All items unanimously approved.**

**Mayor's Report:** May 19 Coffee with the Council at the farmer's market, Main Street train station. Downers Grove Township Armed Forces Day dedication at Oak Hill cemetery. May 20 Cupcake classic to fight Batten disease.

## **Council Member Reports:**

Hosé: Economic Development Corporation luncheon held May 11.

Waldack: Ongoing Saturday morning market at the Main Street train station, May 28 Memorial Day parade.

Earl: Tuesdays at 7 p.m. concerts at Fishel Park.

7:40 p.m. adjourned to committee room, resumed at 7:45 p.m.

## **Manager's Report - Committee Room**

- A. Update to the 2017-2019 long range plan [INF 2018-7778](#)

Presentation by David Fieldman: General Fund key issues and solutions and strategies.

- Major revenue sources are declining or not keeping pace with growth.
- Required contributions to public safety pension funds are expected to increase.

- State may permanently reduce income tax revenue by extending the temporary withholding policy currently in place.

Recent actions:

- o Continued staffing reductions through attrition
- o Food and beverage tax implementation

White: Staff is on the right track. I see no basis for drastic action.

Barnett: This is sustainable through 2019, but not beyond.

Tully: the best thing this council can do is lay the groundwork for future councils.

Hosé: Municipalities need more tools to solve problems.

White: This municipality has shown a willingness to pay for quality services (referenced District 99 referendum's success this spring)

Tully, Walus, Waldack, Earl: importance of gathering information from the public about which services they value, and what they are willing to pay for. Take advantage of opportunities to educate the public about services the village provides and ask them questions.

Barnett: There is a huge amount of information that needs to be explained. We have largely done a maintenance job. Do we continue to maintain, or do we do more, better?

Public comment from Rich Kulovany: supported educating the public, in particular showing the public the chart showing General Fund Revenues and Expenses from 2010-2017.

### [Manager Report](#)

[Council Responses](#) (Published on Tuesday afternoon, prior to the Council meeting)

**Date Submitted: May 18, 2018**

**By: Emily Teising**