

**League of Women Voters  
Observers Report**

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

**Date and Location of meeting:** June 5, 2018, Council Chambers, 801 Burlington Ave.

**Meeting started:** 7:05 p.m.

**Meeting adjourned to closed session:** 9:15p.m.

No action taken after closed session

**League Observer:** 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      | NP | (2021) |
| Greg Hose          | P  | (2021) |
| Nicole Walus       | P  | (2019) |
| William Waldack    | P  | (2019) |
| Bill White         | P  | (2019) |

**Est. Number Attending (excluding Board and Staff):** 26 (most left after public comment)

**Meetings are Streamed and Archived at:**

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

**Agenda can be found at:** [Council Agenda 06-05-18](#)

[Council Minutes 05-15-18](#)

Approved unanimously

[Meetings Schedule](#)

**Mayor's Report**

1. Proclamation in appreciation of David S. Fox, Jr., retiring CEO of Advocate Good Samaritan Hospital.
2. Application for an amended liquor license put on file for public comment for Downers Grove Wine Shop.
3. Tobacco 21 Presentation by student activists, with representatives from the American Heart Association and the healthcare industry. This is part of a nationwide effort to raise the legal age to buy tobacco to 21. A number of DuPage County municipalities gave enacted ordinances to raise the legal age to purchase tobacco to 21, and a bill is on Governor Rauner's desk to do the same statewide.

With the exception of Greg Hosé (who said he might change his mind based on what he heard in the presentation) the trustees supported a resolution encouraging the governor to sign the legislation on his desk. They directed staff to prepare a resolution

and an ordinance for consideration, should the governor not sign legislation at the state level.

## **Manager's Report**

**Unanimously approved**

A motion directing staff to construct sidewalk on Drendel Road between Prairie Avenue and Indianapolis Avenue [MOT 2018-7794](#)

**Background:** A petition signed by 19 residents in 2017 initiated the sidewalk project in this neighborhood. Other neighbors have then come forward opposing the project, and the village reviewed the project scope and design to address divergent requests from the neighborhood. [Further details on the background are available here.](#)

## **Comments**

Six residents spoke in opposition to the sidewalks, citing drainage issues, the fact that the road is a dead end and the burden of shoveling.

One resident said her position on the sidewalks was neutral, but she is concerned about the need for public awareness about the importance of respecting and preserving the Belmont Prairie, which is a dedicated Illinois Nature Preserve.

Five residents spoke in favor of the sidewalks, citing the connectivity and safety benefits.

Trustees acknowledged that sidewalk issues are contentious, but said they make decisions for the community with the big picture in mind, and adding sidewalks aligns with village's long-term comprehensive plan.

## **Consent Agenda**

**Unanimously approved**

- A. Claims Ordinance: No. 6265, Payroll, May 11, 2018 COR 2018-7791
- B. Bills Payable: 6396, June 5, 2018 BIL 2018-7792
- C. A resolution authorizing a first extension to the contract with Doland Engineering, LLC [RES 2018-7788](#)
- D. A resolution authorizing an intergovernmental agreement with Northern Illinois Police Alarm System (NIPAS) for mutual aid [RES 2018-7781](#)
- E. A resolution authorizing an agreement with Sada Systems, Inc. [RES 2018-7780](#)
- F. A resolution authorizing an amendment to the G Suite customer agreement with Sada Systems, Inc. [RES 2018-7810](#)
- G. A motion awarding \$19,375.00 to Resource Management Associates, Tinley Park, IL, for police sergeant promotional testing [MOT 2018-7796](#)
- H. A motion establishing the Village Attorney's salary at \$158,383.00, effective January 1, 2018 [MOT 2018-7762](#)
- I. A motion awarding \$98,869.00 to JLJ Contracting, Inc., Broadview, IL, for parking deck rehabilitation and maintenance, Phase 3 [MOT 2018-7802](#)
- J. A resolution authorizing a final loan closing amendment to the loan agreement (L175336) with the Illinois Environmental Protection Agency [RES 2018-7793](#)

- K. A motion authorizing an agreement with Rexnord Industries, LLC, for storm sewer repairs on Curtiss Street [MOT 2018-7812](#)
- L. Note receipt of minutes of Boards and Commissions [MIN 2018-7805](#)

Meeting briefly interrupted to sing “Happy Birthday” to Mayor Tully and bring in a birthday cake.

### **First Reading**

- A. A resolution accepting the Comprehensive Annual Financial Report of the Village of Downers Grove for fiscal year January 1, 2017 through December 31, 2017 [RES 2018-7785](#)  
The auditor from BKD, LLP presented an overview of the report, which showed the village’s finances and financial practices to be healthy. The detailed report is available with the link to the resolution above.
- B. A motion awarding \$894,653.67 to A Lamp Concrete Contractors, Inc., Schaumburg, IL, for the 2018 water main improvements contract C [MOT 2018-7787](#)
- C. A motion awarding \$258,238.85 to Home Towne Electric, Inc., Lake Villa, IL, for traffic signal modernization at Lacey Road and Woodcreek Drive [MOT 2018-7804](#)
- D. A motion awarding \$197,991.68 to Abbey Paving & Sealcoating Co., Inc., Aurora, IL, for 2018 water facilities and District 58 pavement improvements [MOT 2018-7786](#)

Items B-D presented by Public Works Director Nan Newlon.

- E. An ordinance amending traffic provisions [ORD 2018-7803](#)

In response to a petition from residents, the 2-way yield at the intersection of Stonewall Avenue and Oxnard road will be replaced by stop signs for cars crossing Oxnard Road.

- F. An ordinance amending the Board of Fire and Police Commissioners provisions [ORD 2018-7795](#)

The proposed amendments eliminate inconsistencies between State law, Village ordinance, Board rules and regulations and collective bargaining agreements.

### **Council Member Reports**

Barnett: Liaison report for the Downers Grove Public Library. Summer reading clubs are underway, and the library will have a stand near the farmer’s market Saturday mornings.

Waldack: Reminder to check out the summer classic car show and other upcoming events from the Downtown Management Corporation: <http://www.downtowndg.org/>

Tully: Sixteen days until Grove Fest. The county stormwater management committee is funding a watershed plan that will include Deer Creek and St. Joseph's Creek in Downers Grove. The plan will not resolve stormwater issues, but it will allow for a complete study necessary for future funding for drainage projects.

**Date Submitted: June 6, 2018**

**By: Emily Teising**