

**League of Women Voters  
Observers Report**

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

**Date and Location of meeting:** June 12, 2018, Council Chambers, 801 Burlington Ave.

**Meeting started:** 7:00 p.m.

**Meeting adjourned:** 7:55p.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	NP	(2021)	
Nicole Walus	P	(2019)	
William Waldack	P	(2019)	
Bill White	P	(2019)	Mayor Pro Tem

**Est. Number Attending (excluding Board and Staff):** 23 (most left after comment on proposed Fairview Avenue development)

**Meetings are Streamed and Archived at:**

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

Agenda can be found at: [Council Agenda 06-12-18](#)

[Council Minutes 06-05-18](#) Approved

**Public Comment:** American Heart Association representative spoke in support of the resolution supporting Senate Bill 2332 (restricting tobacco sales to individuals 21 and older) and urging a local ordinance in time for the next school year.

[Meetings Schedule](#)

**Consent Agenda**

- A. COR 2018-7814 Bills Payable: 6398, June 12, 2018
- B. A resolution accepting the Comprehensive Annual Financial Report of the Village of [RES 2018-7785](#) Downers Grove for fiscal year January 1, 2017 through December 31, 2017
- C. 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](#)
- D. 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](#)

- E. 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](#)
- F. A resolution authorizing a first extension to the contract with Hancock Engineering for stormwater construction engineering services [RES 2018-7806](#)
- G. A resolution supporting Senate Bill 2332 and encouraging the Governor to sign the bill into law [RES 2018-7818](#)
- H. A motion awarding a contract in an amount not to exceed \$268,600.00 to Detroit Salt Company, Detroit, MI, for the purchase of bulk rock salt [MOT 2018-7809](#)
- I. A motion awarding a three-year contract in an amount not to exceed \$323,977.50 to Snow Systems, Wheeling, IL, for specialty winter operations services [MOT 2018-7808](#)

### **Active Agenda**

- A. An ordinance amending traffic provisions [ORD 2018-7803](#)  
Stonewall Avenue and Oxnard road will be replaced by stop signs for cars crossing Oxnard Road.

**Approved unanimously**

- B. 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.

**Approved unanimously**

### **First Reading**

- A. An ordinance considering a petition for rezoning, planned unit development and plat of subdivision at 6000-6014 Fairview Avenue [ORD 2018-7782](#)

**Background:** The subject property is located on the west side of Fairview Avenue, between 60th and 61st Streets. The property is zoned R-1, Residential Detached House 1, and is 108,791 square-feet in size. The petitioner requested the property be rezoned to R-5 to allow construction of a 13-unit townhome development.

Staff and the Planning Board do not support the proposal, which does not align with the Village's strategic plan.

Comment:

- The petitioner requested approval for the project, citing shifting demographics, market demand for first-floor bedrooms and the lack of demand for single-family detached homes on Fairview.

- Council members did not disagree with specific arguments, but stated the undesirability of straying from the comprehensive plan on a case-by-case basis.
- Seven members of the public, including local property owners and realtors, spoke in support of the proposed development. They cited the need for housing options for residents of retirement age who want to downsize but stay in Downers Grove as well as the lack of demand for single family detached homes on Fairview Avenue.
- Three members of the public, including adjacent property owners, spoke against the project on the basis that it would be “spot zoning” and deviate from the overall vision for the neighborhood.

- B. A motion awarding \$179,984.00 to A Lamp Contractors, Inc., Schaumburg, IL, for 2018 new sidewalk installation [MOT 2018-7807](#)

**Background:** Lamp Contractors has previously constructed sidewalks in the village. This project includes sidewalk construction in the Burlington area, on Drendel Road, Cross Street, and the intersection of Francisco and Haddow Avenues.

- C. An ordinance authorizing an intergovernmental agreement with the Forest Preserve District of DuPage County providing for the conveyance of certain property within Hidden Lake Forest Preserve, granting easements within Maple Grove Forest Preserve and granting a license within Hidden Lake Forest Preserve [ORD 2018-7815](#)
- D. An ordinance authorizing an easement agreement for a public sidewalk on the north side of Maple Avenue within the Maple Grove Forest Preserve [ORD 2018-7817](#)
- E. An ordinance authorizing an easement agreement for Gilbert Avenue improvements within the Maple Grove Forest Preserve [ORD 2018-7816](#)
- F. A resolution authorizing a license agreement with the Forest Preserve District of DuPage County providing for grading work on a portion of Hidden Lake Forest Preserve [RES 2018-7811](#)

**Background:** The purpose of these agreements between the Village and the Forest Preserve District of DuPage County Forest Preserve District is to provide for the transfer of certain property within Hidden Lake Forest Preserve and to grant easements within the Maple Grove Forest Preserve for public sidewalks.

### **Council Member Reports:**

**White and Walus:** Upcoming Rotary Grove Fest, June 21-24.

**Barnett:** Downers Grove Public Library Friends of the Library put up a “Rack at the Track” to borrow books at the Main Street Downers Grove Train Station.

**Date Submitted: June 14, 2018**

**By: Emily Teising**