

League of Women Voters Observers Report

Board meeting attended: Downers Grove Village Council

Date and Location of meeting: October 2, 2018, Council Chambers, 801 Burlington Ave.

Meeting started: 7 p.m.

Meeting adjourned: 8:10 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): approx. 25

Meetings are Streamed and Archived at:

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

Agenda can be found at: [Council Agenda - 10-02-18](#)

Executive Session Minutes for Approval Only - 09-04-18 and 09-11-18

Minutes of Council Meetings [Council Minutes - 09-18-18](#) Approved unanimously

Mayor's Report: Expressed sadness at death of Linda Kunze, who supported and promoted Downtown Downers Grove. Executive Director with the Downtown Management Corporation for 20 years. Observed a moment of silence in honor of one of "our finest citizens."

Proclamation: Arts Culture and Humanities. October 2018, Arts DuPage Month in Downers Grove. Accepted by Robin Tryloff, co-leader of The Art Department and Board member of Friends of the Library Foundation.

Public Comment

George Swimmer: Echoing everything you said about Linda Kunze, condolences to family. Ran for state representative many years ago. Lost in the primary. Involved in project for Belmont Underpass. Referenced a number of fatalities in DG. Suggestion for raising the track (like in Oak Park). Train traffic increasing, many during rush hour. Here tonight to propose the appointment of a special task force to look at possible grade separation in DG. Go back to plan that came up about 60 years ago about

raising the track. Named a number of individuals in local government who might be interested in serving on such a task force.

Mayor's response: Such a project presents many challenges, financial, logistical, political, but this might be a better time than before. Maybe the time has come. It would be a project that would straighten out the situation at the crossing at Washington Street.

Consent Agenda

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- A. Claims Ordinance: 6283, Payroll, September 14, 2018 COR [2018-7914](#)
- B. Bills Payable: No. 6416, October 2, 2018 BIL [2018-7915](#)
- C. A resolution authorizing a three-year agreement with the International Union of Operating Engineers, Local 150, Public Employees Division, Effective May 1, 2018-April 30, 2021 [RES 2018-7875](#)
- D. A motion awarding \$78,800.00 to Performance Construction & Engineering, LLC, Plano, IL, for 2018 storm sewer conflict manhole replacements [MOT 2018-7904](#)
- E. A motion awarding \$522,100.39 for a three-year contract to Sheridan Plumbing and Sewer, Inc., Bedford Park, IL, for storm sewer maintenance services [MOT 2018-7905](#)
- F. A motion awarding a contract not to exceed \$44,880.00 to Doland Engineering, LLC, Palatine, IL, for engineering services for Prince/Forest drainage project [MOT 2018-7910](#)
- G. A resolution authorizing participation in the National BuyBoard Purchasing Cooperative [RES 2018-7906](#)
- H. A motion authorizing the purchase of a Wachs ERV-750 Automated Valve Exerciser in an amount not to exceed \$27,000.00 through the BuyBoard Cooperative Purchasing Program [MOT 2018-7911](#)
- I. A motion awarding \$21,760.00 to Allied Door Inc., Lombard, IL, for the installation of new overhead doors at Fire Station #1 [MOT 2018-7918](#)
- J. A resolution appointing Megan Miles and Daniel Carlsen as Deputy Village Clerks [RES 2018-7921](#)
- K. Note receipt of minutes of boards and commissions [MIN 2018-7917](#)

First Reading

- A. An ordinance amending certain stormwater provisions [ORD 2018-7909](#)

Relates to residential construction projects.

Barnett: supports as a logical next step. This feels like a better-balance, a focus on net change than previous drafts of the ordinance..

Waldack: We can't change the weather, we can't change topography, we want to help our residents. I support this.

Hosé: Heard from residents in all corners of the village, my storm water problems weren't bad until the big house up the street went up. Not a problem we can solve overnight, but this is a good step.

Tully: this has taken a lot of work. Appreciate perspectives from the community. Can't let perfect get in the way of good.

- B. An ordinance amending various sections of the Municipal Code concerning parking restrictions [ORD 2018-7876](#)

Nan Newlon: Additional parking regulations for downtown, specifically for commercial vehicles.

- C. An ordinance adopting the fiscal year 2019 budget in lieu of passage of an Appropriation Ordinance [ORD 2018-7884](#) Discussions starting October 9. [FY 19 Budget Video](#)

Manager's Report

A. Facilities Sustainability Plan [INF 2018-7919](#)

Seeking council direction. Related to replacement of Village Hall and Police Station in conjunction with a private developer.

[Written offer included with staff report on website.](#)

White: I remain convinced that non-financial reasons made the townhomes the best option, At this point, 8 million dollars in cash tips the scale. I'm comfortable that this offer is better. If others want to explore options with more townhouses, I would agree to that. The police need facilities, and we can't delay that much longer.

Hosé: When we did the Request For Proposals, my biggest concern was financial.

Waldack: I don't think you leave process for expediency, but you do step away when it is detrimental. The last process had flawed choices. The public was emphatic that they didn't want tall buildings and more density. The townhomes are the preferred land use. Medical office was OK, but it fell financially short. Get the word out and see if anything shakes, but otherwise, I'm perfectly happy to go ahead. Suggests pursuing 2nd and 4th options while seeking proposals from only townhome developers.

Barnett: I thought this was a good idea a year or so ago, I continue to think it is a good idea. Move ahead with it expeditiously.

Earl: said before we needed to wait two years to see if buildings got filled. Townhouses were my preferred option, preferred land use. Lead towards current plans since there are elections coming up. I don't think throwing money at it makes it a whole lot better. If everyone wants to look at townhouses, I can go along with that.

Walus: Leery of offer. Sudden, a much greater amount being offered. Now is the right time. In the end, I believe option B is going to be our best option, negotiate terms. Does not obligate us to approve. Confirmed with attorney that the village is not at any risk because of previous RFP.

Tully: Objective is to solve facilities challenge. My concern last time was the financial gap. I'm intrigued by this current offer.

Council Member Reports

Tully Next week, there will be a presentation from the Humane Society and Chamber of Commerce on ordinance relating to sale of pets "puppy mill" ordinance. Nothing will be decided next week.

As rep to DuPage County Stormwater. Floodplane map, IL state water survey. Letters of final determination will be sent out February 2019.
Hosé: Night at the firehouse, station 5, October 10. For kids, 6:30-8:30.

Date Submitted: October 3, 2018

By: Emily Teising