

**League of Women Voters
Observers Report**

Board meeting attended: Downers Grove Village Council

Date and Location of meeting: February 19, 2019, Council Chambers, 801 Burlington Ave.

Meeting started: 7:00 p.m.

Meeting adjourned: 8:54 p.m.

League Observer: Lisa Reed

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

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): approx. 12

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

Agenda can be found on Village website:

<https://www.downers.us>

Minutes of Council Meetings

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Mayor Tully opened the meeting by acknowledging an accident involving a Downers Grove North high school student. He sent thoughts & prayers to the student & her family.

Commissioner White motioned to approve minutes from February 12, 2019 meeting which was seconded by Commissioner Waldac seconded & was approved unanimously.

Mayor's Report

2018 Annual Report/State of the Village Address noting success & achievements in 2018. Fully address included on Village website.

The long-range plan for the Village includes 5 strategic goals:

1. Steward of Financial, Environmental & Neighborhood Sustainability
2. Exceptional Municipal Services
3. Top Quality Infrastructure
4. Strong, Diverse Local Economy
5. Continual Innovation

Highlights include:

- For eighth consecutive years – no increase in property tax levy for Village operations. However, increases in levy is required by state law for public safety pensions.
- Balanced general fund with revenues & expenses of \$48 million.
- Net reduction of 3 full time employees.
- Commitment to 24 million for infrastructure investment for streets, stormwater & water system improvements.
- Standard & Poor AAA Bond Rating – 1 of only 23 municipalities in Illinois to receive this rating.
- Top Municipal Services – police department has decreased full time employees by 2.63, as well as decrease of \$400,000 in expenses. Have received a gold standard accreditation for 15 years. Increased partnership between Dowers Grove & Darien have improved emergency response in the Southeast portion of the Village.
- New training tower for the fire department made of shipping containers.
- Strengthened stormwater regulations. We had 60 capital projects totaling thirty-five million which decreased flooding with moderate rain events. Worked to minimize or eliminate new water issues.
- Economic development remains strong as many new restaurants, retail & grocery, as well as new companies, i.e. Rexnord, Bridge Point Development & Green Bay Packaging.
- Revitalization of Ogden Avenue & Main Street.
- Downtown TIF district established in 1997. There has been an 69% increase in commercial development with 80% increase in residential units & a 300% increase in property values.
- Downtown rezoning included the re-zoning of 77 properties.
- Stay tuned for improvements at 63rd & Woodward & 75th & Lemont
- Historical Landmarks – 4 additional properties protected with landmark status in 2018. 25 landmarked since 2007.
- Downers Grove Peer Jury – alternative to court for juvenile first time (non-violent) offenders has been reinstated.
- Pollinator Garden has been established due to a grant the Village received.
- The minimum age for tobacco sales has increased to 21 years
- The Village will soon be honoring the legacy of Linda Kunze, who directed the Downtown management Corporation for over 20 years. A renaming of the plaza near the train station at Main Street to Linda Kunze Plaza in her honor.

The Village has received several awards in 2018 including:

1. Mission Lifeline Gold Status by American Heart Association
2. Distinguished Budget Presentation for 9th year in a row.
3. Green Fleet – 6th consecutive year
4. Downers Grove ranked #46 in the Top 100 Best Places to Live

Proclamations:

Public Comments:

1. Recognition & appreciation expressed for the restoration of the Peer Jury program.
2. Village Council was commended for honoring Linda Kunze.

Consent Agenda

COR 2019-8094 A. Claims Ordinance: No. 6300, Payroll, February 1, 2019

BIL 2019-8093 B. Bills Payable: No. 6440, February 19, 2019

MOT 2019-8080 C. Motion: Authorize a Change Order for \$28,415.18 to John Neri Construction Co., Inc., Addison, IL, for the Hitchcock and Warren Stormwater Improvements Project.

Summary: This authorizes a change order to John Neri Construction Co., Inc., Addison, Illinois in the amount of \$28,415.18 for the Hitchcock and Warren stormwater improvements project.

MOT 2019-8084 — D. Motion: Award \$15,569.71 to KLF Enterprises, Markham, IL, for the Sterling North Park Abutment Removal Project

Summary: This awards a contract for the Sterling North Park abutment removal project to KLF Enterprises of Markham, Illinois, in the amount of \$15,569.71. MOT 2019-8085 — E. Motion: Award a Contract Not to Exceed \$42,936.78 to Engineering Resource Associates

MOT 2019-8085 — E. Motion: Award a Contract Not to Exceed \$42,936.78 to Engineering Resource Associates (ERA), Warrenville, IL, for Engineering Services on Indianapolis Avenue

Summary: This awards a contract for engineering services related to Community Investment Plan project SW087, for work on Indianapolis Avenue in the West Burlington area, to Engineering Resource Associates (ERA) of Warrenville, Illinois in the amount of \$42,936.78, which includes a 10% contingency. RES 2019-8079

RES 2019-8079 — F. Resolution: Maintenance of Streets and Highways by Municipality under the Illinois Highway Code

Summary: This appropriates \$1,300,000 of Motor Fuel Tax (MFT) funds for 2019. Commissioner Waldack commented on Item D, saying that residents may want to check out the list of streets scheduled for resurfacing.

A RESOLUTION FOR MAINTENANCE UNDER THE ILLINOIS HIGHWAY CODE
RESOLUTION 2019-14 MOT 2019-8081 — G. Motion: Award a Three-Year Contract for \$592,668.00 to Lakeshore Recycling Systems, West Chicago, IL, for Street Sweeping Maintenance Services

Summary: This awards a three-year contract for street sweeping maintenance services to Lakeshore Recycling Systems of West Chicago, Illinois in the amount of \$592,668.

MOT 2019-8083 — H. Motion: Award \$139,900.00 to Chicagoland Paving Contractors, Inc., Lake Zurich, IL, for 2019 Street Restoration Services

Summary: This awards a contract to Chicagoland Paving Contractors Inc. of Lake Zurich, Illinois for 2019 street restorations services in the amount of \$139,900.

RES 2019-8086 — I. Resolution: Authorize an Extension to the Contract with K-Five Construction Corporation for Supply of Hot Mix Asphalt Materials Summary: This authorizes a contract extension with K-Five Construction Corporation of Westmont, Illinois, for the supply of hot asphalt materials until December 31, 2019 for a contract amount of \$50,745.

RES 2019-8090 — J. Resolution: Authorize an Agreement with True North Consultants, Inc. for Environmental Consulting Services for the Village Facilities Project

Summary: This authorizes an agreement with True North Consultants, Inc. for environmental consulting services for the Village facilities project.

Commissioner White motioned for approval of Consent Agenda items, Commissioner Waldack seconded & was unanimously approved.

Active Agenda

ORD 2019-8053 A. Ordinance: Create a Class R-3 Liquor License Classification

Summary: This creates a Class R-3 restaurant liquor license classification.

Commissioner White moved to adopt, with Commissioner Waldack seconding motion & getting unanimous approval. Mayor Tully declared the motion carried.

First Reading

RES 2019-8047 A. Resolution: Approve the Final Plat of Subdivision with Exceptions for 1508 Warren Avenue and 4940 Seeley Avenue ORD 2019-8077 B. Ordinance: Providing for the Issuance of Not to Exceed \$7,000,000 General Obligation Bonds, Series 2019, of the Village of Downers Grove, DuPage County, Illinois, in one or more Series and Providing for the Levy and

Collection of a Direct Annual Tax Sufficient for the Payment of the Principal of and Interest on Said Bonds

Please refer to Village Council minutes for the items pertinent to this discussion. Voting will occur on 3/5/19

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The proceeds of the bond issuance would be used to complete the non-floodplain Stormwater Project Analysis projects to the end of 2020. They expect the sale of the bonds to be completed in April 2019. She said that the Village's AAA bond rating is giving them the best possible interest rate.

Commissioner White clarified that they are implementing prior plans and Ms. Buttny said that was correct.

Commissioner Waldack commented that as a general obligation bond if anything happens the Village is required to pay this back, and he asked how they would pay it back.

Ms. Buttny replied that the full faith and credit of the Village is behind the bonds, but they will abate and levy the bonds and fund them with stormwater revenue fees.

Council Reports

Commissioner Walus reminded everyone that District 99 Education Foundation is hosting the 6th Annual Pizza Wars at 5:30-8:00 p.m., February 26 at Downers Grove South High. The pizza establishments are Skuttlebutt's, Tortorices and Lou Malnati's.

Attorney's Report

Pursuant to Section 2.5 of the Downers Grove Municipal Code, the following are presented for Village Council consideration:

An ordinance providing for the issuance of General Obligation Bonds, Series 2019, in an amount not to exceed \$7,000,000 and providing for the levy and collection of a direct annual tax for payment of principal of and interest on said bonds

Date Submitted: March 13, 2019

By: Lisa Reed