

Village of Woodridge, Regular Board and Workshop Meetings

September 26, 2013

All board members except Trustee Beavers were present. Assistant Deputy Clerk Jack Knight served in place of Village Clerk Nystrom, who was on vacation. The Board accepted and approved all items on the consent agenda.

A large crowd was present to witness the appointment and swearing in of Deputy Chief Gina Grady as Woodridge's new Police Chief. Chief Grady has spent her entire law enforcement career of 27 years with the Village. After Chief Grady's appointment, Mayor Cunningham convened the Workshop meeting at 7:45 p.m.

Susan Garvey and Dan Letourneau of the Intergovernmental Risk Management Agency (IRMA) presented an overview of the types of actions and conduct that could potentially expose public officials to liability. They also discussed public officials' protection under the Illinois Tort Immunity Act, as well as IRMA's coverage. Village Attorney Good noted that, in over 30 years, no public official covered under IRMA has paid out of pocket expenses for punitive damages.

Robin Jones, Gorski & Good, provided an excellent overview of the Open Meetings Act, FOIA, and Ethics presentation as part of the Board's Open Meeting Act training. Her presentation included handouts that summarized and emphasized the key points of these statutes. The Board had no questions for Ms. Jones. Village Attorney Good commented that Village of Woodridge employees do an excellent job of avoiding any appearance of impropriety in their work. The Workshop Meeting adjourned at 8:55 p.m.

The Board returned to the Regular meeting and approved all items on the consent agenda. The Mayor appointed Kalesia "Kay" Page to the Plan Commission, and Robert Martin to the Board of Police Commissioners. She also recognized Administrator Rush's 30 years of service in the Village's administration. The meeting adjourned at 9:10 p.m.