

### **Village of Woodridge, January 9, 2014 Regular Board Meeting**

All board members were present. Kristin Pedicini, a reporter for Suburban Life Woodridge, and members of the public were present. The Board approved all items on the consent agenda.

Chief Grady introduced new Deputy Chief Tom Stefanson, and gave service awards to three patrol officers. She also presented Patrol Officer Daina Carauskas with the 2013 Village of Woodridge Employee of the Year Award. Director of Public Works Bethel introduced two new employees. Assistant Village Administrator Halik presented Jack Knight, Deputy Village Clerk, with a five year service award and complimented him on his numerous accomplishments.

During the public comments on questions not related to agenda items, seven people spoke in favor of the Village lifting its ban on video gaming; one individual spoke against video gaming. Many of the proponents for video gaming had spoken at the Board's December 12, 2013 workshop meeting.

Administrator Rush asked Director of Public Works Chris Bethel to report on the recent snow removal. Director Bethel noted that the snow plow crews worked 12 hour shifts from December 21 through January 3, and from January 4 to January 6—as much as they usually do in one winter. Public Works has requested more salt, and is mixing salt with sand to stretch the existing supplies. Administrator Rush commended the Public Works and the Police departments for their work during the snowstorms.

### **Village of Woodridge, January 9, 2014 Workshop Meeting**

Mayor Cunningham moved immediately into to the Workshop meeting on video gaming. Administrator Rush asked the Board to direct staff as to whether the ban on video gaming should be revoked, and also asked for input on how much the Village should charge for the video gaming machines. In response to the Trustees' requests, the Board packet included the 2009 and 2010 board minutes on video gaming along with a list of Village businesses eligible for video gaming. Trustee Beavers wanted information as to why surrounding communities such as Downers Grove, Naperville, and Lisle have continued to prohibit video gaming. Administrator Halik responded that the City of Darien lifted the ban due to requests from businesses, and that the Village of Downers Grove Board minutes on the topic did not state a reason for their prohibition of video gaming. Trustee Beavers was upset that there was no information from Naperville or Lisle about their reasons for not permitting video gaming. Trustees Banks and Beavers stated that they did not support lifting the ban on video gaming.

Mayor Cunningham noted that there was a consensus to move forward with lifting the ban, but the vote would occur at a later meeting. Administrator Rush asked the Trustees to provide feedback on whether or not the Village should increase the liquor license fee, and to contact staff if they feel that the annual fee for a video gaming machine should be more than \$25. After receiving direction from Attorney Good, the Mayor made a motion to adjourn the workshop and to move into Executive Session on a personnel issue.

The Workshop adjourned at 8:55 p.m.