

CALL TO ORDER

The Regular meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Village of Deer Park was held on Monday, March 20th, 2006, at Charles Quentin Elementary, 21250 W. Shirley Road, Palatine, in the Village of Deer Park, Lake and Cook Counties, Illinois.

President Gifford called the meeting to order at 7:06 p.m. Board members and Guests recited the Pledge of Allegiance. Upon roll call the following were present: President Gifford, Trustees Dowell, Ekstrom, Kizior, Plautz, Rotter and Thrun. Other Village Officials present were Administrator Diesen-Dahl, Clerk Pratscher, Treasurer Stade, Engineer Gordon and Attorney Hargadon.

Others present were: Lela Theriault, 20575 Westpark Place; Cathleen and Richard Chay, 408 Bramble Lane; Tom Filley, 29 Clover Lane; Bob and Susan Kellermann, 21601 Old Farm Road; Alvin and Deborah Barry, 412 Bramble Lane; Caryn, Robb, Jamie and Haley Tausend, 20708 N. Deerpath Road; Bob Fader, 20709 Meadow Lane; Bob Murphy, 20779 Deer Lake Drive; Dave Albrecht, 20707 Meadow Lane; Chuck Giovenco, 14 Madoch Court; Janet Parry, 54 Oak Ridge Lane; Pat Winkelman, 22580 Cheshire Court; Murla Kryska, 20555 Westpark Place; Patricia Kovathana, 20545 Westpark Place; Richard Clark, of R.W. Clark; L. and O. Eliashevsky, 20666 N. Deerpath Road; Anne and Steve Tartol, 1 Corners Drive; Linda and Floyd Heller, 20724 Deerpath Road; Layla Broadus, 23009 Thornhill Court; Teri Bridge, 23675 Hedgeworth Court; John and Mary Lahr, 201 Rue Touraine; Thomas Benjamin, 20366 Lea Road; Jim Peterson, 20230 Lea Road; Gerald Ewing, 24462 Hunters Lane; Michael Reiser, 20530 Deerpath Road; Gayle Pichlik, 20966 Deerpath Road; Deborah Vaughan, 22988 Thornhill Court; Carrie Groeller, 219 Rue Touraine.

AGENDA CHANGES AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Trustee Ekstrom stated she had reviewed the videotape of the meeting made by resident Richard Chay on behalf of the new group, Deer Park Neighbors, and she felt the minutes did not accurately reflect the meeting. Trustee Kizior stated that he hoped that delaying approval of the minutes will not become a habit.

MOTION: by Trustee Rotter second by Trustee Ekstrom not to approve the February minutes and requesting Clerk Pratscher to meet with Trustee Ekstrom to review her suggested changes. Upon voice vote:

YES: (6) Dowell, Ekstrom, Kizior, Plautz, Rotter, Thrun

NO: (0)

ABSTAIN: (0)

Motion carried 6/0

CONSENT AGENDA

From the Village Engineer:

Pay request for Applied Ecological Services for Deer Park Playfields Wetland - \$1,121.25

MOTION: by Trustee Dowell second by Trustee Kizior to approve the Consent Agenda. Upon roll call:

YES: (6) Dowell, Ekstrom, Kizior, Plautz, Rotter, Thrun

NO: (0)

ABSTAIN: (0)

Motion carried 6/0

PUBLIC COMMENT

President Gifford noted that public comments are just that and do not require a response or action from the Board of Trustees. He said that if a resident seeks action on an item, he or she should request that item be placed on a future agenda.

Lela Therriault of 20575 Westpark Place stated that she has concerns about the proposed Red Seal development at the southeast corner of Long Grove Road and Quentin Road, Deer Park Estates. She said she lives in Deer Park Place, immediately adjacent to the proposed development, and was speaking for a group of residents from that subdivision who had signed a petition she had passed. Her concerns included:

- ◆ A shared driveway for Deer Park Place and Deer Park Estates. She stated that traffic will be a problem with so many residents using the same entrance and exit. She also noted that her exit from the subdivision that morning had been blocked for 20 minutes by trucks, presumably contracted by Red Seal, and she requested that the Village require a construction entrance where the farmhouse currently is located on the property.

- ◆ Signage. She requested that if the two developments have to share one entrance road (Westpark Place), the signage should be uniform for both.

- ◆ Density. She said the square footage of Deer Park Estates' townhomes would be less than Deer Park Place, and, as a realtor, she knows that a smaller home next to a larger one lowers the property value of the larger home.
- ◆ Parking. She said she realizes there will be on-street parking, but not at night. She said lack of parking has been one of the drawbacks of her subdivision.
- ◆ Drainage. She said her subdivision is lower than the proposed one, and she requested that sewers be installed prior to construction.

President Gifford stated he will forward her concerns to Plan Commission Chairman Dave Heidtke.

Cathleen Chay of 408 Bramble Lane stated she had questions regarding traffic and safety on Deerpath Road. She said Deerpath Road has been the subject of 14 of the past 19 Board meetings, and she wanted to know when the traffic signs approved by the Board in September 2005, subject to traffic consultant KLOA's opinion, would be installed.

A discussion followed among trustees about exactly where the issue stood. Trustee Ekstrom stated that she was told by a resident that Teska or KLOA had presented findings pertaining to Deerpath Road at the January meeting when she was absent. She was told that was not the case, and the Board was still waiting for another report from her. Trustee Rotter suggested that a representative from KLOA be invited to the next Board meeting to discuss recommendations.

Al Barry of 412 Bramble Lane stated that he is member of Deer Park Neighbors. He asked the question "who benefits" in relation to several photos that he presented to the Board. The first was a photo of a semi-trailer parked at Vehe Farm. He stated the trailer is in conflict with Village sign ordinances because it advertises a plumbing contractor who has done work at the Barn. He asked for the trailer to be moved or turned so the advertising is not visible from the road. He next showed photos of a billboard, a *Chicago Tribune* advertisement and a Red Seal Development Corp. web site, all pertaining to marketing efforts for the proposed Red Seal Development. He asked if the trustees would slow down their approval process of the development and make sure every detail benefits the people who elected them.

Deborah Barry of 412 Bramble Lane stated that she is a member of Deer Park Neighbors, and the group's purpose is community education and action. She stated the group decided to videotape all public meetings but was told at the February Board meeting that any such recording would have to be provided in duplicate to the Village at the group's cost. She asked for an apology from President Gifford and Attorney Hargadon regarding that statement.

Mrs. Barry also stated that the reply to Deer Park Neighbors' appeal of the Plan Commission's recommendation of preliminary approval for the Red Seal Development was signed by Brian Sher. She said her group had never heard of Mr. Sher and asked if the Board ever voted to appoint him to represent the Zoning Board of Appeals.

Finally, Mrs. Barry stated that her group had checked the web site of the Illinois Attorney Registration and Disciplinary Commission and found that Attorney Hargadon was not registered to practice law and the address listed for him was the law firm with which he was previously associated. She also asked when the Board authorized Attorney Hargadon to represent United Land at the same time that company has a project in the Village that is not yet completed. She asked President Gifford if he would terminate the Village's relationship with Attorney Hargadon.

President Gifford stated that because of the accusations levied at Attorney Hargadon, he felt it was only fair to offer him a chance to reply. Attorney Hargadon stated that he had no idea that his application for registration had not been received by the Commission prior to being notified of that fact by Mr. Keith Hunt, attorney for Deer Park Neighbors. He stated his overdue notice was sent to his previous law firm. He said he appreciated being notified of the paperwork glitch and has paid his registration fee for 2006. Trustee Ekstrom asked if the paperwork glitch would have any impact on any legal actions taken by Attorney Hargadon on behalf of the Village, and he said no.

Bob Kellerman of 21061 Old Farm Road stated that he had previously been a Village Trustee and Treasurer and said that he had questions regarding Resolution 06-01 on the agenda. The Resolution affirms the Board's decision to sell surplus Village land to the Red Seal Development Corp. Mr. Kellerman questioned how the Board could approve such a document without having all costs associated with that land (purchase price, attorney fees, appraisal fees, debt service, future debt service, etc.) specifically outlined in a written document. He said from his

reading of Board minutes and other documents, many costs were not included in the \$160,000 per acre cost specified in the resolution, which would result in a Village subsidy of Red Seal's purchase price.

Trustees questioned some of the figures on Mr. Kellerman's handout, noting that the \$175,000 per acre sale price referred to an entirely different piece of property that the Village is attempting to sell.

Attorney Hargadon stated that a memo from Treasurer Stade clearly outlined each line item that was factored into the sale price. Because a copy of the memo was unavailable that night, however, President Gifford suggested that the Board might want to defer a vote on the Resolution.

Caryn Tausend of 20708 Deerpath Road stated that she had two issues to address. She stated that she asked at the February Board meeting for the cost of police protection for Motorola, but had yet to receive any figures. She asked how the Village could proceed with new developments without levying police impact fees. She questioned how the Police Department will be able to maintain the safety of the Village and enforce speed limits as new developments are built that will require additional patrols.

Trustees discussed exactly how such a cost could be broken out and how much police service is provided to Motorola because the firm has its own security. President Gifford stated that Kildeer Police Chief Lilly will be present at next month's Board meeting, and he will ask him to address Mrs. Tausend's question about Motorola.

Mrs. Tausend also stated that she took personal offense to President Gifford's column in the March 2006 Village newsletter that was posted on the Village's web site March 17 but was not yet distributed in printed form. In that column President Gifford referred to "unsubstantiated rumors" about a jogger who was hit on Deerpath Road. Mrs. Tausend said that the October 2004 Board minutes show that she is the person who mentioned the jogger. She then introduced the woman whose husband was hit while jogging on Deerpath Road. President Gifford apologized to Mrs. Tausend for the error and said the issue had been brought up at numerous Board meetings and he had asked many times at those meetings if anyone could identify the jogger. In addition, he said he checked with the police on two different occasions and was told that no police report or evidence of such an incident existed.

Richard Chay of 408 Bramble Lane questioned the two trustees who were absent from the February meeting whether they would have voted for preliminary approval of the Red Seal Development. Mr. Chay noted that he had visited Board meetings at several other Villages and commented that most have a straight-line seating arrangement so all trustees face the audience. He asked if the Board would rearrange its tables to do the same and also asked if President Gifford would provide an agenda to each resident attending the Board meeting. He also asked if preparation materials could be provided further in advance so trustees would have more time to review documents prior to the meetings.

Mr. Chay stated that he has provided the Barrington Area Library with a copy of his videotapes so they can be checked out by other residents.

Gerald Ewing of 24462 Hunters Lane asked why the Village is spending money on renovating the outbuildings at Vehe Farm. President Gifford responded that the outbuilding restoration is part of the total preservation of the farm.

John Lahr of 201 Rue Touraine presented to the Board an architect's drawing of proposed signage for the Rue Vallee subdivision, which he said is identical in height, depth and length to the proposed sign for Deer Park Estates. He proposed such a sign be erected in five places along portions of the perimeter of the subdivision. He said he did not expect Board action tonight, but asked that it be considered at the April meeting. He stated that the Board previously allocated \$25,000 for screening along Quentin Road. Trustee Kizior stated that the allocation to which Mr. Lahr alluded was proposed for bushes and trees but was not approved.

Gayle Pichlik of 20966 Deerpath Road stated that the amount of traffic on Deerpath Road is of great concern to her because her high-school-age daughter has been stalked by a man in his car near her bus stop on Deerpath Road. She reported that she asked the school district's transportation department to move the bus stop to the front of her house but was denied because the department said Deerpath Road is too busy to stop there. She said she or her husband walks their daughter to the bus stop each day, but she asked the Board to address the volume of traffic on the road so that the transportation department might reconsider its decision.

KURT ELDRUP OF MUDDY PAWS

Kurt Eldrup stated that he is the owner of Muddy Paws, a dog kennel and grooming business on the east side of Rand Road, south of Long Grove Road. The property is within the Village boundaries but falls under Kildeer's zoning jurisdiction because of a boundary and land use agreement signed by both villages. He said he has been trying to sell his property for the past two years but has been unable to because Kildeer has "stonewalled" every potential buyer's proposed use. The Eldrups' kennel business is grandfathered in under Kildeer's zoning regulations. Mr. Eldrup stated that Kildeer wants one developer to redevelop the entire strip along Rand Road, of which his property is just one parcel. He asked the Board's help, saying he has been offered several multimillion-dollar sales contracts that he has been unable to execute. Diane Eldrup suggested the couple should be eligible for some compensation from the Village because of the Village's action to cede zoning jurisdiction to Kildeer.

Attorney Hargadon stated that the 2003 boundary and land use agreements with Kildeer were necessary in order to facilitate planning and development of the area. He said that the two villages basically agreed that Deer Park would have zoning control of everything on the south side of Rand Road, while Kildeer would have zoning control on the north side, even though there are at least two properties on the north side which opted to remain in Deer Park and some on the south still within Kildeer village boundaries.

Attorney Hargadon suggested that if the Eldrups feel that the Village of Kildeer is violating their rights under its zoning code, they should consult an attorney.

VEHE FARM FOUNDATION

Teri Bridge stated that volunteers have spent the past month continuing prairie restoration and grounds maintenance. She also reported that a long-time Lake Zurich resident is donating Ed Vehe's corn planter to the Foundation. In addition, the man's family has written a documentary about life on the farms in this area, and he will provide that documentary to the Foundation for use in the educational area of the Barn.

Trustee Plautz stated that she was concerned about the driveway in front of the Barn. She said it was supposed to be a circle and asked why it now ends by the Village office. Mrs. Bridge responded that in all the drawings back to 2000, the plan was not to have a circular drive for safety reasons. She said the grassy area in front of the Barn is intended to be a public area for picnics and events, and a driveway through that area would be a traffic hazard.

Trustee Rotter stated that he thinks it is a bigger hazard to require cars to back up from in front of the Village office. He requested that the driveway configuration be placed on next month's agenda under his report.

Trustee Ekstrom inquired whether the AV vendor agreed to start the equipment warranty upon installation, as was discussed at the February meeting. Mrs. Bridge responded affirmatively. She added that the Barn furniture is being held by the vendor for no additional charge at this point, but as completion of the Barn is further delayed, the vendor might ask for a storage fee. Trustee Rotter stated that such delays are why he opposed the furniture and AV purchases last year. He also asked for confirmation, in writing, about the AV equipment warranty starting date.

Jim Peterson stated that everyone continues to be concerned about slow pace of the Barn construction, and to that end, a meeting was held the previous Saturday with the contractor, Richard Clark. Trustee Kizior, who was present at the meeting, reported that Mr. Clark has committed to a May completion date if the Board would take action on two separate items. The elevator installation is a key to enabling a lot of other work to be done, he said, and an accelerated payment of \$13,000 to the elevator vendor is needed so the installation can begin. Trustee Thrun questioned whether it is a case of subcontractors not being willing to work without assurance that they will be paid quickly, and Trustee Kizior said that was correct. Trustee Rotter asked whether this would set a precedent for all subcontractors to ask to be paid in advance. Mr. Clark said no.

Trustee Kizior stated that the second item concerns the gas line hookup into the Barn. He said there was confusion about a document that was supposed to be signed in February but apparently was never received by NiCor. He said that he faxed the signed document to NiCor that day and will meet with the company's representatives tomorrow to negotiate an installation date. Mr. Peterson stated that once the line is installed and heat is available in the Barn, a lot of things can be finished.

Trustee Ekstrom inquired when the elevator would be installed if the Board does not approve the advance payment. Trustee Kizior responded that it most likely would be the middle of April, and the contractor would lose

another month. Trustee Ekstrom also requested Trustee Kizior to provide detailed breakout next month of Barn expenses and action items.

There was some discussion about the legality of voting on the advance payment since the item was not specifically stated on the agenda, and Attorney Hargadon was asked for his opinion. He replied that there was not a simple black-or-white answer. He said the Board previously had voted to allocate money to the Barn renovation and that it is a question for the Board to decide if it would be confirming a previous decision to release the money or whether it would be taking a new action.

Trustee Plautz inquired if and when the semi-trailer referred to earlier in the meeting could be moved. Mr. Clark said it could be moved or covered with a tarp the next day.

MOTION: by Trustee Kizior second by Trustee Plautz to approve an advance payment of \$13,000 previously appropriated to Vehe Farm to facilitate installation of the elevator because of an emergency situation whereby the Village may lose one month of installation time and possibly miss completion milestones in May and June, to be debited against April expenditures by R.W. Clark, and with the full knowledge that this item was not specifically stated on the agenda. Upon roll call:

YES: (3) Thrun, Kizior, Plautz

NO: (3) Dowell, Ekstrom, Rotter

ABSTAIN: (0)

Because it was a tie vote, President Gifford is allowed to vote. He voted in favor of the motion.

Motion carried 4/3

VILLAGE ATTORNEY'S REPORT:

A) Ordinance 06-03—Preliminary Approval of Special Use for Southeast Corner of Quentin Road and Long Grove Road

Attorney Hargadon stated that the ordinance, which was presented last month, was amended to contain the conditions of preliminary approval stipulated by the Board. Trustee Ekstrom requested that condition 19, regarding the proposed subdivision signage, be removed because the item was sent back to Plan Commission. She also requested that condition 3 state that the deep well is for park land use only.

Trustee Rotter stated that he thinks the Village needs to address its Affordable Housing Ordinance within the preliminary approval document. He said he was unsure whether the property falls within the geographic area the Village earmarked for affordable housing, but he felt the issue needed to be discussed, either by the Plan Commission, the Village Board or both.

Trustee Dowell questioned the wording of condition 6, the sale price per acre, because it did not specifically state that it includes all of the Village's costs associated with the land.

The consensus of the Board was that both items A and B under the Village Attorney's Report should be tabled until next month for further review of the Affordable Housing issue, and the documents should be rewritten to incorporate changes requested. Attorney Hargadon requested that Treasurer Stade send to all trustees her memo that includes the calculation of the land sale price.

B) Resolution R6-01 - The sale of surplus Village property

This item was tabled in conjunction with the above discussion.

C) Resolution R6-02 - Adopting the Vehe Farm procedural manual

Attorney Hargadon stated this resolution affirms the Board's votes regarding the policies and procedures manual for Vehe Farm. Trustee Ekstrom questioned item 5 regarding legal review of original legal forms, asking why the Village was not using standard rental contracts. Attorney Hargadon responded that it would be a one-time review of all rental documents, not a review of each contract, and offered to amend the language to read "review standard policies, procedures and forms that were created by Vehe Farm Foundation pertaining the rental contracts, insurance, Village ordinances and the serving of liquor."

Trustee Rotter reiterated his opinion that the policies and procedures approved will mean additional work for the Village staff and said the Board will have to budget accordingly in the next fiscal year.

MOTION: by Trustee Plautz second by Trustee Thrun to approve Resolution 06-02 as amended regarding adoption of the Vehe Farm procedural manual. Upon roll call:

YES: (5) Dowell, Kizior, Plautz, Rotter, Thrun

NO: (0)

ABSTAIN: (1) Ekstrom

Motion carried 5/0/1

The Board took a 10-minute recess at this point.

D) Letter to Attorney Hunt

Attorney Hargadon stated that he, as an individual, as well as his entire law firm, Bryan Cave LLP, is the Village Attorney. He noted that Brian Sher is his law partner, and he drafted the response to Mr. Hunt while Attorney Hargadon was out of town attending two funerals. Attorney Hargadon answered trustees' questions about some of the legal language of that letter and said the Deer Park Neighbors as an entity has no standing to challenge the Plan Commission's recommendation concerning Red Seal because it has no property adjoining the property to be developed.

REPORTS FROM PRESIDENT, TRUSTEES, ADMINISTRATOR

A) President Gifford:

i) General Information.

President Gifford stated that he had received a request from the Fair Housing Center of Lake County asking the Village to proclaim April as Fair Housing Month. He stated he received the material too late to be placed on the agenda and said it was up to the Board if it wanted to take action. Upon lack of a motion from the Board, President Gifford proclaimed April as Fair Housing Month in Deer Park.

ii) EJ&E agreement and payment

President Gifford stated that the Village has been asked to pay a proportionate share for a study to establish a quiet corridor along the EJ&E railroad line. All villages along the line, in addition to Lake County, will pay a prorated share. Engineer Gordon said the Village is being assessed for half of a railroad crossing (the one on Cuba Road, which is shared with Lake Zurich), a total of \$1,047.66, plus expenses.

Trustee Ekstrom asked if the Village was legally obligated to participate. Trustee Plautz responded that the Village would like a quiet corridor and the study is a good idea. Engineer Gordon replied that the Village has signed a memorandum of understanding in the past with EJ&E to cooperate in projects such as this.

Trustee Ekstrom stated she was uncomfortable approving the expenditure with expenses unspecified.

President Gifford asked if trustees would prefer to table the payment until next month. The consensus was yes.

iii) DARE Program of Barrington—request for \$4,628.42

Trustee Dowell stated that amount requested per student in the letter from DARE does not equal the total dollar amount requested. President Gifford responded that he would ask DARE representatives to clarify the numbers and present the request again next month. Trustee Rotter asked if the Village also contributes to a DARE program in the Lake Zurich schools, and President Gifford responded that he is under the impression that District 95 no longer offers a DARE program.

iv) OMNI Youth Services donation request: \$1,000

MOTION: by Trustee Ekstrom second by Trustee Dowell to donate \$1,000 to OMNI Youth Services. Upon roll call:

YES: (6) Dowell, Ekstrom, Kizior, Plautz, Rotter, Thrun

NO: (0)

ABSTAIN: (0)

Motion carried 6/0

B) Trustee Dowell – Finance:

Trustee Dowell presented reports from two revenue and three expenditure accounts: False Alarms/Ordinance Violation Receipts, Traffic Fines Revenue, Police Services, Traffic Fines Legal Fees and Traffic Consultant Fees. He stated that the first account is a minor item in budget and has been decreasing for the past three years. Currently, the account is at only 23% of its budget. He said the budgeted amount will be decreased again

in the coming year. He said traffic fine revenue has also trended down during the past three years and is \$57,000 so far this year. Trustee Dowell predicted the final amount will be close to revenues of a year ago.

President Gifford stated that the reason for the decrease in traffic fines is because judges are reluctant to raise the fine level, but at the same time, the court clerks are getting a larger share of that revenue.

Trustee Dowell stated that police service expenditures are dictated by the Village's contract with the Kildeer Police Department. He predicted the account will be very close to this year's budget of \$1.14 million. Trustee Rotter stated, however, that he was told the Village could be receiving a bill for fuel overruns in accordance with the contract.

Trustee Dowell stated that the traffic fines legal fees is simple to budget because the Village pays a monthly retainer to the law firm that handles traffic offenses that occur in the Village. He said traffic consulting fees, paid to KLOA, are over budget by \$4,100 so far this year.

Trustee Dowell stated that he will distribute preliminary budget numbers to the Board within the next few weeks.

C) Trustee Ekstrom – Roads & Public Utilities:

i) Clover Lane - berm, drainage problem

Trustee Ekstrom prefaced her report by stating that she is concerned that a preliminary budget has not been presented. She suggested the Board consider special meetings solely to discuss the budget. She stated that as the Roads Trustee, she has only a small window of opportunity to seek bids for road work. A discussion ensued about possible dates for such meetings.

Trustee Ekstrom stated the Clover Lane item on the agenda pertains to a drainage problem between two houses. Engineer Gordon will meet with those residents to attempt to arrive at a resolution.

ii) Lea & Circle – Drainage problem in Ferndale

Trustee Ekstrom stated there is a collapsed storm drain at Lea Road and Circle Drive. She said the exact cost won't be known until Ela Township crews begin excavating, but she asked the Board to allocate \$10,000 for the repair of the drain. Trustee Kizior noted that the dollar amount was not listed on the agenda, but he felt the Board should proceed with the vote because it is an urgent matter.

MOTION: by Trustee Ekstrom second by Trustee Kizior to approve an emergency allocation not to exceed \$10,000 for Ela Township to fix the collapsed storm drain at Lea Road and Circle Drive. Upon roll call:

YES: (6) Dowell, Thrun, Ekstrom, Rotter, Kizior, Plautz

NO: (0)

ABSTAIN: (0)

Motion carried 6/0

iii) Deer Lake & Meadow Drainage

Trustee Ekstrom reported that there has been standing water at Deer Lake Drive and Meadow Drive. She said work had been done to clear the storm drain, but the resident living at that intersection feels the storm pipe is not large enough to accommodate the amount of water that needs to flow through it.

That resident, Bob Murphy, stated that drainage has been a problem in that location almost every year but drought years. He said there is a 12-inch drain that feeds into an 8-inch drain between his house and the one next door, thus restricting the flow. Mr. Murphy also read a statement from his wife about the environmental impact of the standing water. Engineer Gordon responded that he will meet with Ela Township Highway Supervisor Bill Kruckenberg in an attempt to alleviate the problem, but he cautioned that the Village will have to be careful not to just divert the problem further downstream. Trustee Ekstrom stated that there is some money in the miscellaneous drainage repair budget but cautioned that the solution might be in excess of that budget.

iv) Primrose Court culvert

Trustee Ekstrom reported this was an informational item only, noting that Ela Township recently cleared the culvert but found an extension had been added on the end of the culvert by an unknown party. The Township said such an extension might cause problems if the culvert becomes blocked again.

Trustee Kizior inquired about some dead trees on Long Grove Road near Deerpath Road. Trustee Ekstrom said the trees technically are the responsibility of Ela Township but she would be happy to arrange their removal if the expenditure is authorized by the Board. She added that the Roads budget is exhausted for the fiscal year. Trustee Kizior stated that the expenditure would probably be less than the \$500 that requires a Board vote and encouraged Trustee Ekstrom to pursue the cleanup. Trustee Dowell requested that the item be tabled given that Trustee Ekstrom was uncomfortable spending unbudgeted money.

D) Trustee Rotter – Planning & Zoning:

Trustee Rotter stated that the Comcast cable quote listed on the agenda was a holdover from last month. Trustee Kizior stated that the expenditure will not be necessary because he found a way to get a high-speed internet connection to the Barn, via fiber optic cable. Trustee Ekstrom questioned why he wouldn't use canopy technology. Trustee Kizior stated he will compare the costs.

Trustee Rotter stated that he is concerned about the Board's practice of reviewing and voting on expenditures and financial reports in the same month. He said next fiscal year he would like to explore reviewing items one month and approving them the next.

E) Administrator Diesen-Dahl:

i) Leak in the basement of the Village Office

Administrator Diesen-Dahl stated that one company had come to the Village Office to evaluate the leak in the basement and another is coming this week. She said she will report back to the Board as more information is available.

Trustee Ekstrom inquired whether the Board should conduct a phone vote to authorize the expenditure necessary to fix the leak, but Administrator Diesen-Dahl responded that the leakage has been going on since the Village moved to the Vehe Farm and the authorization can wait until next month.

ii) Action by Attorney Joy Fitzgerald

Administrator Diesen-Dahl reported that she was concerned with the timeliness of the attorney the Village has hired to pursue legal action against ordinance violators. President Gifford asked Administrator Diesen-Dahl to let the attorney know of her concerns.

iii) Paul Gitchel

Administrator Diesen-Dahl reported that the Village has often contracted with Gitchel's Tree Service, and owner Paul Gitchel had died the previous week. She asked if the Board would like to acknowledge the death in some way. President Gifford directed her to send a flower arrangement or inquire to see if the family is requesting donations be made to a charity.

iv) Miscellaneous

Trustee Rotter requested the Administrator to make a list of all ordinances passed since the last time the municipal code was updated and have the documents available at all meetings in case of questions.

Administrator Diesen-Dahl asked permission to purchase an electronic version of each recorded plat of subdivision within the Village. She said there are 75 subdivisions, and each plat costs \$10 from Lake County. She said she is authorized to spend up to \$500, so Board authorization is needed. Trustee Ekstrom asked for a proposal on next month's agenda.

TREASURER'S INFORMATION

MOTION: by Trustee Dowell second by Trustee Thrun to approve the Investments Held report dated Feb. 28, 2006, in the amount of \$2,059,389.60. Upon voice vote:

YES: (6) Dowell, Ekstrom, Kizior, Plautz, Rotter, Thrun

NO: (0)

ABSTAIN: (0)

Motion carried 6/0

CASH DISBURSEMENTS

MOTION: by Trustee Dowell second by Trustee Thrun to approve cash disbursements for month of Feb. 22-March 20, 2006, in the amount of \$197,864.37. Upon roll call:

YES: (6) Dowell, Ekstrom, Kizior, Plautz, Rotter, Thrun

NO: (0)

ABSTAIN: (0)

Motion carried 6/0

ADJOURNMENT

MOTION: by Trustee Dowell second by Trustee Thrun to adjourn at 10:55. Upon voice vote:

YES: (6) Dowell, Ekstrom, Kizior, Plautz, Rotter, Thrun

NO: (0)

ABSTAIN: (0)

Motion carried 6/0

H. Scott Gifford, Village President

Maureen Pratscher, Village Clerk