

**MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING
MAYOR AND BOARD OF TRUSTEES
FOR THE VILLAGE OF FORSYTH, IL**

**Held at the Village Hall
April 19, 2010**

Call to Order

Mayor Harold Gilbert called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.

Pledge of Allegiance

Roll Call

Upon call of the roll, the following Trustees were physically present:

Johnson, Morr, Hubbard, Reed, Rasho, Allsup.

Absent: None.

Also Physically Present

Darrell Woolums, Rhonda Stewart, Chuck Hunsinger, Deputy Rodgers, Mark Leighton, Matthew Leighton, John Cole, Troy and Jennifer Shawgo, Dick Dubs, Shrikant Khandekar, Jean Campbell, Charlyn Brautigam, Kathy Mizer.

Adoption of Consent Agenda

*** Consideration of items listed on the Consent Agenda under the omnibus vote designation:*

1. Approval of Minutes of the Regular Village Board meeting held April 5, 2010.
2. Approval of Bills presented for payment, April 19, 2010. ***Invoices are always available for review upon request.*
3. Approval of Treasurer's Report, March 2010.
4. Approval of Park Land Dedication Agreement.

Trustee Reed moved, and Trustee Allsup seconded, to approve the Consent Agenda, as presented. Upon a call of the roll, the vote was:

Yeas: 6—Johnson, Morr, Hubbard, Reed, Rasho, Allsup.

Nays: 0—None.

Absent: 0—None.

Motion declared carried by omnibus vote.

Public Comment

Dr. Shrikant Khandekar was in attendance to comment on an issue relating to a high utility bill he received from the Village in February. He stated that he has tried to resolve this issue with the Village, but as of tonight, noted the problem has not been brought to a reasonable conclusion. Dr. Khandekar mentioned that normally his water bill averages about \$20 per month. On March

1, 2010 the water/sewer bill he received was about \$250. Dr. Khandekar explained that he was quite surprised with the high bill since he had been out of the country for about three months prior to receiving it. He also mentioned that before leaving the country he paid a little more than what his bill usually was to cover the costs while away. Dr. Khandekar reported that after receiving the high water bill he contacted Village Hall to question it. At that time, he did not know if the problem was an incorrect reading or was the result of some other problem.

Public Works Director Larry Coloni came out to Dr. Khandekar's home located at 909 Stevens Creek Circle and found that the sump pump backup system was the cause for the high consumption. Larry discussed his findings with Dr. Khandekar and agreed that the water consumed did not go into the sewer system. While there Larry also called Village Hall and spoke with Village Clerk Kathy Mizer to let her know what he found and his recommendation concerning the utility bill. Dr. Khandekar stated that instead of Ms. Mizer accepting the Public Works Director's recommendation, she made an arbitrary decision to ignore the facts and not provide any adjustment to his sewer bill. He acknowledged that he should be responsible for the water portion of the bill, but should receive credit for the sewer portion, based on the facts in this case.

Dr. Khandekar mentioned that he then asked to speak with Mayor Gilbert about this matter. Mayor Gilbert did meet with Dr. Khandekar, and agreed that he would look into the issue and get back to him. On March 13, 2010 Dr. Khandekar reported that the Mayor made a surprise visit to his home. During their discussion Mayor Gilbert was asked to provide a written copy of the Village's policy concerning how the Village has handled similar situations in the past.

On March 22, 2010, Dr. Khandekar reported that he sent a letter to Mayor Gilbert to ask for more information about this issue, and asked that the Mayor respond to him in writing within five days. Mayor Gilbert did provide a written response to him in a letter dated March 23, 2010. The Mayor's letter stated that he thoroughly researched the Village Code of Ordinances to see what policies the Village has pertaining to this matter and could not find a specific ordinance that addresses the issue of "forgiveness" concerning consumption that does not go into the sanitary sewer system. The Mayor's letter also mentioned that the Village Board adopted Ordinance No. 782 on January 4, 2010, that eliminated the summer sewer averaging or the swimming pool credits previously allowed for homeowners.

Dr. Khandekar explained that he was present tonight to ask the Village Board to override the decision made by Ms. Mizer and supported by Mayor Gilbert. A second letter was sent to Mayor Gilbert today asking the Mayor one more time to change his position on this matter before bringing it to the Board's attention. Just before the meeting began Mayor Gilbert stated he would not reverse his decision on this issue. Based upon the Mayor's response, Dr. Khandekar mentioned that he would like to read his latest letter dated April 19, 2010 to the Board, and again ask that Ms. Mizer's decision be reversed.

Dr. Khandekar's letter provided Trustees with his version of the facts regarding his high water bill and what his expectations were to bring closure to this issue. He stated that in his opinion this potential unpleasant situation can be resolved by the Board, since they have the authority to override the arbitrary capricious decision made Ms. Mizer.

Treasurer Rhonda Stewart pointed out that when Larry initially called Village Hall concerning his findings at Dr. Khandekar's home, Larry spoke with her, not the Village Clerk. Her recollection of the conversation was that Larry asked her to leave a message for Kathy regarding the high consumption, and to ask that she look into this matter.

Trustees listened to Dr. Khandekar's comments but agreed that Village policies should be followed. Dr. Khandekar stated that although it will be an uphill battle to fight the city hall, he has decided that if no credit is given for the sewer consumption on the utility bill, he will take this matter to small claims court. The Board took no action on this issue since it was not an agenda item.

LAW ENFORCEMENT—

Deputy Rodgers was in attendance to comment on recent activity in the Village officers have responded to. He mentioned the "Blessing of The Bikes" rally held this past Sunday, and reported that it is one of the best run events in the area. There were no problems reported. Deputy Rodgers commented that employees of the business should be commended.

April was fairly quiet. Officers have been trying to focus on traffic related issues. The area along County Highway 20 near the new grade school continues to be a problem and the corridor between the high school in Maroa and Forsyth remains a problem. Drivers have been cited for driving in excess of 35 miles over the speed limit in these areas.

Deputy Rodgers asked that an article reminder be placed in the Village Vision to remind residents that is against the law to use a cell phone in school zones. Trustees agree that this would be a good idea.

ADMINISTRATION REPORT

ENGINEERING—

Engineer Chuck Hunsinger was present to comment on items listed in his Engineering Status Report provided for Trustees to review.

Weaver Road Bridge

Chuck reported that SKS Engineering continues working on the design for the bridge repair project and is hoping to have the report completed by the end of the week. This should allow plenty of time for the Public Works Committee to review the report before presenting it to the Board.

Oreana Water Main Project

Chuck mentioned that the Village of Oreana continues negotiations for the purchase of land for construction of the pumping station, and for the easements needed for the water line. He mentioned that he has nothing more to report.

Cox and Elwood Street Intersection Drainage Project

Chuck mentioned that he contacted Entler Excavating to ask that they finish the landscaping along the street to complete this project.

Hickory Point Drive Road Improvement Project

Chuck reported that he has also asked the contractor for this project to contact their landscaping contractor and request the landscaping be completed. He mentioned that some of the sod that was laid last fall needs to be replaced.

Aerial Photo

Chuck referred to the aerial photograph of the Village hanging on the wall in the meeting room, and mentioned that the company used in the past to take the pictures state they can't do it this year. He remarked that another company was found, but pointed out the cost will be approximately \$700 more than what the Village paid last year. Chuck mentioned that he has asked the scale be slightly changed to ensure the photo includes the entire Village.

County Highway 20 Road Improvement Project

Chuck reported that he has nothing new to report on this project, but noted that the design plans are close to completion. Trustee Reed referred to a list recently published in the newspaper outlining projects planned in the County that would be funded using Federal stimulus monies. He asked if the County Highway 20 Road Improvement Project was going to be included in this list, but mentioned that he did not see it. Chuck replied that he would look into Trustee Reed's questions.

LEGAL—

Attorney Darrell Woolums stated that he had nothing to report at this time.

PUBLIC WORKS DIRECTOR'S REPORT—

Public Works Director Larry Coloni was attending the American Public Works Association North American Snow Conference in Omaha, Nebraska so was not present at the meeting. He did provide a written activities report for Trustees to review regarding the status of ongoing projects in the Village.

Items mentioned included:

- *Work has begun on preparing a written maintenance plan*
- *Continuing with sump pump inspections and changing out old meters. Larry reported that eight illegal connections have been found to date.*
- *Work is proceeding on moving the sand volleyball pit in the park.*
- *The tree limb chipping program continues.*
- *Public Works Department Crews are mowing, adding more mulch to the playgrounds, and preparing the ball diamonds for use this season.*
- *Employees have also been handling other summer maintenance duties.*
- *The Village Water System was inspected by the Illinois Environmental Protection Agency on April 13, 2010. This type of inspection is done every two years, to check for defects or deficiencies from record keeping to maintenance issues. A report will be sent to the Village with their findings*
- *The Macon County GIS Director, Josh Tanner and Larry met last month to discuss setting up a GIS database for the Village. Josh indicated that the County would setup the database at no cost to the Village. Larry pointed out there may be some cost associated with the GPS collection if the Village wants that information.*

COMMITTEES—

Committee Appointments

Trustee Johnson moved, and Trustee Rasho seconded, to make the following appointments or reappointments to the Plan Commission, Tree Board, Zoning Board of Appeals and the six advisory committees:

Zoning Board of Appeals

Carel “Bud” Wise
Greg Bafford
Richard Dubs
Larry Perkins

Finance

Larry Clark
Matt Bennett

Finance (cont.)

Dale Yemm

Library

Charlie Frey
Pat Parr

Public Works

Terry Taylor

Tree Board

Michael Unruh
Larry James

Economic Development

Dale Colee
Terry Parrish

Health and Safety

Mark Niemeyer
Jim Matthews

Parks and Recreation

Gary Ground
Rob Jacobsen

Plan Commission

Scott Spriggs
Norman Lehman
Dennis Downey

Upon a call of the roll, the vote was:

Yeas: 6—Johnson, Morr, Hubbard, Reed, Rasho, Allsup.

Nays: 0—None.

Absent: 0—None.

Motion declared carried.

Zoning Board of Appeals Report

○ *Variance: 800 Christopher Drive*

Chair Richard Dubs was in attendance to present the report and recommendation on behalf of the Zoning Board of Appeals. He reported that a Public Hearing was held this evening at 800 Christopher Drive.

Homeowners, Mr. and Mrs. Troy Shawgo requested two variances for the home they are buying at this location. Dick reported that the Shawgo’s have asked for approval to construct a six (6’) foot privacy fence around the back of the home. He stated that the Zoning Ordinance states that you cannot place a fence more than three feet in height in a front yard. Since the property is located on a corner lot, the ordinance classifies the lot as having two

front yards. The ordinance also does not allow a fence to encroach into the front yard setback. Dick reported that the Shawgo's are asking for approval to encroach eight (8') into the front yard setback along West Weaver Road.

The owners were asked why they were asking for these two variances. Mr. Shawgo explained that they have two young children and a couple of dogs. The fence is intended to provide safety of his family, and also allow more utility of the back yard. He also mentioned that he plans to plant some decorative trees between the fence and the sidewalk along West Weaver to make the area more aesthetically pleasing.

Dick reported that although there were several neighbors in attendance at the hearing, no opposition to the requests were presented. The Zoning Board of Appeals voted unanimously to recommend approval of both variances.

Trustee Hubbard moved, and Trustee Rasho seconded, to grant the two variances requested for the property located at 800 Christopher Drive. Section 3.18 A Upon a call of the roll, the vote was:

Yeas: 6—Johnson, Morr, Hubbard, Reed, Rasho, Allsup.

Nays: 0—None.

Absent: 0—None.

Motion declared carried.

Finance Committee

o Authorization to close Sweep Bank Accounts

Chair Trustee Hubbard referred to a memo received from Treasurer, Rhonda Stewart concerning her desire to close the Village's Sweep Bank Accounts. He reported that the memo dated March 30, 2010 was discussed by the Finance Committee who voted to recommend the Board authorize Rhonda to make the proposed changes to these accounts. Trustee Hubbard asked Rhonda if she had any further comments to make on this matter before a motion is made on it.

Rhonda referred to her memo and stated that in her opinion, it was clear and the changes are in the best interest of the Village. The memo explains that when the Village switched its accounts from Busey Bank to Hickory Point Bank, the General, Water and Sewer Funds were set up as Sweep Bank Accounts. This decision was made because this type of account was earning the most interest. However, since the interest rates have dropped the accounts are now receiving no interest. After discussing different options with bank representatives, Rhonda stated that she recommends changing the Water and Sewer Funds to Money Market Accounts, and the General Fund be changed to a regular checking account.

Trustee Hubbard moved, and Trustee Morr seconded, to change the Village's Sweep Bank Accounts to Money Market accounts for the Water and Sewer Funds, and to approve changing the General Fund Sweep Account into a regular checking account. Upon a call of the roll, the vote was:

Yeas: 6—Johnson, Morr, Hubbard, Reed, Rasho, Allsup.
Nays: 0—None.
Absent: 0—None.
Motion declared carried.

Parks and Recreation Committee

○ *Approval to move the Diamond No. 5 Scoreboard*

Chair Trustee Morr reported that the committee recommends moving the Diamond No. 5 scoreboard from its existing location to center field so everyone can see it. He commented that it is currently located out in left field and cannot be easily seen. Trustee Morr reported that members estimate the cost to relocate the scoreboard at about \$500, and noted that the work can be completed by maintenance department employees.

Trustee Morr moved, and Trustee Johnson seconded, to authorize moving the Diamond No. 5 scoreboard from left field to center field, at a cost not to exceed \$1,000. Upon a call of the roll, the vote was:

Yeas: 6—Johnson, Morr, Hubbard, Reed, Rasho, Allsup.
Nays: 0—None.
Absent: 0—None.
Motion declared carried.

○ *Approval to add Bike Path Lights to Hundley Road Bike Path*

○ *Approval to add Bike Path Lights to the trail west of the Mall*

Trustee Morr reported that \$50,000 was placed in next year's budget to cover installing trail lighting along the new bike trail between Hundley Road and West Forsyth Parkway, and to add lights along the trail on the west side of the Mall. There is approximately 1,100 feet of trail along the new trail and about 2,300 feet west of the Mall that is in need of lighting. Public Works Director Larry Coloni recommends installing a light about every 100 feet of trail. Trustee Morr reported that the cost estimate to complete this lighting project totals about \$51,000. He stated that the committee recommends adding these lights to the existing trails to provide safety for those using them and to be consistent with the lights provided on other trails in the Village.

Trustee Reed commented that sometimes the trails appear darker than what they really are and asked if committee members had actually been out to look the trail near Mall to see exactly what lighting is currently there. He also asked if the proposed lights will be left on all the time, or if they will go out at a certain time during the night. Trustee Morr commented that he believes the lights stay on all night.

Following a brief discussion Trustee Morr moved, and Trustee Allsup seconded, to proceed with the installation of trail lighting, as presented at a cost not to exceed \$51,000. Upon a call of the roll, the vote was:

Yeas: 6—Johnson, Morr, Hubbard, Reed, Rasho, Allsup.
Nays: 0—None.
Absent: 0—None.

Motion declared carried.

○ *Approval to Proceed with Improvement for the new Shadow Ridge Pocket Park*

Trustee Morr reported that members recommend the Board authorize the committee to begin procuring the equipment needed for the new pocket park to be located on the north side of the Grayhawk Subdivision. He explained that the committee would like to include the standard park equipment that has been incorporated into the other pocket parks in the Village, and would like to ensure that sidewalks or bike paths are available to provide access to the park. Equipment suggested includes: a gazebo, picnic table, bench, play equipment, concrete border, guard rails, and a water fountain. The committee does not recommend parking be part of the construction plans.

Mayor Gilbert suggested that work on this pocket park be postponed until the work on all of the other parks has been completed. He pointed out that the last park the Village finished was the one located on James Court, and noted that there are things that need to be addressed in it.

Trustee Morr remarked that he agrees with the Mayor's comments, and suggested the timing be left up to the Board's discretion as to when construction on the new pocket park be started. Trustees agreed. Trustee Morr also suggested that a policy be established listing what each park should have it. Trustee Rasho recommended the Public Works Director develop a standard.

OLD BUSINESS:

Adoption of 2010-2011 Fiscal Year Budget

Mayor Gilbert referred to the draft of the 2010-2011 Fiscal Year Budget provided for review. He mentioned that Trustees have discussed the budget, and noted that a public hearing was held on it at the last regular meeting. He asked if there were any further comments or questions on the proposed budget before it is adopted.

Trustee Rasho questioned whether the \$75,000 line item in the Library Department should be removed since the Board voted not to proceed with the expansion plans discussed at the last meeting. Trustee Morr suggested the amount be kept in the budget, and noted that he sees the Village moving forward on this project once the scope has been more clearly defined. Trustee Reed mentioned that the Library Committee is considering making some upgrades to the current facility, and stated that he would hate to lose this money since it could be used for this purpose. Trustee Rasho recommended that either the line item be re-titled or be taken out. He suggested the line item be titled "Library Improvements" to ensure that the money is not tied to the library expansion study. Trustee Reed commented that the upgrades could be items that were outlined in the study, but may result in a reduction in size. Trustee Rasho stated that any specific plans for upgrading or expanding the library facility will have to be approved by the Board prior to implementation.

Following a brief discussion Trustee Allsup moved, and Trustee Hubbard seconded, to adopt the 2010-2011 Fiscal Year Budget, as presented. Upon a call of the roll, the vote was:

Yeas: 6—Johnson, Morr, Hubbard, Reed, Rasho, Allsup.
Nays: 0—None.
Absent: 0—None.
Motion declared carried.

NEW BUSINESS

Appointment of New Village Administrator

Mayor Gilbert remarked that he would like to entertain a motion to appoint Ms. Heather V. Kimmons as the new Village Administrator. He commented that he is looking forward to working with her in this capacity. Trustee Hubbard moved, and Trustee Johnson seconded, to appoint Ms. Heather V. Kimmons as the Forsyth Village Administrator, effective May 3, 2010. Upon a call of the roll, the vote was:

Yeas: 6—Johnson, Morr, Hubbard, Reed, Rasho, Allsup.
Nays: 0—None.
Absent: 0—None.
Motion declared carried.

Approval of Resolution 10-01: Amending 2009-2010 Fiscal Year Budget

Mayor Gilbert referred to Resolution No. 10-01, which authorizes the adjustment of specific line items outlined in the 2009-2010 Fiscal Year Budget. He asked Trustee Hubbard to comment on it. Trustee Hubbard mentioned that he has reviewed the document and sees no issues with it that need to be addressed.

Trustee Rasho commented that although he understands most of the items outlined in the resolution, but does have a question on a couple of items. He referred to the amount needed to cover "*Library Salaries*", as listed on Page 4 of the amendment. The resolution indicates that \$10,000 will be needed to cover this line item. He asked that someone explain this line item.

Treasurer Rhonda Stewart replied that in the first three quarterly narratives provided to the Board, this issue was explained. The amount listed in the amendment is to cover the salaries through the end of April 2010.

Mayor Gilbert again asked why the Library went over the budgeted amount by \$10,000.

Trustee Rasho asked if this shortfall in salaries was caused by the library hiring more staff this year.

Head Librarian Jean Campbell replied that no new employees were hired in the library this year. She mentioned that when the 2008-2009 Fiscal Year Budget was approved, the salary line item in the Library Budget was cut. No one provided her any explanation as to why, but it was lower than what she had requested. Jean also noted that this was a unique year and noted that there was an extra pay period this past year due to three separate months having three pay periods. Normally, there are only two months with three pay periods in them. Jean stated that the former Administrator provided no response to her concerning this matter. The process the budget went through last year was an extremely frustrating process.

Trustee Morr asked if any of the Library Staff were authorized to work any more hours than what was planned for in the budget. He also asked if any of the employees were given any type of pay increase this past year. Jean answered 'no' to both questions.

Trustee Allsup stated that when the Librarian submitted last year's proposed budget, he does not remember the Board reducing it. Jean replied that Austin reduced it.

Trustee Rasho commented that the purpose of his comments were to ensure the budgeting process is corrected in the future. Jean replied that if the comments made refer to Austin doing a poor job in preparation of last year's budget, in her opinion, he did.

Treasurer Rhonda Stewart commented that the salary line item also includes the salaries for any maintenance department employees that may be needed to clean or do other work over in the library.

Following a brief discussion Trustee Hubbard moved, and Trustee Reed seconded, to approve Resolution No. 10-01, authorizing the adjustment of specific line items outlined in the 2009-2010 Fiscal Year Budget and authorize Mayor Gilbert to sign it. Upon a call of the roll, the vote was:

Yeas: 6—Johnson, Morr, Hubbard, Reed, Rasho, Allsup.

Nays: 0—None.

Absent: 0—None.

Motion declared carried.

Approval to proceed with development of GIS database

Trustees asked that this item be table pending a review by the Public Works Committee.

Approval of Employee Pay Adjustments

Mayor Gilbert pointed out that 3% was placed in the 2010-2011 Fiscal Year Budget for employee salary adjustments and suggested the Board authorize implementation of this increase.

Trustee Rasho stated that although he supports the proposed salary increase, he believes there are hard economic times still ahead. There have been a lot of layoffs, downsizing, and other troubling signs of the poor economy, and he suggested the increase be deferred for a couple of months. Again, Trustee Rasho stated that he supports implementation of the increase, but believes it should be postponed to a later time.

Trustee Morr stated that in his opinion, giving the proposed increase to employees demonstrates good faith by the Board. The Village has put forth a conservative voice, but noted that Forsyth currently has a surplus of about \$5M in its bank accounts. Trustee Morr commented that he supports the increase and noted that believes Village employees have done a good job.

Trustee Hubbard remarked that he agrees with Trustee Morr. He stated that Village employees have done a good job this past year, and voiced his support in giving each one the 3% increase.

Trustee Rasho mentioned that other municipalities have not allowed for uncertain times, and noted that Forsyth has been very fortunate to have the extra funds available. He referred to the money that Trustee Morr spoke of, and suggested if Forsyth has a large amount of money sitting around, maybe the Board should consider a ½% reduction in sales tax. This idea would make the business community very happy.

Trustee Reed stated that he believes the employees deserve a raise, and voiced his support of giving each employee the 3% increase. He mentioned that in his opinion, each one has done some sacrificing this past year since an increase was not given last year.

Mayor Gilbert referred to the Pay and Compensation Study the Village completed a couple of years ago, and noted that some employees were given adjustments as part of the study, and others were not. He recommended the Board implement the proposed 3% increase, and stated that he believes it is time to do so.

Trustee Rasho commented he does not remember a report being presented to the Board showing who received raises and who did not. If some employees did not receive a raise at that time, there had to be justification for that.

Attorney Darrell Woolums referred to the comment made by Trustee Morr. He stated that the Village cannot legally accumulate money, just to accumulate it. There has to be plans for the funds to be used

Trustee Allsup referred to the economic condition of the State of Illinois, and stated that he believes it isn't going to be long until the State comes after municipalities to help with its budget problems. He commented that although he supports giving the increase to employees this year, the issue needs to be monitored in the future.

Trustee Hubbard moved, and Trustee Morr seconded, to authorize a 3% increase be given to all employees effective the first full pay period of May 2010. Upon a call of the roll, the vote was:

Yeas: 4—Morr, Hubbard, Reed, Allsup.

Nays: 2—Johnson, Rasho.

Absent: 0—None.

Motion declared carried.

Treasurer Rhonda Stewart asked for clarification on the motion. First, does the 3% increase apply to the new Village Administrator, and secondly, does it apply to seasonal employees. Mayor Gilbert paused, and then stated that it will not apply to the Administrator but will apply to all other employees across the Board. No other comments were made.

Extra Compensation for Employees

Trustee Rasho mentioned that due to the absence of a Village Administrator, three Village Hall Staff were given a Temporary Pay Adjustment. He noted that since the Village has appointed Ms. Kimmons as the new administrator, the temporary pay needs to stop.

Mayor Gilbert encouraged Trustees to exercise caution with this idea. He commented that the new Village Administrator is going to need time to familiarize herself with the Village and how Forsyth does things. It is going to involve some extra time for our employees to help out. Mayor Gilbert recommended the Temporary Pay Adjustment be extended for one more month.

Trustee Rasho stated that in his opinion, extending this adjustment is sending the wrong message to the Staff and to the Forsyth community. The support of Staff to familiarize Ms. Kimmons with how things are done is expected, and noted that he believes this would be an insult to her.

Trustee Reed commented that this issue was brought up in Closed Session, but emphasized that no one voiced any objection with it at that time. He asked what has changed since that time. Trustee Reed expressed his frustration with the comments made by Trustee Rasho and added that feels double crossed. Trustees were saying one thing during the Closed Session but are saying something completely different now.

Trustee Moor commented that the intent of the adjustment was temporary. It was not meant to be an insult to the new administrator.

Trustee Johnson asked if training Ms. Kimmons was going to take hours away from daily duties performed by any of the Staff. She remarked that in her opinion, Ms. Kimmons is studying different documents provided and will be prepared when she comes in May. Hopefully the new administrator will be able to help the Staff with the daily workload.

Trustee Rasho pointed out that Staff was never questioned when this pay adjustment was approved. He mentioned that it was given in recognition and appreciation of what each one does and has done during this interim period of time.

Trustee Rasho moved, and Trustee Johnson seconded, to eliminate the Temporary Pay Adjustments for Village Hall Staff effective May 1, 2010.

Yeas: 4—Johnson, Morr, Rasho, Allsup.

Nays: 2—Hubbard, Reed.

Absent: 0—None.

Motion declared carried.

Tree City U.S.A. Arbor Day Proclamation

Mayor Gilbert referred to a proclamation declaring Friday, April 30, 2010 as *Arbor Day* as part of the Village's Tree City U.S.A. designation. Public Works Director Larry Coloni plans to distribute tree saplings to Forsyth grade school first and second graders in recognition of the celebration. The ceremony will also include reading a proclamation signed by Mayor Gilbert. Johnson moved, and Reed seconded, to declare Friday, April 30, 2010 as *Arbor Day* and authorize Mayor Gilbert to sign the proclamation. Upon a call of the roll, the vote was:

Yeas: 6—Johnson, Morr, Hubbard, Reed, Rasho, Allsup.

Nays: 0—None.

Absent: 0—None.

Motion declared carried.

**Approval of Ordinance No. 790 –
Special Use Permit for Coziahr Harley Davidson Dealership**

Trustee Allsup moved, and Trustee Hubbard seconded, to approve Ordinance No. 790, as presented. Approval is for the installation of a 42.5 square foot sign on the east building façade area for the purpose of designating where the service area is located for the business. Section 8.4 C (1) (a) (ii) and 8.4 C (1) (b) of the Forsyth Zoning Ordinance. Upon a call of the roll, the vote was:

Yeas: 6—Johnson, Morr, Hubbard, Reed, Rasho, Allsup.

Nays: 0—None.

Absent: 0—None.

Motion declared carried.

Miscellaneous Items Discussed

Mayor Gilbert mentioned that the next Community Leader’s Breakfast is scheduled for Thursday, May 6, 2010. He suggested the tickets be given to employees this time. No comment was made concerning this suggestion.

Motion for Closed Session

Trustee Morr moved, and Trustee Hubbard seconded, to go into closed session at 8:25 p.m. for the purpose of discussing the purchase, sale or lease of real property for the use of the public body, including meetings held for the purpose discussing whether a particular parcel should be acquired or sold – IL ST CH 5 § 120 /2 (c) (5)

Yeas: 6—Johnson, Morr, Hubbard, Reed, Rasho, Allsup.

Nays: 0—None.

Absent: 0—None.

Motion declared carried.

Closed Session

Call to Order

Mayor Harold Gilbert reconvened the meeting to order at 8:58 p.m.

Roll Call

Physically Present: Johnson, Morr, Hubbard, Reed, Rasho, Allsup.

Also Physically Present

Darrell Woolums, Chuck Hunsinger, Kathy Mizer.

No action was taken.

Adjournment

Trustee Allsup moved, and Trustee Hubbard seconded, that the meeting be adjourned. The meeting was adjourned at 9:06 p.m. by voice vote.

By: _____
Village Clerk