

# **Village of Romeoville**

*1050 W Romeo Rd*



## **Meeting Minutes - Final**

**Wednesday, October 19, 2011**

**6:01 PM**

**Village Hall Board Room  
1050 W. Romeo Rd.**

**Village Board - Workshop Meeting**

**1. CALL TO ORDER-Roll Call**

**Present:** Jose Chavez, Linda Palmiter, Ken Griffin, Dave Richards, Sue Micklevitz, Brian Clancy and John Noak

**2. POSTING OF COLORS-PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE****3. ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION****11-1509** Character Counts Presentation

*Ron Ostryk from the Character Counts Coalition along with Kristine Wahlgren presented certificates to the Character Counts Award winners:*

*Elementary School- Garrett Sheahan  
Junior High School-Montee Simpson  
High School-Gabriel Nkemeh  
Adult-Renata Williams  
Business-Paul Heatherington*

*Mayor Noak congratulated all of the award recipients.*

**RES11-1467** A Resolution Supporting the Route 66 Trail from Chicago to Granite City

*Ms Rajzer reported that this shows the support of the Village for the Route 66 Trail Executive Council in its efforts to raise public awareness of the "Mother Road" through the development of bicycle and other non-motorized vehicle uses to recapture a bit of the past in a healthy and enjoyable way. An original section of Route 66 runs through the east side of the Village located on what today is Route 53.*

*Mayor Noak stated that this is a topic we have been working on for a number of years. We had a Route 66 Marker recently dedicated at White Fence Farm. This is a multi-community endeavor.*

**RES11-1468** A Resolution Authorizing the Village to Enter into a Professional Services and Audit Agreement with Spyglass Group, Inc to Recover Past Improperly Charged Telecommunications Rates, Taxes and Fees and Implement Service Elimination and Cost Reduction Savings

*Mr Openchowski reported that the Village engaged SpyGlass to audit its telecommunication bills to ensure that the proper rates and taxes were being charged and to identify any possible savings regarding unused or unnecessary phone lines, data circuits, and radio circuits. SpyGlass is paid on a contingency basis based upon amounts actually recovered and savings generated based upon their findings and suggestions that the Village agrees to implement. Their fees are 50% of any costs recovered, which is industry standard and a one time payment based on one years worth of savings based upon implemented findings. Most firms for similar services charge 25% to 33% based upon three to five years of savings paid over the same time period. Based upon their findings, the Village will produce over \$2,200 in recovered taxes and close to \$30,000 in annual ongoing savings. Other suggestions are still being reviewed by staff.*

*Mayor Noak stated that it is great to have this and they have already found ways for us to save money.*

- ORD11-0929** An Ordinance Providing for the Submission to the Electors of the Village of Romeoville, Will County, the Question Whether the Village Should Have the Authority Under Public Act 096-0176 to Arrange for the Supply of Electricity for its Residential and Small Commercial Retail Customers who Have Not Opted Out of Such Program
- Mr Gulden reported that this has been discussed on many occasions. The Will County Governmental League will be spear heading this. He introduced Hugh O'Hara who gave an overview of the Municipal Aggregation Program.*
- Mayor Noak thanked the Governmental League for the work they did on this program. It is a very innovative way to maximize the savings potential for our residents. So that our residents are aware, the decision will ultimately fall on them with the opt out process. The market place is bearing a good amount of savings.*
- Trustee Palmiter asked if a resident decides to opt out when could they opt out. Mr O'Hara replied that they can opt out at any time. We will probably be able to negotiate a no fee opt out clause. Mayor Noak asked residents to be aware of the companies that are out there now. A number of these come with very heavy opt out fees.*
- Trustee Griffin stated that the service issues that you may have with Commonwealth Edison will still be there even if you opt in to this program.*
- Trustee Micklevitz asked what does a resident need to do to opt in and the reply was nothing. You will see the savings come September at the earliest. If you want to opt out there will be mailers sent out to explain the opt out process. She then asked if a resident was involved with another provider what can they do to take advantage of this program. Mr O'Hara replied that the resident would have to opt out of their existing program.*
- Mayor Noak added that your bill will come the same way. The only thing that will be different is the cost savings.*
- Trustee Chavez stated that this is a great idea. He thanked Mr O'Hara for his presentation.*
- Trustee Clancy asked if the group rate will be the same for all the included communities and the reply was yes. Trustee Clancy added that it will never exceed the ComEd price and Mayor Noak stated that is correct and the goal is to have a seamless group rate for the entire region.*
- Trustee Richards stated that by passing the referendum in March you are not locked into anything. This referendum just gives us the opportunity to go out for bid.*
- RES11-1470** A Resolution Waiving the Bidding Requirements and Entering into a Contract with Northwest Cedar Products for Fence Installation-Diocese of Joliet (One Proposal Received)
- Mr Gulden reported that in an effort to enhance the aesthetics surrounding the completed Veteran's Memorial Project we have met with the adjacent property owner, the Diocese of Joliet, to coordinate the construction of a vinyl fence and landscaping along a portion of their property. The fence will be approximately 430 feet and will tie into the existing maintenance facility. The actual costs associated with this project will be reimbursed by the Diocese but not to exceed the sum of \$25,700. We have reviewed a proposal from Northwest Cedar Products in the amount of \$22,700. for the*

*fencing. The remaining \$3,000. will be spent on landscaping. Staff is recommending that we waive the bids and authorize a contract with Northwest Cedar to complete this project. They are currently completing the fence along Veteran's Parkway and we are very satisfied with their work.*

#### **4. ADJOURNMENT**

**A motion was made by Ken Griffin, seconded by Brian A. Clancy Sr., the Motion was to Adjourn at 6:44 p.m. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Aye:** 6 - Chavez, Palmiter, Griffin, Richards, Micklevitz and Clancy

**Non-voting:** 1 - Noak

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## Regular Meeting

### 1. CALL TO ORDER

**Present:** Jose Chavez, Linda Palmiter, Ken Griffin, Dave Richards, Sue Micklevitz, Brian Clancy and John Noak

#### Roll Call

### 2. POSTING OF COLORS, PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

### 3. PETITIONS FROM THE PUBLIC

*Terry Hinchey informed the residents of the fundraiser for Harvest Saturday which will be held at At's A Nice on Monday, October 24th. 20% of the bill will go towards Harvest Saturday.*

*Harvest Saturday will be November 19th. Pick up will start at 11:30 and last until 3:00.*

*Trustee Palmiter added that the fundraiser covers dine in, delivery or pick up.*

*Mayor Noak stated that this is a wonderful cause.*

### 4. CONSENT AGENDA

**A motion was made by Jose Chavez, seconded by Linda Palmiter, the Motion was to do a Consent Agenda. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Aye:** 6 - Chavez, Palmiter, Griffin, Richards, Micklevitz and Clancy

**Non-voting:** 1 - Noak

**MIN11-0398** Approval of Minutes-October 5, 2011 Workshop Meeting

**This Matter was Approved on the Consent Agenda.**

**MIN11-0399** Approval of Minutes-October 5, 2011 Regular Meeting

**This Matter was Approved on the Consent Agenda.**

**11-1506** Approval of Bills-Schedule A

**This Matter was Approved on the Consent Agenda.**

**11-1507** Approval of Bills-Schedule B

**This Matter was Approved on the Consent Agenda.**

**11-1508** Approval of Bills-Schedule C

**This Matter was Approved on the Consent Agenda.**

### Passed The Consent Agenda

**A motion was made by Linda Palmiter, seconded by Brian A. Clancy Sr., including all the preceding items marked as having been adopted on a Consent Agenda. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Aye:** 6 - Chavez, Palmiter, Griffin, Richards, Micklevitz and Clancy

**Non-voting:** 1 - Noak

## 5. MAYOR'S REPORT

*Condolences to the family of former Mayor John Strobbe. He was an amazing asset to our community and a wonderful man.*

*Had the pleasure of attending a coffee with the residents of Grand Haven this morning.*

*Congratulations to Nayon Eye Center who held their ribbon cutting this afternoon.*

*Mistwood will be holding a ground breaking on Friday for their redevelopment.*

*Join us for the Halloween Fest on Friday from 6:00-9:00 at the Recreation Center.*

*There will be a Sports Card and Collectables Show on Saturday at the Recreation Center.*

*The Knights of Columbus will be hosting an Oktoberfest on Saturday at St Andrews Church from 5:00-8:00.*

*Hope everyone has a happy and safe Halloween.*

### 11-1505 Proclamation-Character Counts Week

**A motion was made by Brian A. Clancy Sr., seconded by Sue A. Micklevitz, that this matter be Accepted. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Aye:** 6 - Chavez, Palmiter, Griffin, Richards, Micklevitz and Clancy

**Non-voting:** 1 - Noak

## 6. CLERK'S REPORT

*The next meeting of the Senior Commission will be held on Tuesday, November 16th at 9:30 a.m. They are looking to secure speakers for this meeting on the subject of fraud prevention*

*Congratulations to all of the Character Counts winners.*

*Condolences to the family of former Mayor John Strobbe.*

## 7. CITIZEN'S, COMMITTEES, COMMISSIONS AND LIAISON REPORTS

*Trustee Chavez-Youth Outreach/Fire and Police*

*The Mayor's Costume Ball tickets are still on sale. It will be held November 5th. The next meeting will take place in 2012.*

*Trustee Palmiter-Finance/Humane Society*

*Romeoville offers a refuse discount program if you will be absent from your home for more than 5 weeks. Contact the Village Hall for more information.*

*The Residential Property Tax Relief Program was implemented last month. Residents saw a \$20.00 credit on their water bills. The State is two months behind on their payments to us. The Treasurer's Report will be published in the newspaper on October 20th and on-line. Staff is receiving Customer Service Training. If a home is deemed vacant the water will be turned off. The Mid Year Review for the Budget has begun.*

*The Humane Society will hold a fundraiser on October 29th at Stella's Bar and Grill.*

*Trustee Griffin-Veteran's Commission/Downtown Redevelopment*

*If you would like to have a Blue Star presented to your family contact the Village. They are working with the Chamber of Commerce on creating a scholarship program. The Veteran's Memorial dedication will be November 4th. They will meet on the 15th of November.*

*Trustee Clancy-Beautification/Parks and Recreation*

*The Beautification Committee Home of the Month awards were handed out last Tuesday.*

*A Recreation update was given.*

*Trustee Richards-Planning and Zoning/Zoning Board of Appeals/RPTV*

*The next Planning meeting will be October 25th. They will discuss Super 8 and JCM properties.*

*RPTV produced shows are available for \$10.00 which is a reduced price. The next meeting will be November 10th at 7:00 p.m.*

*Trustee Micklevitz-Green Team/EDC/REMA*

*The next EDC meeting will be tomorrow at Fat Rickys at 8:00 a.m. They will discuss the status of the Strategic Master Plan, next years officers and review the Developer's Forum that was held earlier this fall.*

*The Green Team is partnering with AVM to host an America Recycles Day at the Recreation Center on November 12th from 8:00-1:00.*

## **8. VILLAGE MANAGER'S REPORT**

*Trick or Treat hours are 4:00-7:00.*

*There will not be trick or treating at Safety Town this year due to the construction.*

*Mr Bromberek stated that all of the in-house paving has been completed. There still is some concrete work to finish.*

*We will be evaluating Crossroads at Normantown Rd. This road is extremely bumpy and we are concerned about the Winter so we are hoping to do this yet this year.*

## **9. NEW BUSINESS**

**A motion was made by Jose Chavez, seconded by Ken Griffin, the Motion was to do a Consent Agenda for all New Business. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Aye:** 6 - Chavez, Palmiter, Griffin, Richards, Micklevitz and Clancy

**Non-voting:** 1 - Noak

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**A motion was made by Dave Richards, seconded by Ken Griffin, including all the preceding items marked as having been adopted on a Consent Agenda. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Aye:** 6 - Chavez, Palmiter, Griffin, Richards, Micklevitz and Clancy

**Non-voting:** 1 - Noak

## **10. BOARD COMMENTS**

*Trustee Micklevitz-*

*Congratulations to the Character Counts Awards winners. This is for adults and youths. It is important that the adults are recognized as they are the role models for our youths. There is so much beautification work being done throughout the Village which is fantastic. Thanks to all that were involved in these projects.*

*Condolences to the family and friends of Suzanne Holster-Suggs. She was a wonderful woman.*

*Condolences to the family of former Mayor John Strobbe. He was a great friend and fantastic for this community.*

*Trustee Richards-*

*Condolences to the family of former Mayor John Strobbe, he will be missed.*

*Congratulations to the Character Counts winners.*

*Congratulations to the 5 Romeoville High School students who were the Illinois Musical Educators Association awards winners.*

*There will be a Drum Line Competition this Sunday at RHS. It is something to see, come out if you can.*

*Safe and Happy Halloween. Be aware of the kids out there and not just on Halloween but everyday.*

*Trustee Clancy-*

*Thanks to the Beautification Award winners for taking pride in your home and community.*

*Condolences to the family of former Mayor John Strobbe.*

*Congratulations to the Character Counts Award winners.*

*Harvest Saturday will be November 19th.*

*Thanks to all who supported the Lion's Club this past weekend.*

*Thanks to all who will be attending the Oktoberfest in support of the Knights of Columbus.*

*Trustee Griffin-*

*Condolences to the Strobbe Family.*

*Congratulations to the Character Counts winners.*

*Thanks to all who supported the Lion's Club Candy Day.*

*Be safe this Halloween.*

*Trustee Palmiter-*

*Congratulations to the Character Counts winners. Especially to the adults for all they have done for this community.*

*Condolences to the family of John Strobbe. He was a very dear friend of ours and a great man.*

*Trustee Chavez-*

*Congratulations to the RHS students who were selected by the Illinois Musical Educators Association.*

*Thanks to the Romeoville/Bolingbrook Character Counts Coalition. They did a great job in choosing the winners.*

*The fence along Dalhart looks very nice. I have heard many compliments regarding this.*

*Condolences to the Strobbe Family.*

*Condolences to the Anaya Family on the passing of Jose.*

*The youth football season is coming to a close. Good luck to the teams that made the playoffs.*

## **11. EXECUTIVE SESSION**

*None*

## **12. ADJOURNMENT**

**A motion was made by Ken Griffin, seconded by Brian A. Clancy Sr., the Motion was to Adjourn at 7:25 p.m. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Aye:** 6 - Chavez, Palmiter, Griffin, Richards, Micklevitz and Clancy

**Non-voting:** 1 - Noak