

**REPORT OF PROCEEDINGS  
OF THE  
REGULAR BOARD MEETING OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES  
OF THE VILLAGE OF NORTHFIELD  
TUESDAY, September 21, 2021 - 7:00 p.m.**

As provided by public notice, the Board of Trustees of the Village of Northfield met in the Council Chambers of the Village Hall at 7:00 p.m. on Tuesday, September 21, 2021, for the Regular Board meeting. The meeting was called to order by President Greg Lungmus. The Village Clerk took the roll call.

PRESENT:   President       Greg Lungmus  
  
                  Trustees       Todd Fowler  
                                  Barnaby Dinges  
                                  Tom Whittaker  
                                  Matt Galin  
                                  Tracey Mendrek  
                                  Charles Orth

ABSENT:

ALSO PRESENT:           Attorney Everette Hill

**PRESENTATION OF NEW POLICE OFFICER**

President Lungmus welcomed everyone. Deputy Police Chief Hutensky noted that Rafael Robledo previously served on the Chicago force for eight years and was a great addition to the Northfield Police Department.

**CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS**

Village President asked the Clerk to read the Consent Agenda items into the record. Those were reported as follows:

1.     Approve the Report of Proceedings from the August 17, 2021, Village Board meeting
2.     Bills and Disbursements from August 1, 2021 to August 31, 2021, in the amount of \$316,421.44
3.     Approval of the following Commission appointment:  
      Jack Brannigan to Plan & Zoning Commission – unexpired term 09-22-21 to 09-22

President Lungmus indicated that VM Sigman said there were no written comments on this matter.

Trustee Whittaker made a motion, seconded by Trustee Galin to approve Consent Agenda items 1 through 3.

Upon the following roll call vote, a motion to approve Consent Agenda items 1 through 3 were approved.

AYES: Fowler                      NAYS: 0                      ABSTAIN: 0                      ABSENT:  
Dinges  
Whittaker  
Galin  
Mendrek  
Orth

**CONSIDERATION OF A SPECIAL USE FOR HAPP FIELDS LLC IN ORDER TO OPERATE A RESTAURANT AT 300 HAPP ROAD.**

Trustee Orth made a motion, seconded by Trustee Whittaker to consider a special use for Happ Fields LLC in order to operate a restaurant at 300 Happ Road.

Community Development Director Gutierrez stated Mr. Nassir Ali, on behalf of Happ Fields LLC, was requesting a special use in order to operate a restaurant at 300 Happ Road. Mr. Ali was purchasing the 2,730 square foot U Dawg U restaurant. Other than a change in operating hours, he intended on maintaining the existing operation as is. The new operating hours would be 10 a.m. - 9 p.m., seven days a week. The original special use granted to U Dawg U would become null and void with the change of ownership. On September 8, 2021, the Plan & Zoning Commission voted unanimously to recommend approval of the special use.

Tim Ryan, the broker, complimented staff members, Steve Gutierrez and Chris Stanke, for making the sale and overall process easy and successful.

President Lungmus indicated that VM Sigman said there were no written comments on this matter. He then asked for public comment. There was none.

President Lungmus requested a roll call vote to approve a special use for Happ Fields LLC in order to operate a restaurant at 300 Happ Road.

AYES: Fowler                      NAYS: 0                      ABSTAIN: 0                      ABSENT:  
Dinges  
Whittaker  
Galin  
Mendrek  
Orth

**CONSIDERATION OF AN AMENDMENT TO APPENDIX C, SAFETY CODES, TO GRANT THE ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS AUTHORITY TO REQUIRE COMPLIANCE BONDS AND THEIR POSSIBLE FORFEITURE AS A CONDITION OF GRANTING A BUILDING PERMIT EXTENSION.**

Trustee Mendrik made a motion, seconded by Trustee Fowler, to consider an amendment to Appendix C, Safety Codes to grant the Zoning Board of Appeals authority to require compliance bonds and their possible forfeiture as a condition of granting a building permit extension.

Village Attorney Hill noted that the Village’s Building Code requires that all work done pursuant to a building permit be completed within 18 months. If that 18-month deadline is not met, the applicant may seek one six-month extension of the permit from the Village staff. If any further extensions are sought, the applicant must seek such an additional extension from the Zoning Board of Appeals. In recent months, the Zoning Board of Appeals was required to hear multiple requests for such extensions. Concerning these requests, the ZBA believed that insufficient progress was being made toward completion. As an incentive to secure completion within the new timeframes, the ZBA required the posting of substantial cash bonds by the applicant. The cash bonds were subject to forfeiture in the event that the deadlines established by the ZBA in its orders were not met. The ZBA and the Village staff had very little other authority at their disposal to bring about timely completion of dilatory permittees. The staff believed it was important to codify the Zoning Board of Appeals authority to require compliance bonds and their possible forfeiture as a condition of granting a building permit extension. The proposed ordinance would directly grant such authority from the Village Board to the ZBA. The ZBA could require such cash bonds only in instances where they find that the delays have not been for “good cause” as defined in the Building Code. Staff was recommending that the ZBA’s authority in this regard be limited to 3% of the original estimated cost of construction or \$20,000, whichever is less.

Trustee Fowler recommended increasing the ZBA’s authority from 3% to 10% of the original estimated cost of construction or \$20,000, whichever is less.

Trustee Fowler made a motion, seconded by Trustee Orth, to consider an amendment to Appendix C, Safety Codes to grant the Zoning Board of Appeals authority to require compliance bonds and their possible forfeiture as a condition of granting a building permit extension to 10% of the original estimated cost of construction or \$20,000, whichever is less.

AYES: Fowler                      NAYS: 0                      ABSTAIN: 0                      ABSENT:  
         Dinges  
         Whittaker  
         Galin  
         Mendrek  
         Orth

President Lungmus indicated that VM Sigman said there were no written comments on this matter. He then asked for public comment. There was none.

President Lungmus requested a roll call vote to consider an amendment to Appendix C, Safety Codes to grant the Zoning Board of Appeals authority to require compliance bonds and their possible forfeiture as a condition of granting a building permit extension.

AYES: Fowler                      NAYS: 0                      ABSTAIN: 0                      ABSENT:  
Dinges  
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**CONSIDERATION OF AN AMENDMENT TO CHAPTER 14, SECTION 14-11, TO ALLOW PRIVATE STREET SIGNS IN THE VILLAGE RIGHT OF WAY.**

Trustee Whittaker made a motion, seconded by Trustee Mendrek, to consider an amendment to Chapter 14, Section 14-11, to assure that the cost of repair of Private Street signs in the Village right of way is the responsibility of the private owners.

Village Manager Sigman stated at the August Committee of the Whole meeting, the Village Board discussed private street signs within the Village right of way. Staff was directed to prepare amendments to the Village Code and use of right of way policy to allow for private signs subject to some basic design and intersection visibility standards. The proposed ordinance added “private street signs” to the list of permitted obstructions in the code. This new language was contained in Section 14-11.

The design and intersection visibility standards will be detailed in an updated use of right of way policy. Over the past year, staff and the Village Attorney worked on a comprehensive update of all of our Village policies and procedures. These are scheduled for presentation and discussion by the Board at the October Committee of the Whole meeting. The modifications to the use of right of way policy on private street signs will be presented with those other updates.

President Lungmus indicated that VM Sigman said there were no written comments on this matter. He then asked for public comment. There was none.

President Lungmus requested a roll call vote to approve an amendment to Chapter 14, Section 14-11, to assure that the repair of Private Street signs in the Village right of way is the responsibility of the private owners.

AYES: Fowler                      NAYS: 0                      ABSTAIN: 0                      ABSENT:  
Dinges  
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**CONSIDERATION OF A WAIVER OF THE BIDDING PROCESS AND AWARD A CONTRACT TO HOERR CONSTRUCTION, INC., IN THE AMOUNT OF \$37,397.50, FOR EMERGENCY SANITARY SLIP LINING ON SOMERSET LANE AND HARDING ROAD**

Trustee Galin made a motion, seconded by Trustee Fowler, to consider a waiver of the bidding process and award a contract to Hoerr Construction, Inc. of Goodfield, Illinois, in the amount of \$37,397.50, for emergency sanitary slip lining on Somerset Lane and Harding Road.

Public Works Director Nystrand explained that Staff had discovered that many of the joints, on sections of the existing sanitary sewer mains on Harding Road, between Lagoon and East Frontage Road, and Somerset Lane, had failed and were causing sinkholes. These sinkholes are hazardous to pedestrians and allow sand and soil to enter the sanitary sewer main, which can result in sanitary sewage backups into homes. These sewer lines are 8-10 feet deep, and the Village is unable to repair these sections in-house due to equipment limitations. Staff obtained proposals to fix the sanitary mains using an open-cut method. The cost to undertake that work would have been \$169,500 for approximately 120 lineal feet of 8" sewer main.

However, staff then secured a proposal from the successful bidder on this year's Sanitary Sewer Lining Bid, through the Municipal Partnering Initiative (MPI), to slip-line the entire sewer mains on Harding and Somerset Drive. That contractor, Hoerr Construction, Inc. of Goodfield, Illinois, submitted a proposal, based on the unit costs in the joint bid, to slip line 1,125' of 8' sewer main for \$37,397.50. This work included all of the existing joints on the sanitary sewer main sections causing the sinkholes.

Staff recommended that the Village slip-line all of the sewer mains on Harding and Somerset Drive to address the current emergency situation and the longer-term need to re-line this older sanitary sewer main.

Staff recommended the Board award the contract for the Harding Road and Somerset Drive Emergency Sanitary Sewer Lining Project in the amount of \$37,397.50 to Hoerr Construction, Inc. of Goodfield, Illinois. This work was not budgeted in FY2021/22 but there are other water and sanitary projects that may not move forward this year and other adequate reserves to cover this work. If a budget amendment becomes necessary it will be presented to the Board as part of future project approvals.

President Lungmus noted that the slip lining technology was cost-efficient and less disruptive to residents.

President Lungmus indicated that VM Sigman said there were no written comments on this matter. He then asked for public comment. There was none.

President Lungmus requested a roll call vote to approve a waiver of the bidding process and award a contract to Hoerr Construction, Inc. of Goodfield, Illinois, in the amount of \$37,397.50, for emergency sanitary slip lining on Somerset Lane and Harding Road.

AYES: Fowler                      NAYS: 0                      ABSTAIN: 0                      ABSENT:  
Dinges  
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**CONSIDERATION OF A MOTION TO APPROVE THE PURCHASE OF TWO (2) 2022 FORD UTILITY INTERCEPTOR POLICE PURSUIT VEHICLES FOR \$73,605.00, INCLUDING OPTIONS, FROM MORROW BROTHERS OF GREENFIELD, ILLINOIS**

Trustee Orth made a motion, seconded by Trustee Dinges, to approve the purchase of two (2) 2022 Ford Utility Interceptor Police Pursuit Vehicles for \$73,605, including options, from Morrow Brothers of Greenfield, Illinois.

Deputy Police Chief Hutensky explained the Police Department has seven (7) marked vehicles assigned for patrol activities and three (3) unmarked cars assigned to the Chief, Deputy Chief, and the Detective. Vehicles scheduled for replacement are included in the Village’s Equipment Replacement Plan (ERP) Budget. As part of the budget process, the ERP is reviewed annually in order to make fiscally responsible recommendations for replacing vehicles and equipment. Replacement decisions are never based solely on age or the ERP schedule. Many factors are considered, including age, mileage, hours of operation, vehicle condition, maintenance record, special needs, and function.

For FY2021/22, two vehicles in the Police Department are scheduled to be replaced. Squad #1 is a 2018 Chevrolet Tahoe with 53,364 actual miles and 13,694 hours of run-time for a total engine mileage equivalency (TEME) of 273,880 miles. Car #25 is a 2014 Ford Interceptor SUV with a TEME of 344,120 miles. Based on the TEME and the less than adequate condition of the engine and transmission, staff recommended that Squad #1 be removed from police patrol service and reassigned to the Building Department to replace staff car #25. Staff car #25 would then be sold or used for trade-in.

Squad #4 is a 2018 Ford Interceptor SUV with 65,890 actual miles and 12,991 hours of run-time for a total engine mileage equivalency (TEME) of 259,820 miles. Car #7 is a 2014 Ford Interceptor SUV with a TEME of 353,660 miles. Based on the TEME and the less than adequate condition of the engine, transmission, and frame, staff recommended that Squad #4 be removed from police patrol service and reassigned to replace PSO car #7. PSO car #7 would then be sold or used for trade-in.

President Lungmus indicated that VM Sigman said there were no written comments on this matter. He then asked for public comment. There was none.

President Lungmus requested a roll call vote to approve the purchase of two (2) 2022 Ford Utility Interceptor Police Pursuit Vehicles for \$73,605, including options, from Morrow Brothers of Greenfield, Illinois.

AYES: Fowler                      NAYS: 0                      ABSTAIN: 0                      ABSENT:  
Dinges  
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Orth

**CONSIDERATION OF AN ORDINANCE DECLARING EXISTING PSO CAR #7 AND STAFF CAR #25 AS SURPLUS AND AUTHORIZING STAFF TO DISPOSE OF THIS EQUIPMENT ACCORDING TO LAW**

Trustee Mendrek made a motion, seconded by Trustee Fowler, to approve an ordinance declaring existing PSO Car #7 and Staff Car #25, as surplus and authorizing staff to dispose of these vehicles according to law.

Deputy Police Chief Hutensky explained the PSO CAR#7 and Staff Car #25 would be removed from the rotation and replaced. This equipment would be disposed of according to law.

President Lungmus indicated that VM Sigman said there were no written comments on this matter. He then asked for public comment. There was none.

President Lungmus requested a roll call vote to approve an ordinance declaring existing PSO Car #7 and Staff Car #25, as surplus and authorizing staff to dispose of these vehicles according to law.

AYES: Fowler                      NAYS: 0                      ABSTAIN: 0                      ABSENT:  
Dinges  
Whittaker  
Galín  
Mendrek  
Orth

**CONSIDERATION OF A MOTION TO APPROVE THE PURCHASE OF ONE (1) FORD F350 PICK-UP TRUCK FROM ROESCH FORD OF BENSENVILLE, ILLINOIS, FOR \$37,061.00.**

Trustee Fowler made a motion, seconded by Trustee Dinges, to approve the purchase of one (1) Ford F350 pick-up truck from Roesch Ford of Bensenville, Illinois, for \$37,061.00.

Public Works Director Nystrand explained as part of the annual Budget, vehicles and equipment were scheduled for replacement as identified in the Village's Equipment Replacement

and Vehicle Rotation Plan. This plan was reviewed annually and used as a fleet management/financial planning tool, enabling staff to make fiscally responsible recommendations for the replacement and disposal of the Village's vehicles and equipment. Replacements were recommended based upon many factors, not solely on age or when they were scheduled on the plan. When determining if a planned replacement was necessary, factors considered were age, mileage, hours of operation, vehicle condition, maintenance/repair history, future anticipated maintenance costs, special needs, function, etc.

The Public Works Department utilized 4-wheel drive pick-up trucks, with attachments, for many Public Works activities such as snow and ice control operations, water main and sewer (sanitary and storm) maintenance & installation, storm cleanup, and restoration, general construction projects, and day to day operations.

Pick-up truck #1500 was a 2012 Ford F350 Super Duty 4x4 with a snowplow attachment. It was initially purchased in FY2011/12 with an 8-year estimated useful life. A detailed evaluation was completed in FY2019/20 when this vehicle was originally scheduled for replacement. It was determined that we could get another year of service from this truck, and the replacement was pushed out to FY2020/21. Each year since then, staff continued to closely monitor the condition of this truck and pushed out its replacement since it was performing well. Through the evaluation and maintenance process, an additional two years of useful life was achieved from this piece of equipment, for a total of 10 years of service.

A suitable replacement for this vehicle was available via the Northwest Municipal Conference (NWMC) Suburban Purchasing Cooperative (SPC), Contract Number: 180. Staff reviewed this contract and determined that the vehicle available via this Bid met or exceeded the Village's requirements. Staff recommended that the Village take advantage of the NWMC SPC Contract Pricing for the replacement of this vehicle and approve the purchase of one (1) 2022, Ford F350, Super-Duty 4x4, Pick-Up Truck in the amount of \$37,001.00, including options, via the NWMC SPC, Contract Number: 180, from Roesch Ford, Bensenville IL. The amount budgeted for this replacement was \$47,000.

In addition, staff recommended that the existing Pick-Up Truck #1500 be declared as surplus property and that staff be authorized to sell this vehicle in a manner provided by law according to the attached ordinance.

President Lungmus indicated that VM Sigman said there were no written comments on this matter. He then asked for public comment. There was none.

President Lungmus requested a roll call vote to approve the purchase of one (1) Ford F350 pick-up truck from Roesch Ford of Bensenville, Illinois, for \$37,061.00.

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	Whittaker						
	Galín						
	Mendrek						

Orth

**CONSIDERATION OF AN ORDINANCE DECLARING STAFF PICKUP TRUCK #1500 AS SURPLUS AND AUTHORIZING STAFF TO DISPOSE OF THIS EQUIPMENT ACCORDING TO LAW**

Trustee Whittaker made a motion, seconded by Trustee Fowler, to approve an ordinance declaring staff pickup truck #1500, as surplus and authorizing staff to dispose of this equipment according to law.

Public Works Director Nystrand explained that Staff Pickup Truck #1500 would be removed from the rotation and replaced. This equipment would be disposed of according to law.

President Lungmus indicated that VM Sigman said there were no written comments on this matter. He then asked for public comment. There was none.

President Lungmus requested a roll call vote to approve an ordinance declaring staff pickup truck #1500, as surplus and authorizing staff to dispose of this equipment according to law.

AYES: Fowler                      NAYS: 0                      ABSTAIN: 0                      ABSENT:  
Dinges  
Whittaker  
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Mendrek  
Orth

**CONSIDERATION OF A MOTION TO APPROVE THE PURCHASE OF ONE (1) FORD F350 PICK-UP TRUCK FROM ROESCH FORD OF BENSENVILLE, ILLINOIS, FOR \$36,871.00.**

Trustee Orth made a motion, seconded by Trustee Galin, to approve the purchase of one (1) Ford F350 pick-up truck from Roesch Ford of Bensenville, Illinois, for \$36,871.00.

Public Works Director Nystrand remarked that pick-up truck #1525 was a 2013 Ford F350 Super Duty 4x4 with a snowplow attachment. It was initially purchased in FY2012/13 with an 8-year estimated useful life. The Fleet Manager completed a detailed evaluation of this vehicle and determined that this almost nine-year-old truck should be replaced at this time.

A suitable replacement for this vehicle was available via the Northwest Municipal Conference (NWMC) Suburban Purchasing Cooperative (SPC), Contract Number: 180. Staff reviewed this contract and determined that the vehicle available via this Bid met or exceeded the Village's requirements. Staff recommended that the Village take advantage of the NWMC SPC Contract Pricing for the replacement of this vehicle and approve the purchase of one (1) 2022, Ford F350, Super-Duty 4x4, Pick-Up Truck in the amount of \$36,871.00, including options, via

the NWMC SPC, Contract Number: 180, from Roesch Ford, Bensenville IL. The amount budgeted for this replacement was \$47,000.

In addition, staff was recommending that the existing Pick-Up Truck #1525 be declared as surplus property and that staff be authorized to sell this vehicle in a manner provided by law according to the attached ordinance.

President Lungmus indicated that VM Sigman said there were no written comments on this matter. He then asked for public comment. There was none.

President Lungmus requested a roll call vote to approve the purchase of one (1) Ford F350 pick-up truck from Roesch Ford of Bensenville, Illinois, for \$36,871.00.

AYES: Fowler                      NAYS: 0                      ABSTAIN: 0                      ABSENT:  
Dinges  
Whittaker  
Galin  
Mendrek  
Orth

**CONSIDERATION OF AN ORDINANCE DECLARING STAFF PICKUP TRUCK #1525 AS SURPLUS AND AUTHORIZING STAFF TO DISPOSE OF THIS EQUIPMENT ACCORDING TO LAW**

Trustee Fowler made a motion, seconded by Trustee Galin, to approve an ordinance declaring staff pickup truck #1525, as surplus and authorizing staff to dispose of this equipment according to law.

Public Works Director Nystrand explained that Staff Pickup Truck #1500 would be removed from the rotation and replaced. This equipment would be disposed of according to law.

President Lungmus indicated that VM Sigman said there were no written comments on this matter. He then asked for public comment. There was none.

President Lungmus requested a roll call vote to approve an ordinance declaring staff pickup truck #1525, as surplus and authorizing staff to dispose of this equipment according to law.

AYES: Fowler                      NAYS: 0                      ABSTAIN: 0                      ABSENT:  
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## **PUBLIC COMMENT**

Chaya Rubenstein, from the League of Woman Voters of Winnetka-Northfield-Kenilworth, informed the Village Board that they would be hosting a National Voter Registration Day on Tuesday, September 28, 2021, from 9:30 a.m. to 6:30 p.m. at the Winnetka Public Library. New voters who will be 17-years old on or before the Primary Election date on June 28, 2022, can register as well as anyone who will be 18 years old by the General election date on November 8, 2022. Wilmette League will be registering New Trier students on September 28, 2022, at the campus from 10:20 a.m. – 12:30 p.m. Anyone who has changed their address will need to register their new address. The League is hosting a Wine/Whine meeting with state Senator Laura Fine, who will shortly no longer be our senator due to redistricting, at Good Grapes, 821 Chestnut Ct., Winnetka from 5:30 p.m. to 6:45 p.m. on September 22, 2021. Senator Fine will answer questions regarding redistricting and anything that has happened in the Illinois General Assembly from the last session.

## **DEPARTMENT UPDATES**

### *Administration*

VM Sigman reported as follows:

Staff had been busy working with Cook County on the Happ Road Phase II project and getting an intergovernmental agreement in place with the hope of bringing it before the Board in October. Staff was working with the Northwest Municipal Conference and STP. They had advanced funding from the federal government that they would like to apply to our project. This could bring an additional \$1,500,000, but unfortunately, it comes with a catch that construction and a letting would need to be ready by March 2023. This led to staff scrambling and working with consultants and engineers since there is no IGA or contract in place and they still need IDOT approval, which is a critical component needed to obtain this funding. Staff hoped to have a contract award and IGA before the Board next month. Staff also had been working with Jim Rhodes and Crown Castle who had a positive meeting last Monday and hope to have a final lease agreement ready in October.

### *Community Development Department & Building Department*

Director Gutierrez reported as follows:

On October 4, 2021, at 7:00 p.m., the Plan and Zoning Commission will consider a request for an amendment to special use Ordinance Number 14-1600 to allow for the Village Board to approve a change of ownership without the future owners having to obtain a new Special Use. The petitioner is Northfield Storage Properties, LLC (dba Extra Space Storage) at 275 Northfield Road.

On October 6, 2021, at 7:00 p.m., the Zoning Board of Appeals will hold a public hearing where there will be a continuation of a request for an extension of time from petitioners at 192 Lagoon drive to complete construction from Appendix C, Article IV, Section C-8.1, paragraph (1), of the Village of Northfield's Safety Code and extension of a minimal relief variation from Appendix A, Article VIII, Section 8.4 of the Village of Northfield's Zoning Code. There will

also be a continuation of a request from petitioners at 24 Meadowview Drive from Appendix C, Article IV, Section C-8.1, paragraph (1) - Permits, Time Limitations - of the Village of Northfield's Safety Code for an extension of time to complete construction of a three-car attached garage and second-floor addition to the existing single-family residence.

On October 11, 2021, at 7:00 p.m., the Architectural Commission will hold a public hearing where there will be consideration of a request for an amendment to the approved landscape plan to allow for the replacement of the fountain in the center of the courtyard with a large shade tree and changes to certain plantings within the courtyard, for the Northfield Mews rental townhomes located at 1725 Winnetka Road. There will also be a consideration of a request for a permanent ground sign with 99.3 square feet of sign face for the office building located at 191 Waukegan Road. The petitioner is also requesting a variation to Section 12-4.6 of the Sign Ordinance which sets twenty-four (24) square feet as the maximum area of the face of a ground sign.

#### *Finance Department*

Finance Director Noble reported as follows:

Income tax revenues were up 60% compared to last year. Building permit revenues were up and sales tax and home rule taxes were up almost 20% compared to the previous year. The positive sales tax numbers continue into September as well. The Village's top 5 sales tax producers were going very steady and even growing a little. Internet sales taxes were a surprise and the top five producers, including Amazon, Uber Eats, and Grub Hub, were adding \$10,000 per month or approximately \$120,000 per year. The Village had started receiving this tax in January 2021. There were concerns with cars sales since the lots were not full, but the sales tax numbers continued to do well. Investment returns for the Police Pension fund were not as stellar as last year's 25%, but for the last twelve months it had been at 18.5%.

Trustee Orth inquired about vehicle stickers and Finance Director Noble noted that they were a little slow and a list of addresses of those residents that had not purchased them was given to the police chief.

#### *Fire-Rescue & Public Works Departments*

Chief Nystrand reported as follows:

Since the last board meeting, the Fire-Rescue department responded to 138 calls for service, including a house fire in Evanston. The department continued to work on ongoing COVID issues and there were dips in the PPE levels that they were addressing. The Saturday training with the towers had been going well. For the next 2 weeks, all of the crews that share the training towers will be touring the New Trier West campus where they will be reviewing locations and mechanical rooms. Staff met with New Trier to go over their annual school safety plan. Staffing issues were being addressed. Staffing issues are common at many of the area fire departments. On September 18, the rescue squad assisted in a dive in Evanston. Unfortunately, the divers did not get to victim in time.

Public Works had been busy reading water meters, repairing several water valves, and removing dead trees. They continued their annual sidewalk checks looking for trip hazards using the 1-1/2 inch rule. They will get their sidewalk data to the Municipal Partnership Initiative

(MPI) who does their sidewalk concrete work and hope to get the sections removed and poured this fall. Landscaping had slowed down due to the drought. Their annual maintenance on sanitary and storm sewers continued throughout the Village.

Trustee Whittaker inquired about the Foreign Fire Insurance Board. Chief Nystrand responded that they had their election, but he was having discussions with Attorney Hill because 9 people were interested and the ordinance only slated it for a 3 person board. Discussion would continue because the individuals will not take office until May 1, 2022.

*Police Department*

Deputy Police Chief Hutensky reported as follows:

The headline news was their new officer, Rafael Robledo. He is doing a good job and is a great addition to the department. Police had been working with both the private and public schools in the Village reviewing their safety lockdown plans and helping them conduct drills. In addition to the start of school, police had been doing numerous traffic enforcement initiatives particularly on the east side of town. Police have been monitoring the new no-turn-on-red sign at Northfield Road and Willow Road as well.

**ADJOURNMENT**

There being no other business or issues to come before the Board, Trustee Orth made a motion, seconded by Trustee Fowler to adjourn the meeting.

Upon the following roll call vote, the motion was approved.

AYES:	Fowler	NAYS: 0	ABSTAIN: 0	ABSENT:
	Dinges			
	Whittaker			
	Galín			
	Mendrek			
	Orth			

The meeting was adjourned at 8:02 PM.