

**VILLAGE OF GILBERTS**  
**VILLAGE BOARD WORK SESSION**  
**January 8, 2008**  
**7:30 p.m.**

**CALLED TO ORDER:**

Village President Wajda called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m.

**ROLL CALL:** President Wajda, Trustees Mengarelli, Zambetti, Mierisch, Mueller, and Garcia. Absent: Trustee Erbeck. Others present: Village Administrator Ray Keller, Finance Director Marlene Blocker, Chief Mike Joswick and Village Clerk Darlene Mueller. (Members of the public see attached list).

**EEl/WATER & SEWER RATE STUDY UPDATE**

Ms. Julie Morrison, representing EEI (Engineering Enterprises, Inc.) presented an update on the sewer and water rate study. Using an overhead projector, Ms. Morrison discussed expenditure analysis, revenue analysis, population projection, potential rate structures, and comparison to neighboring communities. (A copy of this presentation is made a part of the minutes and will be attached to the original set of minutes).

Ms. Morrison outlined two (2) scenarios for water and sewer rates; scenario one: (O&M-Rehab Fund and O&M +Rehab Fund + Debt Service) and scenario two: (O&M; no rehab fund for water and sewer and O&M; No Rehab Fund; Debt Service). Ms. Morrison presented a chart on various rates for each scenario. Also presented was a comparison chart from other communities which was developed last November. It was noted by the Board that communities are now re-evaluating their water and sewer rates since November and requested an updated chart from Ms. Morrison.

After a discussion, it was the consensus of the Board to use Option 1 (O&M – Rehab fund) to increase the water rate from \$3.60 a gallon to \$4.50 for water and sewer rate from \$2.18 per 1,000 gallon to \$4.50 per 1,000 gallons for a break even rate for the year 2013. Discussion on having a meeting with the Village residence on January 29<sup>th</sup> at 5:30 p.m. followed.

**JUDGING OF THE ANNUAL COLORING CONTEST BY THE BOARD**

The Board reviewed all the coloring drawings and picked their choice. The four winners will be contacted to be invited to attend the Board Meeting on January 15<sup>th</sup>.

**OTHER VILLAGE BUSINESS**

Trustee Zambetti stated he received a call from a resident inquiring why a Public Works truck was seen at 11:00 p.m. at Woodland Park Circle on Friday night when the roads were clear. Administrator Keller stated he would look into this matter.

President Wajda advised the Board that Paperbark Lane was not plowed due to the situation with Neumann Homes and recommended that the Village temporarily take over this task. The Board recommended that the hours be recorded and submitted for reimbursement when the development is taken over by a developer. Administrator Keller and Finance Director Blocker noted this request by the Board.

Trustee Mengarelli reported on the status of the satellite dishes at the B/Z/P/D Committee. The Committee could not come to a consensus on the January 31<sup>st</sup> deadline date and recommended that it be discussed at the Board level. After a discussion, it was the consensus of the Board to contact the residents and advise them to hold off on doing anything at this time in order for the Board to discuss and consider the best determination for residents that have complied and paid to have their satellite dish removed. Also, to be discussed is the matter of more than one satellite dish being installed.

Trustee Garcia, at the last Board meeting, advised the Board due to personal reasons he could not be the liaison for the school and asked the Board if they would like to take over this position. President Wajda volunteered to take this position over until another person volunteer

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Trustee Mueller inquired about any complaints on snowplowing. Administrator Keller advised that there were few minor complaints; i.e.; mail box and snow being across the curb. Clerk Mueller stated that she had not received any major complaints on snow plowing. Trustee Mueller complimented Public Works on doing a better job than the County and State.

President Wajda complimented the Police Department on a doing a good job of notifying Public Works Department giving them ample time to prepare.

President Wajda reminded the Board that Timber Trails Villas HOA has requested that the private streets be plowed by the Village. A memo from Mrs. Christine Erbeck will be forwarded to the Board and put in the Public Works packet.

Trustee Mierisch inquired on the status of "Strategic Planning". Administrator Keller explained that he had not received responses to his request to the Board relative to his memo submitted in the packet. Administrator Keller stated he is working on a "facilitator" to attend a Board Meeting.

### **ADJOURNMENT:**

There being no further business, **a motion was made by Trustee Mueller and seconded by Trustee Zambetti to adjourn the Work Session meeting.** Roll call: Vote: 5-ayes (Trustees Zambetti, Mierisch, Mengarelli, Mueller, and Garcia), 0-nays, 0-abstained. Motion carried. Adjournment time: 9:05 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Darlene Mueller, Village Clerk