

**VILLAGE OF HUNTLEY**  
**VILLAGE BOARD WORKSHOP**  
**August 14, 2015**  
**MINUTES**

**CALL TO ORDER:**

The Village Board Strategic Plan Workshop was called to order on Friday, August 14, 2015 at 8:05 a.m. in the Municipal Complex, Village Board Room, 10987 Main St., Huntley, Illinois 60142.

**ATTENDANCE:**

**PRESENT:** Mayor Charles Sass; Trustees: Ronda Goldman, Niko Kanakaris (arrived at 8:14 a.m.), Harry Leopold, John Piwko and JR Westberg.

**ABSENT:** Trustee: Tim Hoeft

**IN ATTENDANCE:** Village Manager David Johnson, Assistant Village Manager Lisa Armour, Management Assistant Barbara Read, Director of Development Services Charles Nordman, Police Chief John Perkins, Director of Finance and Human Resources Jennifer Chernak, Village Engineer Tim Farrell and Director of Public Works Jim Schwartz

**PUBLIC COMMENTS:** None

**ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION:**

- a) Approval of the June 19, 2015 Village Board Strategic Plan Workshop Minutes

Mayor Sass asked if the Board had any comments or changes to the Minutes; there were none.

**A MOTION was made to approve the June 19, 2015 Village Board Strategic Plan Workshop Minutes.**

**MOTION: Trustee Westberg**

**SECOND: Trustee Piwko**

**The Voice Vote noted all ayes and the motion carried.**

- b) 2016 – 2020 Strategic Plan

Village Manager Johnson highlighted the following items from the Village's Economic Profile:

- Ryland completing building in Huntley in 2016
- The median age of residents is 43.6
- Retail sales in the Village are at its highest levels of \$250 M (2005 was \$167M and 2013 was \$228.5M)
- The 2014 Budget showed \$2M in Sales Tax

Village Manager Johnson reviewed a Power Point presentation and reviewed the results from the 2015 Resident Survey.

Measure	% Responding “Excellent” or “Good”
Quality of Life	88%
Feeling of Safety	86%
Police/Public Safety	79%
Village Employee Impression	79%
Village Governance	73%
Village Appearance	69%
Snow & Ice Removal	63%
Street Condition	59%

Measure	% Responding “Very Important” or “Important”
Job Creation & Business Development	92%
New Commercial & Retail	93%
Office/Research/Light Industrial at Interchange	86%
Village Coordinated Community Events	73%
Pedestrian/Bike Path Infrastructure	70%

Trustee Goldman reported that the Survey indicated that the residents want more bike and pedestrian paths including a path to the High School. Village Manager Johnson reported that the Village does not have jurisdiction on Main Street from Lion’s Chase to the high school and noted that the Village has also applied for grants to extend a path here as well as on Kreutzer Road from Haligus Road to Route 47.

The Board discussed the Snow & Ice Removal responses.

Village Manager Johnson noted the interest in Community Events and possible increase in this budget item.

Trustee Piwko stated that it is important to try to get people engaged in Village of Huntley things such as the website and survey.

Village Manager Johnson completed the review of the Survey results. Mayor Sass asked if there were any additional comments or questions regarding the Resident Survey; there were none.

Village Manager Johnson noted that due to time constraints at the June 19<sup>th</sup> Workshop, a couple of items were not reviewed; handouts with information regarding the Ash tree removal program and the MC Ride program were distributed.

Trustee Leopold noted that he has seen several areas where tree branches were hanging quite low over the sidewalks and asked if the Village would be responsible to remove those branches; Public Works Director Schwartz reported that per Village Code the maintenance of parkway trees is the responsibility of the homeowner. Village Manager Johnson reported that the Village should better educate the residents regarding parkway tree maintenance. Trustee Leopold stated that the Ordinance may need to be revised in order to take care of blighted properties.

Trustee Westberg suggested that the timing of the spring branch pickup should be changed to June as the early spring pickup does not allow for residents to see if their trees have leafed out and need maintaining.

Village Manager Johnson reported that staff looked into the costs involved with pruning the trees on the west side of the Wing Pointe Subdivision (during the MFT project) and found costs to exceed \$80,000.

Assistant Village Manager Lisa Armour reported on the MC Ride program and noted that fewer people are taking more rides as part of the program. Village Manager Johnson reported that Huntley and Woodstock are the same size but Woodstock has a much higher usage rate.

Continuing, Village Manager Johnson reviewed the possible upcoming commercial developments: restaurants, grocery store at north end of town, car dealership, and hotel.

Trustee Westberg asked about the status of the Village's used home market. Village Manager Johnson reported that there is some increase in used home values. Director Nordman reported that Staff is tracking fewer vacant properties. Trustee Leopold noted that Sun City sells approximately 250 homes per year. Director Nordman reported that statistics show that homes for sale are not on the market as long.

Trustee Piwko asked that the number of new resident packets distributed be added to the department reports.

Trustee Leopold asked about the status of the Centegra Medical Office Building. Director Nordman reported that Staff is anticipating a September submittal and a construction start date of January 2016 and opening in 2017.

Trustee Leopold asked if a new Economic Development staff person will be hired or if the Village will be working with a consultant. Village Manager Johnson reported that he is reviewing options.

Trustee Kanakaris asked what the Village can do with the ponds as they do not look in good shape. Director Schwartz said that the Village can improve aeration and can treat the water. Village Manager Johnson reported that the Village is only responsible for the ponds in Wing Pointe and Southwind. Village Engineer Farrell reported that Engineering has budgeted for controlled burns in 2016.

Trustee Goldman reported that she has heard complaints regarding the West Wastewater Treatment

Plant from Lions Chase residents. Director Schwartz stated that the smell is typically only when the sludge is being hauled away.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS:** None

**NEW BUSINESS:** None

**EXECUTIVE SESSION:**

- a) Probable or Imminent Litigation and Pending Litigation
- b) Contractual
- c) Property Acquisition, Purchase, Sale or Lease of Real Estate
- d) Appointment, Employment, Dismissal, Compensation, Discipline and Performance of an Employee of the Village of Huntley
- e) Collective Bargaining
- f) Appointment, Discipline or Removal of Public Officers
- g) Appointment of a Public Officer
- h) Review of Closed Session Minutes
- i) Other

**A MOTION was made at 9:19 a.m. to enter into Executive Session for d) Appointment, Employment, Dismissal, Compensation, Discipline and Performance of an Employee of the Village of Huntley**

**MOTION: Trustee Goldman**

**SECOND: Trustee Westberg**

**The Voice Vote noted all ayes and the motion carried.**

**A MOTION was made to exit Executive Session at 9:29 a.m.**

**MOTION: Trustee Piwko**

**SECOND: Trustee Leopold**

**The Voice Vote noted all ayes and the motion carried.**

**ACTION ON CLOSED SESSION ITEMS:** None

**ADJOURNMENT:**

**There being no further items to discuss, the workshop adjourned at 9:30 a.m.**

Respectfully submitted,

Barbara Read  
Recording Secretary