

**CHANNAHON VILLAGE BOARD
COMMITTEE MEETING
MARCH 6, 2006**

Village President Cook called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. with Trustees Davidson, Militello, McMillin, Lyons and Greco were present. Trustee Nash was absent.

Also present were Village Administrator Jamie Bowden, Village Attorney Dave Silverman, Director of Finance Robert Guess, Director of Public Works Ed Dolezal, and Village Clerk Eileen Clark.

ADMINISTRATION DEPARTMENT

Appointment of Collective Bargaining Attorney

Village Administrator Jamie Bowden stated as discussed at the February 20th Board meeting, I have contacted Mr. Nicholas Sakellariou from the firm McKeown, Fitzgerald, Zollner Buck, Hutchinson & Ruttle in Joliet, regarding his proposal as Collective Bargaining Attorney for the Village of Channahon. There seemed to be a consensus with the board.

Trustee Nash entered the meeting at 6:06 p.m.

Village Attorney Dave Silverman has contacted Mr. Ron Kramer of Seyfarth Shaw in Chicago to inform him of the Village's intent. A follow up letter will also be sent to him.

A request to authorize retaining Mr. Nickolas Sakellariou of McKeon, Fitzgerald, Zollner, buck, Hutchison & Ruttle as Collective Bargaining Attorney for the Village of Channahon.

Commercial Design Guidelines

Village Administrator Jamie Bowden stated that this is an item that was on the Board agenda prior to his tenure. He forwarded a copy of the design guidelines with the time frame that he transcriber prior to his tenure. The next step would be if you have no questions, to adopt by resolution. If questions we can table it. It has gone through the Planning and Zoning Commission hearings recommendations.

A motion is requested of the Village board by staff to approve the proposed commercial design guidelines for commercial development in the Village.

Committee Structure-Formation of Board Committees

Village Administrator Jamie Bowden stated this item was placed on the agenda at Trustee Militello's request. Last fall Trustee Davidson also suggested that the board consider forming committees to assist with the review and recommendation of policies to the full Board. I have, during the budget process, discussed this idea individually with trustees;

staff also has discussed it briefly. I would like to see some general discussion on the thoughts of each trustee regarding this idea.

Village Administrator Bowden suggested a strategic planning session be held on a Saturday as a work-study session. There are third party individuals that can facilitate these sessions relatively expensively. I will elaborate at the meeting.

Lengthy discussion followed.

Village Administrator Bowden stated he will try and set up a workshop for the Board on a Saturday 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. He will get back to the Board.

POLICE DEPARTMENT

Police Officer eligibility List, Promotional Testing for Patrol Sergeant

Village Administrator Jamie Bowden presented the report for Chief Steve Admonis, who wishes to inform the Village Board that the Channahon Fire and Police Commission has completed the testing of the third group of police officer applicants and has created an eligibility list. This list has been posted at the Village Hall and Police Department. Testing will continue with the fourth and final group of applicants and those who successfully pass oral interviews and background investigations will be added to the eligibility list. Depending on the budget the Chief intends to bring the applicant to the next Board meeting on March 20th, 2006.

The Commission has also begun the process of conducting Promotional Testing for the position of Patrol Sergeant. The Commission is reviewing written examinations and revising oral interview questions and will be selecting dates and times for written examinations and oral interviews shortly.

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT

Sludge Hauling Contract

Director of Public Works Ed Dolezal presented a summary and background information: Process and removal of approximately 350,000 gallons of sludge from the wastewater treatment plant. This sludge is created as part of the wastewater treatment process. The cost will be \$0.07 per gallon. This process takes place at our wastewater treatment plant on Blackberry Lane about every six months.

We are asking the Village board to approve Synagro to perform this work. The cost to remove the sludge will come from the Utility fund, account #30-71-545.000 for the s005-2006 budget. This has been reviewed by staff and is in line with past practice.

A request for a motion to approve Synagro to process and remove approximately 350,000 gallons at the unit price of \$0.07 per gallon for a total cost of approximately \$24, 500.00.

FINANCE DEPARTMENT
FY 06-07 Budget

Director of Finance Robert Guess presented the Budget for discussion.

Lengthy discussion followed.

Submitted by
Eileen Clark
Village Clerk