Call to Order: President Ryback called the meeting of the Village Board of Trustees to order at 6:00pm.

Pledge of Allegiance: President Ryback led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Roll Call: In attendance were Village President Glenn Ryback, Village Trustees Tyler Crittenden, Ben Dolan, Robert Hayden, Ken Harvey, Geralyn Hansen and James Zegar, Village Clerk Evelyn Hoselton, Village Administrator Moses Amidei and Village Attorney Adam Lasker.

Special Business: Mr. Doug Young appeared to present plans for a commercial truck parking lot on property he owns at 43102 US Highway 41 (Old Skokie Boulevard). He will seek longer term parking rather than just overnight, appealing to trucking firms needing to store trailers. He plans to install some perimeter lighting with 8’ tall cyclone security fencing and will utilize natural landscape screening already in place. The use is consistent with the present zoning of LI-2. After Trustees asked questions, Amidei indicated he would provide the necessary documents for Young to proceed with the Planned Unit Development process to store approximately 25 trucks and up to 150 semi-trailers.

Mr. Taj Lakhani appeared next, regarding his desire to amend his Conditional Use Permit to allow for an additional bar and video gaming business in his building. Amidei indicated the existing closed burger restaurant would be divided, with video gaming and a bar in the north portion and a new Dunkin Donuts in the southern portion. He currently has video gaming in the gas station portion of the building. Taj noted that he was not planning to make food available in the bar and that his daughter would be the owner of the additional business. His request will next move to the Zoning Board of Appeals for the CUP amendment and a new liquor license will need to be authorized. Amidei will review the sign plan for the site, but other CUP requirements have already been met when his CUP was amended in the mid-2000’s. Trustee Harvey was opposed to gaming, Hansen will visit the site before next meeting and other Trustees agreed with the proposal.

Public Comment: There was no Public Comment.

Establish Consent Agenda: A motion was made by Zegar, seconded by Crittenden, to establish a consent agenda for the following items:

a. Approval of the March 19, 2014 Village Board meeting minutes.
b. Approval of Bills to be Paid as of April 1, 2014, totaling $13,101.84.
c. Motion to approve a proposal from Clark Environment for 2014 Mosquito Services.

Amidei noted the Clark proposal provides up to 4 applications, dependent on the mosquito population during the summer season. Hayden stated that his Homeowners Association (Willows) had contracted for multiple applications in past years at their own expense but cancelled this year’s agreement as the results are very short term.

Voice vote: Ayes—all. Nays—none. Motion carried.

Approval of Consent Agenda: A motion was made by Crittenden, seconded by Hayden, to approve the consent agenda as presented.

Roll call vote: Ayes all, Nays none. Motion carried.

Discussion of removed topics: There were no removed topics.

Old Business: Discussion was held from the outcome of a Zoning Board of Appeals meeting last summer regarding Home Occupations and accessory buildings. Home Occupations will be updated to reflect questions often received at Village Hall. He also discussed sizes of sheds, situations when a foundation was required and how the current building code
addresses those requirements. He asked Trustees to review his pamphlet so action may be taken at a future meeting. Discussion followed regarding types of accessory building construction and an accurate description of architectural compatibility with the principal structure.

New Business:

There was no New Business.

Village President’s Report:

President Ryback referred to discussion at a previous meeting regarding a special ad hoc committee to review grant seeking and writing contractual services. After discussion, he determined the committee would consist of Trustees Dolan, Hansen and Hayden. Ryback reminded that they won’t be required to actually write grant proposals, but review what is submitted by others.

A motion was made by Harvey, seconded by Crittenden, to establish the Ad Hoc committee and approve the Grant Service Review Committee members.

Voice vote: Ayes all, Nays none. Motion carried.

Village Attorney’s Report:

Attorney Lasker did not provide a report.

Village Administrator Report:

Administrator Amidei did not provide any further report (amazing but true).

Committee Reports:

Finance:

Trustee Harvey reported that the final costs of snow plowing for this winter season appeared to be $225,000 as of today’s date, which was confirmed by Amidei. He again suggested a right-turn lane be planned for Chicago Avenue at Wadsworth Road to improve traffic flow. Amidei noted a small amount of land would need to be acquired, engineering prepared and county permitting obtained.

Harvey was concerned about the appearance of the temporary wood splitting and firewood sales business permitted at Delany Road and Route 173 last year. Ryback also observed excessive large logs dumped near the Route 173 entrance. Amidei will visit the site and update Trustees as to the expiration date of the agreement.

Public Service:

Trustee Hansen is concerned about an unsightly residential property on Kilbourne Road containing excessive junk, logs and small box trailers without wheels. Amidei recently observed the site from an adjacent property. Hansen will accompany him on a possible future visit to encourage owners to clear the area and additionally avoid possible wetlands issues.

Planning, Zoning & Plats:

Trustee Zegar has yet another electronic newsletter prepared which has information regarding the Easter Egg Hunt and other news. Watch for it in your email.

Ordinance Committee:

Trustee Hayden reported on a minor update regarding compensation to our Building Inspectors when only plumbing or electrical inspections are required.

A motion was made by Hayden, seconded by Zegar, to adopt an Ordinance Amending the Village Code Regarding Compensation of Village Building Inspectors.

Roll call vote: Ayes all, Nays none. Motion carried. Ordinance #2014-921

Road and Bridge:

Trustee Crittenden reported on the bid tabulation provided by the Village Engineer for the 2014 Road Program. It consists of only Chicago Avenue, with the low bid submitted by Peter Baker & Son Company for $322,167.20. The Village Engineer recommends approval of the submittal.
A motion was made by Crittenden, seconded by Hansen, to award the contract to Peter Baker and Son Company as presented.

Roll call vote: Ayes all, Nays none. Motion carried.

Parks and Village Hall: Trustee Dolan did not provide a Parks and Village Hall report.

Adjournment: There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 7:50PM on a motion by Harvey, seconded by Hayden.


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Evelyn Hoselton, Village Clerk