

Elmhurst City Council
November 20, 2006
7:37 to 8:22 p.m.

Absent: Rose, Jordan
Public: (ca.) 10
M. Costello, Observer

Meeting began with a recognition of York high school cross-country team, State champions for past five years, for a total of 26 years.

During **Public Forum**, Erik Hjerpe presented a list of 45 homes affected by flooding on October 2, and suggested that “a more significant survey” of flooding was needed.

Accounts Payable dated November 20, 2006, totaled \$1,020,062.93. Highlights included:

- Allied Waste Services, waste disposal, refuse collection, \$215,466.
- Com Ed, monthly electric, \$17,406.
- D’Land Construction LLC, 2006 sidewalk program, \$35,500.
- DuPage Water Commission, fixed cost and water consumption, \$172,596.
- Elgin Sweeping Services, street sweeping, \$15,335.
- Globe Construction, Inc., installation of new public sidewalks, \$103,986.
- Kubiesa, Spiroff, Gosselar & Acker, professional services, \$23,600.
- Lampignano & Sons, Street resurfacing, asphalt patching, \$119,082.
- Neptune Technology Group, Inc., water meters, service contract, \$15,115.

Consent Agenda included the following:

- Request from Ald. Tranter to evaluate term limits for elected officials.
- Proposal to purchase Yorkfield area water system from Village of Oak Brook, \$350,000.
- Temporary use permit request for live nativity scene at Elmhurst Christian Reformed Church, 905 S. Kent, December 4 to 7, 5:30 to 8:15.
- Resolution for authorizing purchase of electric power in anticipation of deregulation of electric rates, beginning January, 2007.

Council approved (only Ald. Szczepaniak voted Nay) a 4.5% increase in the tax levy, which will decrease property tax rate, from .293 in 2005 to .288 in 2006, assuming an increase in assessed valuation. Elmhurst now enjoys the second-lowest tax rate in DuPage County.

Council accepted request from Ald. Vanek for consideration of the following:

- Annual hazardous waste pick-up day.
- To offer trees to property owners, as part of Tree City Arbor Day.
- To prepare Resolution to oppose U.S. Coast Guard’s plan for live fire training exercises in Lake Michigan.

Information packet included news of regional approval of plan for Pedestrian tunnel under St. Charles Road, to connect York High School with athletic field on south side of street.

Observer left at 8:22, when Council adjourned to executive session to discuss purchase of properties along north end of downtown area, on Hahn street.