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**River Forest Village Board of Trustees
June 8, 2009**

Kathy Balk, Observer

Attending: President Rigas; Trustees Winikates, Adduci, Conti, Gibbs, Hoke; Village Clerk Steinke; Village Administrator Gutierrez; Attorney Malina

Also attending: Public Works Director Kramer, Police Chief Limon; public and press

Absent: Trustee Dudek

The meeting began at 7:35 p.m. with recognition of former Trustee Russ Nummer. President Rigas and the Board commended Mr. Nummer for his service to the Board of Trustees and for his 30 years of service in the fire department, as well as for his time as Fire Chief.

Laurel McMahon reported on the work of the Historic Preservation Committee. The Committee is hoping to survey the village's historic homes, a job that was last done 30 years ago. McMahon stated that doing the survey will be a very extensive job, and will require professional help. She also stated that this project will probably be a very expensive one, and the Committee would have more information for the Board later.

Greg Kramer, Director of Public Works, reported on the Task Force to Study Sewer System and Flooding Issues. This task force was formed in September 2008 and hopes to remain in existence until the flood mitigation recommendations are in place. The Task Force will meet again before meeting with the public works committee.

A motion to approve an engineering deposit of \$7,000 to Commonwealth Edison for putting Com Ed lines underground from Lathrop and Oak to the River Forest Tennis Club was voted down. The underground lines were proposed as a way to avoid excessive trimming of trees in that area. The Board decided to authorize a payment (not greater than) \$5,000 for a study to reroute overhead electrical lines to the tennis club.

The Board voted 4 to 2 to go to bid for the refuse contract. President Rigas stated that just because you "go to bid....doesn't mean that you have to take the lowest bid." Roy Strom has been the contracted refuse company of River Forest for the last 19 years, and has agreed to reduce the costs by 6% if the village doesn't go to bid.

The Board adjourned to executive session at 9:15 p.m.

(online minutes: www.river_forest.us/government/agendas_minutes.php)