

**VILLAGE OF CARPENTERSVILLE
BOARD OF TRUSTEES
REGULAR BOARD MEETING
September 5, 2006**

The regular meeting of the Board of Trustees was called to order at 7:30 p.m. Those present for roll call were Trustees Sigwalt, Frost, Ritter, Teeter, Ramirez Sliwinski, Humpfer and President Sarto. Also present were Village Manager Anderson, Assistant Village Manager Wucki-Rossbach, Attorney Rhodes, Assistant Fire Chief Roesslein, Public Works Director Cole and Economic Development/Special Projects Coordinator Murphy.

The Pledge of Allegiance followed.

PUBLIC COMMENT

The following people came forth to speak:

1. Michael Williams, 36 Elm Avenue; a resident who expressed concern over the manner in which this Board is addressing the issue of illegal immigration. President Sarto cautioned Mr. Williams that the Board has enacted Rules of Decorum and noted that only items relating to Village business are deemed to be appropriate to discuss under Public Comment. While Mr. Williams believes he has every right to discuss this at this time, President Sarto stated there are other channels for Mr. Williams to express his opinion. Discussion ensued regarding immigration laws and to what extent does federal, state and local governments have the ability to address this. Mr. Williams continued to state his right to express his opinion over this issue. Because Mr. Williams addressed Trustee Ramirez Sliwinski directly, President Sarto asked Mr. Williams to end his discussion. Many comments came forth from the audience and President Sarto subsequently requested certain people to leave the Board Room.
2. Donna Redmer, 17N203 Ranch Road, Dundee; an area resident who requested the Board to approve the Agreement between the Village and Forest Preserve District for the Renovation and Maintenance of the Raceway Woods Silo that is on tonight's agenda. She commended Manager Anderson for his work with the Forest Preserve to bring a better more practical proposal that addresses all issues for the Board's consideration. She briefly discussed the network of supporters committed to this project that span across the country and noted the volunteers present this evening to answer any questions the Board may have.

APPOINTMENTS, CONFIRMATIONS AND ADMINISTRATION OF OATHS

Appointment to the Park Committee

President Sarto stated that he wished to appoint Mr. William H. Vincent, Jr. to the Park Committee and discussed the contributions Mr. Vincent provides to the community; he is a full time firefighter in the Village and along with his son, Billy, he attends all meetings for the Carpentersville Youth Collaborative and Beautification and Improvement Committees. Because of Mr. Vincent's dedicated qualities and his work within the community, President Sarto requested support of this appointment to the Committee.

Trustee Humpfer moved to Appoint William H. Vincent, Jr. to the Park Committee. Trustee Sigwalt seconded. Vote: 7 – ayes (Sigwalt, Frost, Ritter, Teeter, Ramirez Sliwinski, Humpfer, Sarto) 0 – nay. Motion passed.

CONSENT AGENDA

President Sarto asked if any Board member wished to remove any items from the Consent Agenda. Trustee Humpfer requested that Item B. Approval of the Minutes from the Regular Board Meeting of August 1, 2006 be removed.

Trustee Frost moved to pass the Consent Agenda to include A. Approval of the Bills totaling \$1,148,036.87 and B. Approval of the Minutes from the Regular Board Meeting of August 15, 2006. Trustee Teeter seconded. Vote: 7 - ayes (Sigwalt, Frost, Ritter, Teeter, Ramirez Sliwinski, Humpfer, Sarto) 0 – nay. Motion passed.

Trustee Ramirez Sliwinski moved to Approve the Minutes from the Regular Board Meeting of August 1, 2006. Trustee Teeter seconded.

Trustee Humpfer requested the minutes be removed because he was absent from that meeting.

Vote: 6 – ayes (Sigwalt, Frost, Ritter, Teeter, Ramirez Sliwinski, Sarto) 0 – nay. 1 – abstain (Humpfer)
Motion passed.

REPORTS OF MANAGER, OFFICERS, COMMITTEES AND STAFF

Manager's Report

Manager Anderson had the following report:

- Manager Anderson noted that two items on tonight's agenda, Items 11G and 11H, have been requested to be removed and continued until a subsequent meeting; Item 11G has been removed at Menard's request. Also, staff has requested that Items E and F be removed until further review and work on the Text Amendment Ordinance has been completed.
- Manager Anderson and Assistant Village Manager Wucki-Rossbach will be attending the ICMA Conference the week of September 11th; Fire Chief Schuldt will be Acting Manager in Manager Anderson's absence.
- Manager Anderson has spoken briefly to Mr. Don Moore regarding the plaque to honor Lt. Wolter; the American Legion has offered to share the cost of the plaque up to a certain amount and the estimated cost to the Village is expected to be \$200 - \$300. Unless anyone expresses concern over this, the Village will continue to work with the American Legion in an effort to have this dedication in conjunction with the Veterans Day Celebration.

Trustee Humpfer requested Manager Anderson to provide an update of addressing the issue relative to the pond in Providence Point I. Manager Anderson briefly discussed the status of the evaluation that is being completed by Integrated Lake Management that the Village is expected to receive in the near future. Trustee Humpfer thanked Manager Anderson for taking the initiative to have this evaluation completed.

Audit and Finance Commission

Trustee Humpfer had the following report from the August 24, 2006 Commission meeting:

- The next Commission meeting is tentatively scheduled for September 27th at 6:30 p.m. in the Village Hall Conference Room.
- The Commission approved the Sales Tax Incentive of \$250,000 for the Fresh Market Store that

will be operating in the former Jewel Food Store location. He briefly discussed the basis for the Commission's decision to approve this; although this provides a fiscal commitment from the Village it will also provide aesthetic improvements to the property.

Trustee Humpfer commended Economic Development/Special Projects Coordinator Murphy for her work on this project. She subsequently provided a brief update on various economic developments in the Village.

- The refuse collection was also discussed and a survey will be conducted to consider the various options available. Trustee Humpfer briefly discussed these options and requested Assistant Village Manager Wucki-Rossbach to provide additional information for further evaluation on the cost savings.
- Trustee Humpfer provided details of the additional funding that is needed to complete the scheduled street repair work for this season. Because the Village will be receiving a reimbursement from the Police Pension Fund for payment of health care expenses that were made by the Village in error, the Commission has agreed to allocate these funds to the Street Department to compensate for the increase in asphalt costs.
- The auditors will be at Village Hall this week to complete work on the Water and Sewer Fund; the audit of the General Fund has been completed.
- Trustee Humpfer further provided details of the allegations that were made by Mr. Paul Calusinski at the August 15th Board Meeting regarding Motor Fuel Tax Fund and payroll expenses. Mr. Calusinski was invited to attend the next Audit and Finance Commission Meeting to present evidence and to further discuss these allegations. Chief Schuldt was present at this meeting to participate; Mr. Calusinski did not attend and had not left a message indicating he would not be in attendance.

Trustee Humpfer requested that President Sarto, in the future, not allow Mr. Calusinski to spend more than the permitted five minutes discussing these same allegations. The President should refer him back to the Audit and Finance Commission and Mr. Calusinski will hopefully make a better effort to attend.

Attorney's Report

Attorney Rhodes had no report this evening.

Park Committee

Trustee Ramirez Sliwinski had no report this evening.

President Sarto noted that work is being completed on the roof of the gazebo that is located in McNamee Park.

Stormwater Management Committee

Trustee Teeter had no report this evening; the meeting has not been rescheduled.

Trustee Reports

Trustee Sigwalt had the following report:

- She thanked Director Cole, Street Superintendent Clifton and the entire Public Works Department

for the new street signs that look very nice; also thanked them for the clean up along Huntley Road and the street work that is being completed that she stated is phenomenal.

She thanked Director Cole for the tour of the Raceway Woods Silo.

- She attended the Audit and Finance Commission meeting and agreed with comments made regarding Mr. Calusinski's allegations that he has not provided evidence of. Trustee Sigwalt thanked Chief Schuldt for taking time to attend the meeting.
- The Youth Collaborative met and is moving forward with fund raising. She will be reporting on fund raising events in the future that benefit the youth of the community and hopes other Board members will attend.

Trustee Frost had the following report:

- Trustee Frost thanked Director Cole for his time spent at the Raceway Woods Silo; the comments and observations made were very interesting.

Trustee Ritter had the following report:

- He attended a senior citizen picnic at the Dundee Township Park District that is a very nice annual event hosted by the Lions Club. There were approximately over 120 citizens from the Village; he introduced himself as a Village Trustee and received many comments and concerns that he will address with the appropriate parties. He will note next year to invite all Trustees to participate.
- He has been made aware of a situation where a Village employee was intimidated by a Board member into not expressing their opinion in public. Trustee Ritter expressed concern over Board members controlling free speech rights of citizens of the Village, especially employees, through their position on the Board. He expressed his disappointment that this situation has occurred and will address this with the member involved. If this continues, Trustee Ritter stated he would address in open session because Board members cannot intimidate employees with impunity.

Trustee Teeter had the following report:

- She also thanked Director Cole and Superintendent Clifton for their tour of the Silo; it provided a better understanding of the issues involved.

Trustee Ramirez Sliwinski had the following report:

- This week she attended the Second Annual Sparrow Block Party and thanked Street Superintendent Clifton, Michelle Rodriguez, Fire Chief Schuldt and Police Chief Neumann for their contributions in making this well attended event successful.

Trustee Humpfer had the following report:

- He commended the Police Department for their work regarding the recent hostage situation; they did a fantastic job and received positive comments from the press.
- Trustee Humpfer participated in the Moose Lodge Walk-A-Thon and raised approximately \$70 for the Danny Melton Fund and thanked everyone who participated.

Trustee Sigwalt added that recently there was a child missing that the Police Department recovered in approximately one hour's time; she detailed the efforts that were put forth by the department that went above and beyond to recover this child safely. She thanked the Department for their work.

President Sarto had the following report:

- He thanked Trustee Ramirez Sliwinski for the invitation to the Block Party that he attended; he was very impressed with the Police Department Canine demonstration and stated how excited the children were with the Fire Department presentation.

OLD BUSINESS

Consideration of a Resolution Approving an Intergovernmental Agreement Between the Forest Preserve District of Kane County and the Village of Carpentersville for the Renovation and Maintenance of Raceway Woods Silo

Trustee Teeter moved to pass a Resolution Approving an Intergovernmental Agreement Between the Forest Preserve District of Kane County and the Village of Carpentersville for the Renovation and Maintenance of Raceway Woods Silo. Trustee Ramirez Sliwinski seconded.

Manager Anderson provided an overview of the concerns that were expressed in the past over the Agreement that necessitated the matter being tabled for further review; subsequent to that, Attorney Rhodes has made several revisions that were submitted to Ms. Monica Meyers of the Kane County Forest Preserve District who had indicated the District was in agreement and to proceed with the Village Board's review. He discussed information that was disseminated to the Board from Director Cole that requests assurance that if the Village enters into this Agreement that resources from other parties will be forthcoming to keep the project moving ensuring the project is completed to the anticipated expectations. Manager Anderson noted the requirements for a new parking area and path were removed from the Agreement.

President Sarto commended and thanked the Redmers for their endless energy and work they have put forth in an effort to save the silo; he expressed appreciation and confidence that this project will be completed successfully.

Trustee Humpfer concurred and thanked them as well; he stated the Hold Harmless Provision remains in the Agreement but was amended to address the concerns that were previously expressed. He briefly discussed details of this provision and the amendments that were made that he believes are acceptable but requested Attorney Rhodes to provide his opinion.

Attorney Rhodes stated the language in the Hold Harmless and Indemnification Section is standard language that is used within the industry that allows for a claim to be filed with IRMA, the Village's Risk Manager, subject to the coverage provided under the contract. While he does not have a concern with the Agreement itself, he expressed concern that the Forest Preserve District has agreed to this contract as long as it is the Village that is agreeing to the terms of the contract; they would not enter into the Agreement if it was with a volunteer organization. Because the Village is ultimately obligated for the care, maintenance and control of the parcel that the silo is located on, Attorney Rhodes detailed those items the Village will be responsible for. While the volunteer organization could agree to provide certain services, and to what extent would be determined between the Village and the organization, he stated the organization has recognized that the Village Board has indicated they want the Village to incur as little cost as possible and they have the ability to terminate the Agreement and the silo would then be demolished.

Discussion ensued regarding the numerous tasks that need to be completed. The volunteers that were present; Jack and Donna Redmer, Dave Reece, and Larry Braasch provided details of how these would be completed; how the trees surrounding the silo would be cleared, how the graffiti on the silo would be removed and the proposed mural be maintained.

Because Trustee Sigwalt expressed concerns over the ability to maintain the mural on the silo due to the graffiti on the silo, Mrs. Redmer noted that the graffiti removal and mural maintenance is a project that Mr. Gary Swick and students from the community are committed to providing and maintaining. Mr. Reece provided details of the process to remove the graffiti and maintain the mural and silo. Mr. and Mrs. Redmer further detailed the work that will be completed on the ground surrounding the silo and assured the Board once all work is completed, the silo will provide great benefits to the Village. Discussion continued regarding concerns over the anticipated work, how funds would be maintained and distributed and the volunteer base involved.

Vote on Motion: 7 – ayes (Sigwalt, Frost, Ritter, Teeter, Ramirez Sliwinski, Humpfer, Sarto) 0 – nay. Motion passed.

The Board thanked the volunteers present for attending the meeting to answer any questions.

NEW BUSINESS

Consideration of a Resolution Accepting a Bid from and Awarding a Contract to Bolder Contractors, Inc., in the Amount of \$421,239.08, for Road Reconstruction and Utility Improvements on Elmridge Avenue

Trustee Sigwalt moved to pass a Resolution Accepting a Bid from and Awarding a Contract to Bolder Contractors, Inc., in the Amount of \$421,239.08, for Road Reconstruction and Utility Improvements on Elmridge Avenue. Trustee Ramirez Sliwinski seconded.

Manager Anderson stated that adoption of this Resolution would authorize the Village to enter into an agreement with Bolder Contractors to provide utility and roadway improvements to Elmridge Avenue.

Trustee Humpfer noted this is the first reconstruction project under the Street Program and Trustee Ritter confirmed that this is the first project utilizing funds coming forth from the Bond Issuance.

Vote on Motion: 7 – ayes (Sigwalt, Frost, Ritter, Teeter, Ramirez Sliwinski, Humpfer, Sarto) 0 – nay. Motion passed.

Consideration of a Resolution Waiving the Bidding Requirements for Pavement Marking and Accepting the Schedule of Unit Cost as Received by the Kane County Division of Transportation Through the County's Bid Process and Authorizing Preform Traffic Control Systems, Ltd., to Provide Pavement Markings for the 2006 Season

Trustee Frost moved to pass a Resolution Waiving the Bidding Requirements for Pavement Marking and Accepting the Schedule of Unit Cost as Received by the Kane County Division of Transportation Through the County's Bid Process and Authorizing Preform Traffic Control Systems, Ltd., to Provide Pavement Markings for the 2006 Season. Trustee Ramirez Sliwinski seconded.

Manager Anderson stated this is part of an annual Pavement Marking Program that Director Cole, after detailed review, has found the Village could realize a cost saving by participating in the Joint Purchase Program, similar to that of the State purchasing program, under the County's contract.

Vote on Motion: 7 – ayes (Sigwalt, Frost, Ritter, Teeter, Ramirez Sliwinski, Humpfer, Sarto) 0 – nay. Motion passed.

Consideration of a Resolution Amending the Miller Road Lift Station Improvement Contract and Authorizing Change Order No. 1 in the Amount of (\$25,938.58) and Extending the Final Completion Date by 63 Days to June 15, 2006

Trustee Teeter moved to pass a Resolution Amending the Miller Road Lift Station Improvement Contract and Authorizing Change Order No. 1 in the Amount of (\$25,938.58) and Extending the Final Completion Date by 63 Days to June 15, 2006. Trustee Frost seconded.

Manager Anderson reiterated that approval of this request would provide a reduction in the total cost and extend the final completion date for the Miller Road Lift Station Improvement Project that is essentially completed.

Vote on Motion: 7 – ayes (Sigwalt, Frost, Ritter, Teeter, Ramirez Sliwinski, Humpfer, Sarto) 0 – nay. Motion passed.

Consideration of a Resolution Authorizing the Purchase of One (1) 2006 Dodge Grand Caravan Mini Van Through the State of Illinois Joint Purchasing Program from Bob Ridings, Inc., at a Cost of \$16,035

Trustee Frost moved to pass a Resolution Authorizing the Purchase of One (1) 2006 Dodge Grand Caravan Mini Van Through the State of Illinois Joint Purchasing Program from Bob Ridings, Inc., at a Cost of \$16,035. Trustee Teeter seconded.

Manager Anderson briefly discussed the need to purchase this vehicle to replace the one that was recently totaled as a result of an accident. While the Village will receive proceeds from insurance, he noted this purchase was not a budgeted item and the various Public Works Department accounts that will be funding this may go over budget on certain line items.

Vote on Motion: 7 – ayes (Sigwalt, Frost, Ritter, Teeter, Ramirez Sliwinski, Humpfer, Sarto) 0 – nay. Motion passed.

Consideration of an Ordinance Amending the Provisions of the Carpentersville Municipal Code, Title 5, “Business Licenses and Regulations”

Trustee Teeter moved to pass an Ordinance Amending the Provisions of the Carpentersville Municipal Code, Title 5, “Business Licenses and Regulations”. Trustee Ramirez Sliwinski seconded.

Manager Anderson stated this Ordinance is a comprehensive update to the provisions of the Municipal Code relative to business licensing and regulations; this will address all details of the licensing process mainly requiring all businesses in the Village to be licensed or registered, with exception to certain professional occupations that are licensed by the state.

Vote on Motion: 7 – ayes (Sigwalt, Frost, Ritter, Teeter, Ramirez Sliwinski, Humpfer, Sarto) 0 – nay. Motion passed.

Discussion and Direction – Tap on Fees/27 S. Western

Manager Anderson reiterated information that was provided that discusses the history of events regarding the request for reduction of tap-on fee amounts that were charged for the development at the former Floyd’s location. He stated this project began prior to the change in schedule of fees for water and sewer tap-ons and provided details of the communication that was exchanged between the petitioner, petitioner’s attorney and the Public Works Department regarding fees that would be applicable. Based upon Manager Anderson’s denial to the petitioner’s request to reduce these fees, he stated Mr. Shapiro, the petitioner’s attorney, has requested consideration by the Village Board.

President Sarto noted that Mr. Shapiro who is the attorney for the developer, Bradford Spring Hill LLC, is present this evening.

Trustee Teeter confirmed that the reduction would only apply to the retail portion of the development and not the bank portion and questioned the amount of the total tap-on fees that would be applicable. Manager Anderson replied the bank development permit was applied for after the new fee schedule was effective, which totaled \$26,546, and the retail portion was under the old fee schedule.

Trustee Humpfer stated the reason this fee schedule was put into effect was to encourage economic development and believes the new fee schedule should be used when determining the fees for this development.

President Sarto concurred with Trustee Humpfer and reiterated the discussions that took place by the Audit and Finance Commission's thorough review of these fees and expressed appreciation to Bradford for developing this project that will place tax generating businesses in that location. He stated his agreement to approve this request to reduce the fees. Manager Anderson questioned where the Board draws the line because of the gray area of this issue. He noted that several other projects are currently ongoing to which the past tap on fee schedule was applicable and there is a possibility these developers may request similar consideration.

Trustee Ritter expressed his disapproval of this request and stated the developer had the ability to start the project at a later date allowing the new fee schedule to apply; they chose to start the project when they did. He stated that if consideration is given to this request, the same consideration needs to be given to those projects that commenced in the time period near when the fees were changed and he does not believe a precedent should be set.

Based on discussions at the Audit and Finance Commission meetings, Trustee Humpfer provided details of the review of current and past fee schedules and considerations that were given to developers in the past; that a precedent had already been set. He questioned if the developer had knowledge of the proposed change in fees and had the ability to delay starting the project. President Sarto concurred and expressed appreciation that the project had started and will provide tax benefits to the Village that much sooner. He noted the permit was issued within a few weeks of the change in fee structure.

Mr. Eric Dams, a representative from Bradford Real Estate Co., came forth and stated that Village staff had indicated to the developer the new fee structure would apply prior to closing on the project, therefore the developer moved forward with project. He briefly discussed information that was communicated between Village staff and the developer of the fee structure that the development would fall under, the timing of when the new fee structure was proposed to be passed, obligations to the development and Village that necessitated the project beginning at that time, the work with staff that has been completed and the benefits this development will provide to the community.

Based upon Mr. Dams' discussion, Trustee Ritter reiterated that the developer made a business decision to obtain the permit at the time with the knowledge that the old fee schedule was in place and without guarantee that the new fee schedule would be adopted.

Trustee Ramirez Sliwinski concurred to allow the development to fall under the new fee schedule because she believes the developer bargained in good faith with the Village and the Village is in need of good businesses and other businesses will not want to come into the community. Attorney Rhodes stated the Village never indicated the new fee structure would be considered and Director Cole has denied there was any discussion that indicated the development would fall under the new fee structure.

Trustee Sigwalt concurred with Trustee Ritter and read aloud correspondence to Mr. Shapiro that states, "...Director Cole informed Mr. Dams that the new tap-on fee schedule was waiting for Village Board approval. However, Bradford moved forward with the project prior to the approval of the new fee schedule and was thus subject to the fee schedule then in effect". She reiterated the developer

made their business decision with this knowledge. While she is a strong supporter of economic development in the Village, she believes if this is done for one developer, other developers will request the same consideration. Trustee Sigwalt discussed the issues in the past of special considerations given to developers.

Discussion ensued regarding the past and current fee structure and the timing of receiving the permits that determined the fee schedule the development would fall under.

President Sarto reiterated the good will that would be brought forward by approving this reduction that would outweigh the amount of money the Village would receive for this one-time tap on fee and the need for the Village to send a message to businesses willing to come into the community. Discussion continued regarding the new fee structure that several Board members believe promotes development in the Village and the issues that remain with this request. Trustee Ritter noted the school district's request to waive fees that were denied and reiterated his disagreement to reduce these fees.

Trustee Sigwalt moved to not approve the reduction in tap on fees for the development at 27 S. Western Avenue. Trustee Ritter seconded. Vote: 4 – ayes (Sigwalt, Frost, Ritter, Teeter) 3 – nays (Ramirez Sliwinski, Humpfer, Sarto). Motion passed.

Discussion and Direction – Intergovernmental Risk Management Agency (IRMA) Zoning Coverage/Concurrence with Recommendation

Because the IRMA Board of Directors will soon be voting on this coverage issue and based upon staff's agreement with the recommendation, Manager Anderson stated that the Board's review and direction is requested ensuring their concurrence with staff's recommendation.

Attorney Rhodes suggested a motion be made allowing Assistant Village Manager Wucki-Rossbach to represent to IRMA an official position of the Village of Carpentersville that direction is given for the IRMA representative to indicate that the position of Carpentersville is that the zoning coverage should remain as it currently is. Trustee Teeter so moved. Trustee Sigwalt seconded. Vote: 7 – ayes (Sigwalt, Frost, Ritter, Teeter, Ramirez Sliwinski, Humpfer, Sarto) 0 – nay. Motion passed.

Consideration of a Request to Hold Chicago Cyclocross in Carpenter Park

Trustee Sigwalt stated the Village hosted this event last year that went very well; last year the park was left in very good condition. She is in favor of allowing the event to take place again this year.

President Sarto noted because of time constraints, this event was not presented to the Park Committee first and brought directly to the Board for their review and approval. He concurred the event was a great success last year.

Trustee Teeter moved to approve the request to hold the Cyclocross in Carpenter Park. Trustee Sigwalt seconded. Vote: 7 – ayes (Sigwalt, Frost, Ritter, Teeter, Ramirez Sliwinski, Humpfer, Sarto) 0 – nay. Motion passed.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Trustee Sigwalt moved to adjourn to Executive Session to discuss Section 2(c)(1) of the Open Meetings Act – The appointment, employment, compensation, discipline, performance, or dismissal of specific employees of the public body, or legal counsel for the public body, including hearing testimony on a complaint lodged against an employee of the public body or against legal counsel for the public body to determine its validity and Section 2(c)(11) of the Open Meetings Act – Litigation, when an action against, affecting or on behalf of the particular public body has been filed and is

pending before a court or administrative tribunal, or when the public body finds that an action is probable or imminent, in which case the basis for the finding shall be recorded and entered into the minutes of the closed meeting. Trustee Teeter seconded. Vote was unanimous to adjourn to Executive Session after a five-minute recess.

The Board adjourned to Executive Session at 9:15 p.m.

The meeting reconvened at 10:21 p.m. All Board Members returned.

ADJOURNMENT

As there was no further business, Trustee Teeter moved to adjourn the meeting. Trustee Ritter seconded. Vote was unanimous.

The meeting adjourned at 10:22 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Therese Wilde, Village Clerk