

<div>MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE GURNEE VILLAGE BOARD</div> <div>GURNEE VILLAGE HALL AUGUST 19, 2024</div>	
Call to Order	Mayor Hood called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.
Other Officials in Attendance	Patrick Muetz, Village Administrator; Austin Pollack, Assistant to the Village Administrator; Bryan Winter, Village Attorney; David Ziegler, Community Development Director; Ellen Dean, Economic Development Director; Brian Smith, Police Chief; Jeremy Gaughan, Deputy Police Chief, Jason Kalinowski; Police Commander, William Meyer, Police Commander; William Stashkiw, Police Commander.
Roll Call	<div>PRESENT: 6- Ross, Garner, O’Brien, Balmes, Thorstenson, Woodside</div> <div>ABSENT: 0-</div>
Pledge of Allegiance	Mayor Hood led the Pledge of Allegiance.
<div>A. APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA</div>	<div>It was moved by Trustee Balmes, seconded by Trustee O’Brien to approve the Consent Agenda as presented.</div> <div><div>Roll call,</div><div>AYE: 6- Ross, Garner, O’Brien, Balmes, Thorstenson, Woodside</div><div>NAY: 0- None</div><div>ABSENT: 0- None</div><div>Motion Carried.</div></div>
<div>B. CONSENT AGENDA / OMNIBUS VOTE</div>	<div>The Village Administrator read the consent agenda for an omnibus vote as follows:</div> <div><div>1. Approval of minutes from the August 5, 2024 meeting.</div><div>2. Approval of Payroll for period ending August 9, 2024 in the amount of \$1,066,403.79.</div><div>3. Approval of Bills for the period ending August 19, 2024 in the amount of \$2,245,443.16.</div></div> <div>It was moved by Trustee Garner, seconded by Trustee Ross to approve the Consent Agenda for an omnibus vote as read.</div> <div><div>Roll call,</div><div>AYE: 6- Ross, Garner, O’Brien, Balmes, Thorstenson, Woodside</div><div>NAY: 0- None</div><div>ABSENT: 0- None</div><div>Motion Carried.</div></div>
<div>C. PETITIONS AND COMMUNICATIONS</div>	None.
<div>D. REPORTS</div>	None.
<div>E. OLD BUSINESS</div>	None.
<div>F. NEW BUSINESS</div>	<div>Mayor Hood noted that in his twelve years as a Trustee and Mayor, he has never had an issue that he can recall where there are neighbors on both sides of the issue as strong as this time. He stated despite opinions, everyone has said they want to address the homeless issue. Mayor Hood stated he would like to call upon all residents to step-up and volunteer to help address the need. He stated he does not want the issue to end here tonight. He stated Gurnee is a great place to live, but it needs to improve in this area.</div> <div>Mayor Hood said from the Trustee’s perspective, it has been hard to listen to the neighbors and not respond. He stated that was a difficult</div>

process for them. He publically recognized the Trustee’s hard work over the last few months, specifically Trustee Woodside because he has been put in a difficult spot. He stated Trustee Woodside is an honorable man who has served the Village of Gurnee in different capacities in the Police Department including Police Chief. Mayor Hood also recognized staff’s effort for all the work done on this project. The Mayor stated it is important to look forward no matter the result tonight.

Mayor Hood stated law dictates that he cannot be part of the vote due to the Planning & Zoning Board’s unfavorable recommendation on the Special Use Permit request. He stated there has to be four trustees that vote affirmatively to pass. Mayor Hood stated each side would be provided 15 minutes to make a presentation. The floor will then be closed and the Trustees will discuss the items. He clarified that if the first item on the agenda regarding the Text Amendment fails, the Special Use Permit would not go forward. If the Text Amendment is approved by receiving four or more affirmative votes, the Special Use Permit will be voted on. If this item does not receive at least four affirmative votes, it will fail.

Mayor Hood stated after the vote is taken there will be a short recess, followed by Public Comment. There will be no Public Comment prior to the vote.

He concluded by stating he appreciates the residents being in attendance.

Attorney Winter asked the Deputy Clerk to note in the minutes that Mayor Hood has recused himself from the next two agenda items. He also asked the minutes reflect Trustee Woodside will be abstaining from participating in the same agenda items.

Mayor Hood and Trustee Woodside left the meeting. The Mayor relinquished the chair to the Village Administrator Muetz for a temporary chair to be selected.

The Village Administrator stated it would appropriate for the Village Board to nominate a Temporary Chair to lead the meeting.

It was moved by Trustee Ross, seconded by Trustee Garner to nominate Trustee Balmes as a temporary chair.

**Roll call,**  
**AYE:**               **5- Ross, Garner, O’Brien, Balmes, Thorstenson**  
**NAY:**               **0- None**  
**ABSENT:**       **1- Woodside**  
**Motion Carried.**

Trustee Balmes assumed the role as Chair.

1. Approval of Ord. 2024 - 58 granting a Zoning Text Amendment to Article 7.1.2 of the Gurnee Zoning Ordinance entitled “Use Permissions” to add Emergency Shelter as a Special Use Permit within the EGG Zoning District.

Administrator Muetz said the petitioner, PADS Lake County (PADS), a non-profit homeless service organization, is looking to purchase the FairBridge Inn property to convert it into an emergency shelter. Currently, the C-2 Zoning District and the EGG Overlay District do not permit an Emergency Shelter by right or special use. PADS is proposing a Text Amendment to Article 7 of the Zoning Ordinance entitled, “Special Purpose Districts” to amend and permit “Emergency Shelters” in the East Grand Gateway Overlay District as a Special Use.

Administrator Muetz stated if the Text Amendment request is successful, PADS has requested a Special Use Permit to operate an Emergency Shelter. PADS intends to retain the existing hotel building and rehabilitate it into a fixed shelter with 30 sleeping rooms. Two to three residents will occupy each shelter room, depending on the room sizes and Building Code allowance. Each room will be equipped with sleeping areas, a private bathroom, a microwave, and lighting. No cooking instruments, other than the microwave, are allowed in the rooms. Security cameras will be installed around the building perimeter to provide complete site coverage. All doors will be equipped with a

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security system to restrict unauthorized entry into the building, except the main entrance, which will be staffed. All shelter applicants must pass a screening process which takes place at PADS' current processing center in Waukegan. Stays will be limited to 90 days maximum unless extended based on progress in finding housing or employment. Residents will be required to participate in comprehensive shelter programming, including mental health, employment, and workforce development services, substance use rehabilitation, and life skills. Residents must engage in programming to avoid losing their sheltering opportunity. The exterior site improvements include new lighting on the building, minor modifications to the building entrance, re-striping the parking lot, adding new landscaped islands, adding new bicycle spaces, installing a new trash enclosure, fencing the entire site, eliminating the access on Grand Avenue.

Administrator Muetz stated the request for the Text Amendment was before the Planning & Zoning Board (PZB) on July 24th and received a unanimous favorable recommendation (5-0). The request of the Special Use Permit was before the PZB the same night and received an unfavorable recommendation (1-4).

Chair Balmes stated that 15 minutes would be provided to the applicant and 15 minutes to representatives opposed to the pending applications.

Allen Swilley, PADS Executive Director, stated both he and George Kisiel, President of Okrent Kisiel Associates, Inc., would be sharing information regarding the details of the project, a review of the standards, Special Use Permit request and crime statistics.

Mr. Kisiel introduced himself to the Village Board. He stated that one of the major issues the community has voiced on this matter is a potential effect on crime in the area. He informed that they studied this extensively including analyzing police report data from the area. Mr. Kisiel reviewed report volume since 2017 and concluded that there was significant report volume at the subject property before PADS' clients were present. Since PADS has placed individuals there has been no increase in report volume.

Mr. Kisiel stated it was the right location for this facility. He stated the PZB recommends approval of Text Amendment allowing emergency shelter in the East Grand Gateway District. He stated homeless shelters benefit from locations near arterials within walking distance of adequate public services and facilities with access to community resources such as public transit employment and places of worship and other social services.

Mr. Kisiel added that there are no vacant developable parcels within the EGG district to locate a shelter and that adaptive reuse is the only feasible option to establish an emergency shelter within the district. He stated the FairBridge site represents the best opportunity for that.

Mr. Kisiel reviewed the four Special Use standards stating:

1. The establishment, maintenance, and operation of the proposed special use will not endanger the public health, safety, or welfare. The proposed use does not involve any characteristics that would cause an increase in the danger from fire explosion, contamination, noise, odor, vibration, or any other environmental impact. This type of facility does not have a negative impact on the surrounding property nor does it significantly increase crime in the area. The facility would be operated by PADS Lake County and its presence there will not increase crime. It will provide twenty-four-hour access to shelter and support services and will have the effect of removing the unhoused from the streets, public spaces and unmonitored vacant properties.
2. The proposed special use is compatible with the general land use of adjacent properties and other properties within the immediate vicinity. The emergency shelter functions are similar to multi-family residential uses. The shelter is compatible with the surrounding businesses concerning traffic generation, parking demand, noise, odor vibration and hours of activity.
3. The special use in the specific location proposed is consistent with the spirit and intent of the ordinance and adopted village land use

	<p>policies. It provides a development scenario that can leverage public funds for investment in the East Gateway District where no private investment has been forthcoming. It provides development where those public funds can be employed to upgrade streetscape and transportation conditions consistent with planning studies.</p> <p>4. The special use shall conform to the applicable regulations of this ordinance, except as such regulations may, in each instance, be modified according to the recommendations of PZB.</p> <p>Mr. Kisiel concluded by stating it is his opinion that the standards for evaluation of the Special Use are met by the proposal.</p>
<p><b>Allen Swilley</b> Executive Director PADS Lake County</p>	<p>Mr. Swilley shared information about why the FairBridge Inn was selected stating that they had forty-eight options. PADS was looking for a facility with at least 35 rooms with inside entry and exit to control participant flow. It needed to be near public transportation, to be in an area of need and could be renovated in under one year. PADS found all of that at the FairBridge. He explained that he saw an opportunity to add value to the community, renovate a dilapidated property and get the homeless neighbors off the street. Mr. Swilley provided data about different needs over the last twelve months in Gurnee stating it is the fourth largest request for basic needs such as housing and shelter.</p> <p>Mr. Swilley stated that the challenge with the East Grand Corridor is the lack of private investment in the area. PADS will invest \$7 million from non-local sources. He stated the Village of Gurnee has done its part by allocating 30% of the total village capital investment into the East Grand neighborhood, even though the community represents 9.5% of the population.</p> <p>Mr. Swilley added that the \$7 million investment reflects public investment from non-local sources designated specifically for community development and improvement while responding to specific social challenges like homelessness. He stated that this project has the opportunity to be a catalyst for public investment and to attract other public investments through the collaboration of the programmatic components that they intend to have on site. Mr. Swilley stated if the Special Use Permit is approved, PADS will close down the property and will start renovations right away. PADS would anticipate a spring or summer opening.</p> <p>Mr. Swilley reviewed how the shelter is different than a hotel operation. He explained that there would be more control over the property, a screening process that ensures to know who is coming into the shelter and that alcohol and illegal substances are not allowed on shelter premises. Mr. Swilley stated that the structure of the property and the proposed security features will allow PADS to control the property. Security cameras and progressive motion-centered lighting will keep the residents and the staff safe from crime. Mr. Swilley concluded by stating there is more to be shared and he is available to answer any questions.</p>
<p><b>Jorie Stuckwisch</b> 987 Bell Plaine Ave Gurnee, IL</p>	<p>Ms.Stuckwisch stated that she is the spokesperson for the community members not in favor of the FairBridge Inn as a location for an adult low-barrier shelter. Ms.Stuckwisch asked the Village Board to reject the PADS Text Amendment for the EGG overlay district and to uphold the PZB decision to reject the PADS request for the Special Use Permit. She stated it does not meet the approval standard presented in detail at the PZB meeting on July 24th and four out of the five PZB board members voted against the request. Ms.Stuckwisch stated the PADS application does not meet the criteria for a Text Amendment.</p> <p>Ms. Stuckwisch stated that the proposed shelter would endanger the public and welfare. She stated that the Village Board is aware of the vulnerable population in the neighborhood. Ms. Stuckwisch stated the EGG is a vulnerable, economically distressed area. It is a community of low to moderate-income families and minority populations of 25% or more. Businesses face challenges by looking at the empty storefronts along Grand Avenue. She added that they do not need a shelter where there are rules attempting to limit the crime. They need a commercial business with no crime.</p> <p>Ms.Stuckwisch stated that PADS has already sheltered the homeless at the FairBridge Inn since the beginning of the pandemic and conditions</p>

	<p>have worsened and crime has increased. She explained that the PADS shelter will increase the number of unhoused at the property, it will bring unhoused adults from all Lake County and it will be a low-barrier shelter with minimal controls. She stated if approximately 20% of participants fail to transition to permanent housing 72 unhoused adults per year could remain in the area. Ms.Stuckwisch explained that PADS does not control what occupants do off the property. She asked if the Village or PADS is liable if a crime is committed?</p> <p>Ms.Stuckwisch discussed the conditions at the Margarita Inn shelter located in Evanston. She stated the Travelodge PADS family shelter and the proposed FairBridge adult shelter will be the only two major fixed-site shelters in Lake County. She stated this will saturate one area and will place an unsustainable strain on resources.</p> <p>Ms.Stuckwisch said the majority of residents and businesses directly impacted by this decision are not in favor of this location. She shared a list of businesses opposed to the shelter. Then she asked Jerry Laux, owner of Gurnee Garden Center, to express his opinion.</p>
<b>Jerry Laux</b> <b>Owner of Gurnee</b> <b>Garner Center</b>	<p>Mr. Laux stated that Gurnee Garden Center has operated for 51 years. He believed that his concerns are shared by all the business owners in the East Grand Corridor. Mr. Laux said he has employed 700 people since they opened. He stated he believes if this facility is allowed, the panhandling interactions with PADS clients and increased police presence will make his employees and customers very uncomfortable to the point of not working or shopping at the Gurnee Garden Center. He explained it will be devastating for the East Grand Corridor. He asked on behalf of all the businesses on the east side to vote no.</p>
<b>Jorie Stuckwisch</b> <b>Bell Plaine Ave</b> <b>Gurnee, IL</b>	<p>Mr. Stuckwisch referenced the 2040 Comprehensive Plan that mentions the East Grand Avenue Gateway. She said that they received positive feedback from the community with ideas for other uses for the FairBridge, but the people in the best position to make decisions about what could go there are Village economic development staff. Ms. Stuckwisch presented alternative locations for a fixed-site shelter.</p> <p>Ms.Stuckwisch stated the needs of all Gurnee residents should be considered. She stated the FairBridge is the result of the Village delaying its part to help find lasting solutions to the problems of the east side. Ms.Stuckwisch stated the right way will be to help the east side achieve the level of safety and welfare that the rest of the Village enjoys.</p> <p>Chair Balmes called the agenda item for deliberations and a vote. She stated each ordinance is stated in the affirmative. After a motion has been made and seconded, it will be called for deliberations and a vote. Chair Balmes asked the board members if they were in favor of the Text Amendment, vote yes, and if opposed, vote no. She clarified that four affirmative votes will be required to pass the ordinance.</p> <p>It was moved by Trustee O'Brien, seconded by Trustee Ross to approve Ord. 2024 - 58 granting a Zoning Text Amendment to Article 7.1.2 of the Gurnee Zoning Ordinance entitled "Use Permissions" to add Emergency Shelter as a Special Use Permit within the EGG Zoning District.</p> <p>Chair Balmes then called for deliberations.</p>
<b>Trustee Ross</b>	<p>Trustee Ross stated that she has listened to every speaker, read every email and every letter, and has empathy for all parties involved. Trustee Ross recognized it as a dilemma. She stated the east and west division remains surprising to her. She explained that the Village does not have a property tax and encouraged residents to look at their tax bill. Trustee Ross clarified that all the services, such as road improvement, snow removal, water infrastructure, fire protection rescue services, police protection, and more, are provided because of healthy sales and tourism tax revenue.</p> <p>Trustee Ross stated that the staff carefully reviewed the aspects of this proposal and determined that it was thorough and accurate. She stated she respects the professionalism of the Village staff. She added that she has been to the Gurnee Garden Center at least six times since May and never felt threatened by the environment. The only objection she found on the east side was the FairBridge Inn. Trustee Ross acknowledged</p>

there have been panhandlers and car break-ins in many sections of Gurnee since the pandemic.

Trustee Ross agreed that the police have been called to the FairBridge too many times. She stated this has been an issue for a number of years, not just the last couple of years since PADS clients have been housed there. She stated Trustee Woodside is an honorable man who knew he would not be able to vote on the issue. Any other insinuations are inaccurate. Trustee Ross stated Mayor Hood's abstention is to avoid any suggestion of impropriety.

Trustee Ross share an example of a past development proposal that met with objection from area residents. The residents' objection resulted in the Village Board voting down the proposal. The property sat for the next 16 years before another developer considered the property. She stated she fears the same thing may happen here.

She explained that when people want to locate a business in Gurnee, they go to the Economic Development Director and Trustees. If staff or the Trustees hear of an opportunity, they can refer to the proper individuals, but they cannot make businesses come to Gurnee. Trustee Ross concluded by stating she believes that PADS would do everything possible to make this a success and that it could serve as a model for other fixed-site shelters. If it passes, she hopes everyone will work together to improve the East Grand corridor. If it does not pass, she hopes everyone will remain patient as she fears it will be a long time before another opportunity arises.

**Trustee O'Brien**

Trustee O'Brien stated he believes this is a zoning question. He asked if the Board would add one extra permitted use called emergency shelter to the East Grand Gateway Overlay District that would open up the entire district to any emergency shelter, including the two senior facilities, which he just learned have been used by homeless and low-income individuals. Trustee O'Brien stated that a Red Cross-type shelter is considered temporary and granted a temporary use permit. He noted emergency shelters are already allowed in the C-3 Zoning District via a Special Use Permit. He stated Gurnee defines emergency shelter as temporary housing, not permanent or fixed.

Trustee O'Brien reviewed the approval standards of issuing a Special Use Permit. He stated that the safety and welfare of the people entering the shelter will be improved, but he does not see the health and welfare of the current residents of the east side improved. There may be increased safety to the current residents of the area based on what PADS has presented regarding limited access, screening, door monitoring, rules, etc.

Trustee O'Brien stated with regards to the second standard, with vision and effort, the EGG Overlay District could be the downtown everyone wants. The Comp plan does not mention a fixed-site shelter.

Trustee O'Brien stated the intent for the past 20+ years is to make the east side a welcoming and thriving part of Gurnee. He affirmed that the unhoused population needs love, compassion and help. They deserve the biggest and best possible place. Trustee O'Brien explained that this is not a discussion on the merits or effects of PADS or their occupants. It is a question of modifying the zoning ordinance for an entire district. He concluded by stating he will not be voting to alter the Text Amendment.

**Trustee Thorstenson**

Trustee Thorstenson stated that residents and businesses do not want the proposed shelter in this location. She stated this issue may not just be homelessness; it may be mental health and opioid abuse which may not be easy to separate these realities. Trustee Thorstenson stated that the shelter does not promote neighborhood safety or welfare. She recalled that proponents have stated anything is better than what is there currently. She questioned how much crime is okay. She asked is PADS asked any of the residents or businesses if they prefer to replace the motel with a shelter. She affirmed she did, and they did not.

Trustee Thorstenson stated that crime at and surrounding the processing center in Waukegan appears to out of control. She explained that her family participated in the previous PADS church program. Her parents gave numerous years to the PADS church shelter program. Trustee Thorstenson clarified that in her Gurnee trustee role, her decisions apply

	<p>to all Gurnee residents and Gurnee businesses. She added that concerned residents submitted letters to the Board asking for their decision to protect them and keep them safe.</p> <p>Trustee Thorstenson read a letter from a Gurnee resident who works as a police officer for the City of Evanston. In the letter, the resident stated that daily issues arise at the Margarita Inn. The letter stated the calls for service increased tremendously after Connections for the Homeless took over. Calls include drug overdoses, batteries, disturbances, sexual assaults, suicides and more. The letter continued to state are no Connections personnel on the site and disturbance, retail thefts and burglaries in the area have increased. The letter concluded by asking the Village Board to vote no on the issue.</p> <p>Trustee Ross noted that letter was not signed.</p> <p>Trustee Thorstenson responded that the letter was anonymous though she did speak with the resident. Trustee Thorstenson asked Trustee Ross how many letters were submitted anonymously. Trustee Thorstenson clarified that she spoke with the Mayor the night before and he was comfortable with the process.</p>
<b>Trustee Garner</b>	<p>Trustee Garner stated that this is probably the most difficult decision he has had to make since being on the Board. Trustee Garner stated he has listened to feedback, trying to distinguish what was true and what was false. He read a letter he sent to his fellow Trustees. He explained that the problem we face is multifaceted, with issues not limited to the presence of a dilapidated hotel, homeless panhandlers begging for money, loiterers, prostitution, drug-related activity, indecent activities, and trespassing. He stated the fears that residents have expressed are real and must be addressed.</p> <p>Trustee Garner stated that he hopes the Board would vote for what they believe is what will best serve the community as a whole. He stated a no vote for PADS will do nothing to change the current issues residents are experiencing. He believes it will worsen over time as the homeless population grows unaddressed. The FairBridge Inn will continue to decline. Trustee Garner stated a yes vote would clean and revitalize the property and it would contribute to the betterment of the east side.</p> <p>Trustee Garner explained that while the proposal will bring more homeless individuals to a central location, there would be a managerial component that oversees operations and issues that arise, unlike what is currently happening. Trustee Garners stated that this oversight should significantly reduce and deter crime and undesirable behavior associated with the FairBridge Inn.</p> <p>Trustee Garner assured that a no vote is steeped in fear and does not address present or future concerns. In contrast, a yes vote is a solution to address the homeless dilemma faced in the community. It addresses the issue of safety, resident concerns and the dilapidated condition of that hotel, while bringing revitalization to the east side. He reminded the Board it has the power to add conditions to the permit to strengthen it. He stated the process is fair and he is unsure how the vote will go. He concluded by stating he is hopeful the Board will make the right decision for Gurnee and trust the process.</p>
<b>Trustee Balmes</b>	<p>Chair Balmes stated that all the Board members have read the emails and letters received. She said she is concerned for the residents and what they have had deal with, but she does believe that the conversion of the hotel would be an improvement for the area. Trustee Balmes reiterated the Village Board is concerned about the east side. She stated in 2016 the Board tried made the East Grand Corridor a priority, unfortunately the intersection of 41 and Grand impeded progress.</p> <p>Chair Balmes stated the Village cannot make people open businesses on the east side, but it can do its best to encourage them.</p> <p>Chair Balmes stated as it relates to panhandlers, giving them cash only contributes to that problem as many of them are not homeless and prefer cash rather than food. Trustee Balmes affirmed that this is a step in the right direction that could help that hotel and its unsightliness. She concluded by stating all she wants is the best for Gurnee.</p>

**Roll call,**  
**AYE:** 3 - Ross, Garner, Balmes,  
**NAY:** 2 - O'Brien, Thorstenson  
**ABSENT/ABSTAIN:** 1 - Woodside  
**Motion Carried.**

Chair Balmes stated that due to the Text Amendment failing to receive the required number of four votes, the Board cannot consider the special use ordinance. As a result, item number two was removed from the agenda under New Business.

It was moved by Trustee O'Brien, seconded by Trustee Thorstenson to remove item number two from the agenda under New Business.

**Roll call,**  
**AYE:** 5- Ross, Garner, O'Brien, Balmes, Thorstenson  
**NAY:** 0- None  
**ABSENT/ABSTAIN:** 1 - Woodside  
**Motion Carried.**

Chair Balmes called for a five minutes recess at 8:25 p.m.

It was moved by Trustee O'Brien, seconded by Trustee Thorstenson for a five-minute adjournment.

**Voice Vote: ALL AYE: Motion Carried.**

Mayor Hood and Trustee Woodside returned to the meeting at 8:27 p.m.

The meeting was reconvened at 8:38 p.m.

**G. PUBLIC COMMENT**

<b>Greg Hurlbutt</b> <b>588 N. Greenleaf St.</b> <b>Gurnee, IL</b>	Mr. Hurlbutt stated he hopes both sides can be respectful of each other going forward and would like work together to see improvements on the eastside of Gurnee.
<b>Karen Rozwadoski</b> <b>1432 Belle Plaine Ave.</b> <b>Gurnee, IL</b>	Ms. Rozwadoski thanked everyone has showed up. She stated this location was not the right place.
<b>Shawn Depke</b> <b>13357 Chaplin St.</b> <b>Wadsworth, IL</b>	Mr. Depke stated he does not understand why the Village Board had to consider the request. He also commented on the Gurnee Days parade.
<b>Candace Stone</b> <b>988 Belle Plaine Ave.</b> <b>Gurnee, IL</b>	Ms. Stone stated she did not mean to offend anyone, but she is passionate about the issue. She stated she is an advocate for PADS, but this was the wrong location. She encouraged residents to get more involved in the community.
<b>Becky Kotsinis</b> <b>907 Belle Plaine Ave</b> <b>Gurnee, IL</b>	Ms. Kotsinis thanked a myriad of individuals and groups.
<b>Rachell Thieme</b> <b>1046 Waveland Ave</b> <b>Gurnee, IL</b>	Ms. Thieme thanked the Village Board and encouraged residents, including local youth, to get more involved.
<b>Keith Owens</b> <b>6464 Doral Dr</b> <b>Gurnee, IL</b>	Mr. Owens stated that everybody lost tonight and that all the issues brought forward need to be addressed. He stated he believes a lack of communication was an issue during the process. He stated he would like to participate in efforts to advanced PADS' cause. Mr. Owens stated he learned many things throughout this process. He believes these things should have already been known. He stated a Committee of the Whole should be held to educate the community on a variety of issues. He continued to state he would be willing to participate in the Mayor's proposed task force. Mr. Owens stated the public elects the Village Board and trusts them to make the right decisions for the community. He stated Gurnee has resources and leadership in place that can make



<b>Jorie Stuckwisch</b> <b>987 Belle Plaine Ave</b> <b>Gurnee, IL</b>	a difference. He concluded by stating he is ready, willing and able to assist.
<b>Closing Comments</b>	None.
<b>Adjournment</b>	<p>It was moved by Trustee Balmes, seconded by Trustee Garner to adjourn the meeting.</p> <p><b><u>Voice Vote:</u>    ALL AYE:    Motion Carried.</b></p> <p>Mayor Hood adjourned the meeting at 8:53 p.m.</p>
<b>Selene Beltran,</b> <b>Deputy Village Clerk</b>	