

January 15, 2004
Regular Meeting

The regular monthly meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Village of Sycamore Hills, St. Louis County, Missouri took place Thursday evening, January 15, 2004 in the Educational Building of Calvary United Church of Christ, 2501 Hartland Avenue. The meeting was called to order at 7:07 P. M. with trustees Jeffrey Weaver, Robert Fitzgerald, Donna McFarland, Dale Schulz and Phillip Burke present. The meeting opened with the Pledge of Allegiance.

The minutes of the previous meeting held December 18, 2003 were read. A motion was made and seconded to approve the minutes. Under discussion it was requested that paragraph four also include the statement that Dale Schulz said he would get other bids (for tree removal). The motion carried with this amendment.

Bills totaling \$13,406.62 were presented for payment from the detailed disbursement report. The last bill just received was from J. W. Bommarito Construction for \$59,386.95 for work on the Oakland Avenue Storm Water Improvement Project to be paid per warrant 5293 and check 2061 from the savings account at A. G. Edwards & Sons, Inc.

A motion was made and seconded to pay the bills as amended showing total bills \$72,793.57. This motion carried. the item of \$80.32 was for notice of filing for the April 6 election and \$3,520.44 was for funds being transferred to the sewer lateral account.

Police Commissioner Robert Fitzgerald gave a summary of activities for calendar year 2003: 53 letters of ordinance violation sent to residents, 8 second notices and 3 third notices

A motion was made and seconded to accept the oral and written reports of the commissioners. The motion carried.

Tom Drennen, 2491 Hartland Avenue, will get us information for Koviak's Tree Service. He also stated that he is a candidate for the Ritenour Board of Education.

Truck traffic on our streets was discussed. Parking near the intersection of Graceland and Brown was again reviewed.

The Oakland Avenue Storm Water Improvement Project was then discussed. A motion was made and seconded to extend the contract to Friday, February 20 at 5:30 P. M. provided that by January 23 the contractor has either filled in the ditch to permit access or provide an explanation satisfactory to both the chairman and the street commissioner. The motion carried.

Conditions at 2437 Walton Road were again referenced. Dale Schulz gave a report on his

conversation with Mrs. McWeeney concerning the dog kennel among other matters. A discussion followed.

The motion for adjournment was made and seconded. The motion carried with adjournment at 8:05 P. M.

Fred Batcher,
Village Clerk

February 19, 2004
Regular Meeting

The regular monthly meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Village of Sycamore Hills, St. Louis County, Missouri took place Thursday evening, February 19, 2004 in the Educational Building of Calvary United Church of Christ, 2501 Hartland Avenue. The meeting was called to order at 7:00 P. M. with trustees Jeffrey Weaver, Donna McFarland, Robert Fitzgerald and Phillip Burke present. Dale Schulz was absent. The meeting opened with the pledge of allegiance.

The minutes of the January 15, 2004 meeting were read. A motion was made and seconded to approve the minutes as presented. The motion carried.

Bills were then presented for payment. Donna McFarland gave explanations for some of the items. A motion was made and seconded to approve the bills for payment as presented plus the last bill from J. C. Bommarito Construction for \$16,887.82 on warrant 5317 and check 2062. The motion carried.

Phillip Burke brought literature from the Seismic Preparedness Seminar that he attended recently.

A motion was made and seconded to accept the oral and written reports of the chairman and commissioners. The motion carried.

Dr. George R. Albin, III, Gary Stein and Tom Drennen, all candidates for the Ritenour Board of Education in the April 6th election were present. Dr. Albin and Mr. Drennen brought information about the election and their candidacies.

Carrie Woodrum, who is looking at homes in the village with the intention of buying one, asked questions about the village, its homes, services et cetera; a discussion followed.

Mr. Drennen thanked the trustees for removing the two dead sycamore trees in front of his home. He also made inquiry concerning a plan he has for landscaping the area between the public sidewalk and street. Mr. Durham suggested that he get a permit from Dale Schulz. Said permit would relieve the village of any liability and also provide a written record.

Tom Weis then discussed the progress of the Oakland Avenue Storm Water Improvement Project. Getting residents' vehicles off of that section of the street was discussed. A plan of notification was determined with coordination between all parties concerned. A motion was made and seconded to extend the contract until April 16th at 5:30 P.M. Discussion followed. This motion was withdrawn. A new motion was made and seconded to extend the contract to March 19th at 5:30 P.M. The motion carried.

Bill Number 408, "An ordinance amending ordinance number 284, as amended by ordinance number 381, of the Village of Sycamore Hills by adopting amendments to the electrical code of St. Louis County as amendments to the building, mechanical, plumbing and electrical codes of the Village of Sycamore Hills", was introduced and read in full. A motion was made and seconded to enact Bill Number 408 as Ordinance Number 400 of the Village of Sycamore Hills. A short discussion took place. The vote on the said motion was as follows:

Jeff Weaver-Yea Robert Fitzgerald-Yea Donna McFarland-Yea Phillip Burke-Yea
Thereupon Bill Number 408 was declared to be duly enacted as Ordinance Number 400 of the Village of Sycamore Hills. Dale Schulz was absent.

Per a telephone call, Mr. Kaatmann, 2452 Hartland, is having a problem with the inability of storm water to flow past his driveway to the nearest catchbasin. He thinks the asphalt should be milled down to correct the problem. Jeffery Weaver did talk to him. The problem was discussed without conclusion.

The motion for adjournment was made and seconded. The motion carried with adjournment at 8:04 P.M.

Fred Batcher,
Village Clerk

March 18, 2004
Regular Meeting

The regular monthly meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Village of Sycamore Hills, St. Louis County, Missouri, was held Thursday evening, March 18, 2004 in the Educational Building of Calvary United Church of Christ, 2501 Hartland Avenue. The meeting was called to order at 7:02 P. M. Those present were Robert Fitzgerald, Chairman Pro Tempore, Jeffrey Weaver, Donna McFarland and Dale Schulz. Phillip Burke was absent. The meeting opened with the Pledge of Allegiance.

A motion was made and seconded to approve the minutes of the previous meeting held February 19, 2004 as presented. The motion carried.

Donna McFarland, Treasurer-Collector, explained a few of the items in the list of bills. Village Attorney James L. Durham explained the payment of \$357.30 to Curtis, Oetting, Heinz, Garrett O'Keefe which involves the way the Metropolitan St. Louis Sewer District has been billing owners of buildings of six or more living units. Also, a motion was made and seconded to pay Dale Schulz \$25.00 for last month's meeting that he missed. The motion carried. The total of bills approved for payment by motions made and seconded was \$13,850.61. These motions carried.

A motion was made and seconded to accept the oral and written reports of the commissioners. The motion carried.

A motion was made and seconded to amend the agenda by moving "business license for Jeffrey and Mary Williams" to immediately following "Discussion from the floor" and placing the 2004-2005 budget last under new business. The motion carried.

Jeffrey and Mary Williams applied for a business license for the property at 8900 Midland Boulevard. They were advised about the requirements: no licensed vehicles over 18,000 pounds permitted. Maximum of 16 square feet maximum for advertising sign on the building. Inspection by Community Fire Protection District, occupancy permit from St. Louis County, maximum number of vehicles (trucks and trailers) parked overnight outside of the building, fence permit is required. Other issues and questions were addressed. A motion was made and seconded to grant a temporary interim license expiring September 17, 2004 to Jeffrey Williams, D/B/A McWilliam's Service, Inc. at 8900 Midland Boulevard with the restriction that a maximum of five vehicles may be parked outside of the building overnight. This motion carried.

The Oakland Avenue Storm Water Improvement Project is complete except for landscaping. Storm water is flowing as it should. The curb situation at 2464 Oakland will be checked.

Dale Schulz gave a verbal report on the privacy fence along the north side of the rear yard at 2504 Brown Road. Mr. Durham suggested that Mr. Schulz approach Mr. liebigs so we will have a record of the fence having been constructed without a permit.

The status of the fence at the rear of 8923 Midland Boulevard were discussed.

The electrical, building, mechanical and plumbing codes updated by St. Louis County were discussed. A motion was made and seconded that action on the electrical code be deferred until the April 15th meeting. The motion carried.

The itinerant business license application from Frosty Treats, Incorporated, was then considered. A motion was made and seconded to grant Frosty Treats, Incorporated an itinerant business license valid through December 31, 2004. The motion carried.

A motion was made and seconded that we declare a 10 minute recess. The motion carried.

The next and final item on the agenda is the setting of the budget for the fiscal year April 1, 2004 through March 31, 2005. After reviewing each item in the budget, the Board of Trustees agreed on a total of \$218,618.00 in anticipated receipts and anticipated expenditures of \$306,529.00.

The motion for adjournment was made and seconded. The motion carried with adjournment at 9:25 P. M.

Fred Batcher,

Village Clerk

April 15, 2004
Regular Meeting

The regular monthly meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Village of Sycamore Hills, St. Louis County, Missouri, was held Thursday evening, April 15, 2004 in the Educational Building of Calvary United Church of Christ, 2501 Hartland Avenue. The meeting was called to order at 7:02 P. M. with Trustees Donna McFarland, Jeffrey Weaver, Dale Schulz, Robert Fitzgerald and Phillip Burke present. The meeting opened with the Pledge of Allegiance.

The minutes of the March 18, 2004 meeting were read and approved as read upon a motion made and seconded; the motion carried.

Treasurer-Collector Donna McFarland explained that the first two items in the list of bills to be paid were approved in last month's meeting. The transfer to the Sewer Lateral Account at A. G. Edwards & Sons, Inc. includes receipts from previous months that were overlooked. This transfer makes the funds current. A motion was made and seconded to accept the treasurer's report. The motion carried.

Phillip Burke reported on his recent meeting with Superintendent Paul W. Doerrer and other Ritenour School District officials. The trustees gave verbal reports on current matters.

Dale Schulz reported that R & R Auto, 8621 Lackland, wants to enlarge the paved area on the premises.

A motion was made and seconded to accept the reports of the commissioners. The motion carried.

Captain Morris reported on matters of concern including school bus use of village streets, graduation parties in private homes involving alcoholic beverages and disturbances outside of the residence and school age youngsters who seem not to be attending school. A St. John police officer will be on duty during summer school at Ritenour Middle School.

Tom Weis reported that the Oakland Avenue Storm Water project is almost finished except for the sodding and the walk through. A discussion followed..

A motion was made and seconded to enact Bill Number 409, "An Ordinance repealing ordinance number 400 and amending ordinance number 284, as amended by ordinance number 381, of the Village of Sycamore Hills by adopting amendments to the electrical code of St. Louis County as amendments to the building, mechanical, plumbing and electrical codes of the Village of Sycamore Hills" as Ordinance Number 401.

After an explanation by Village Attorney James L. Durham, the vote on the said motion was as follows:

Dale Schulz Aye Robert Fitzgerald Aye Jeffrey Weaver Aye

Donna McFarland Aye Phillip Burke Aye

Thereupon Bill Number 409 was declared to be duly enacted as Ordinance Number 401 of the Village of Sycamore Hills.

A village wide garage sale was discussed. It was noted that the cost of advertising the sale is more than the receipts from yard sale permits issued (in the calendar year). The discussion concluded with the setting of this year's sale for Saturday, August 7th. The advertisement will appear in the Journal on Wednesday August 4th.

Dale Schulz will seek bids for stump and tree removal.

Chairman Phillip Burke asked for permission to get costs for street sweeping either through a cooperative arrangement with other municipalities or contractors with the hope of getting a lower cost. A short discussion resulted his being granted the requested permission.

The motion for adjournment was made and seconded The motion carried with adjournment at 7:52 P. M.

Fred Batchter,

Village Clerk

May 20, 2004
Regular Meeting

The regular monthly meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Village of Sycamore Hills, St. Louis County, Missouri took place Thursday evening, May 20, 2004 in the Educational Building of Calvary United Church of Christ, 2501 Hartland Avenue. The meeting was called to order at 7:05 P. M. and opened with the Pledge of Allegiance. Those present were Jeffrey Weaver, Robert Fitzgerald, Dale Schulz and Phillip Burke. Donna McFarland was absent.

The minutes of the April 15, 2004 meeting were read. A motion was made and seconded to approve these minutes as read. The motion carried.

Phillip Burke handled the treasurer's report for Donna McFarland. After hearing his explanations for some of the items to be paid motion was made and seconded to approve bills totaling \$61,051.40; the motion carried.

A motion was made and seconded to pay Phillip Burke \$25.00 for the March 18, 2004 meeting that he missed. The motion carried.

Phillip Burke will be meeting with Bommarito Construction personnel tomorrow.

Jeffrey Weaver and Robert Fitzgerald had nothing to add to their reports. Dale Schulz reported issuing home inspection authorizations for the following: 2456 Northland, 2475 Oakland, 2508 Brown Road, 8900 Sycamore Court, 2474 Ashland, 2424 Oakland, 2440 Hartland and 2494 Northland.

A motion was made and seconded to refund a \$3.00 overpayment to Jean Pace, 2492 Northland, for a fence permit. The motion carried.

A motion was made and seconded to accept the Chairman's and commissioners' reports as submitted. The motion carried.

Robert Fitzgerald and Jeffrey Weaver then took their oaths of office as a result of the April 6, 2004 election.

The organization of the Board of Trustees and appointive positions was then considered. Phillip Burke Chairman, Donna McFarland Finance Commissioner, Jeffrey Weaver Health Commissioner, Robert Fitzgerald Police Commissioner, Dale Schulz Street Commissioner. Appointees: Attorney James L. Durham, Building Commissioner Dale Schulz, Village Clerk Fred Batcher, Emergency Management Coordinator Wilma Bales, Marshal Terry Milam, Treasurer-

Collector Donna McFarland, Daryl Cimaglia Board of Adjustment term ending in 2009, Robert Conway Zoning Commission term ending in 2009, Orlandez Lewis Human Rights Commission term ending in 2007. A motion was made and seconded approving this list of officials and their respective positions. The motion carried.

The City of St. John Building Inspector commented on his concerns of the housing stock and code violations in Sycamore Hills.

Orlandez Lewis, 2495 Oakland Avenue, introduced himself. He was just re-appointed to a three year term on the Human Rights Commission. Village Attorney, James L. Durham, gave a short background of the commission.

Phillip Burke will be walking through the Oakland Avenue Storm Water Improvement area with Bommarito Construction. Concern was noted about a problem where the south end of the project blends with the older section of the street. Other storm water problems were noted. A discussion followed.

Parking plans during the annual Overland Lions Club fair in Norman A. Myers Park July 29 through August 1 were discussed.

Parking permits for residents of Walton, Oakland and Ashland will be distributed with the newsletter.

Discussed the new lease agreement for the village office.

After a short discussion, a motion was made and seconded authorizing Petrov Brothers

Tree Service to spray the village evergreens on the east side of Walton Road for the sum of \$125.00 in a timely manner. The motion carried. This is the same cost as the past two years.

Parking on Lackland near Ashland was discussed. Broken windows in the building at 8900 Midland were noted.

Discussed trailers of various lengths and the parking thereof noting ordinance 377. There have been no complaints.

Parking on the premises at R & R Auto 8621 Lackland was discussed.

A storage facility for street department property was discussed. Sign posts and barricades would need to be accommodated. There is interest in combining a plan for a storage facility with the

lease agreement with the church. More discussion on this subject in our June 17 meeting.

The motion for adjournment was made and seconded; the motion carried with adjournment at 8:14 P. M.

June 17, 2004
Regular Meeting

The regular monthly meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Village of Sycamore Hills, St. Louis County, Missouri was held Thursday evening, June 17, 2004 in the Educational Building of Calvary United Church of Christ, 2501 Hartland Avenue. Those present were Jeffrey Weaver, Robert Fitzgerald, Donna McFarland, Dale Schulz and Phillip Burke. The meeting was called to order at 7:02 P. M. and opened with the Pledge of Allegiance.

The minutes of the previous meeting held May 20, 2004 were read. A motion was made and seconded to approve the minutes as presented. The motion carried.

Treasurer-Collector Donna McFarland explained a few of the payments. Payments to St. John for police services and animal control services include September 2003 rates. Checks 1847 and 1848 for these items from last September have never cleared. Both are now canceled. A motion was made and seconded to authorize payment of bills totaling \$11,810.61. The motion carried.

Park improvements being made by the City of Charlack were discussed briefly. Dale Schulz gave other information about his report.

A motion was made and seconded to accept the oral and written reports of the commissioners. This motion carried.

The spokesman for the St. John Police Department was Corporal Bruce Kahmke. He told about the acquisition of two new police cars with new logo and the new computer system that greatly improves communication between car and dispatcher. Carrie Woodrum, 2426 Ashland Avenue, told about the theft of her car from her driveway. Vehicle theft was discussed.

Phillip Burke will make a final check of the Oakland Avenue Storm Water Improvement project and the final payment will be on the July 15 meeting.

A resident parking plan on Walton, Oakland and Ashland during the Overland Lions Club Fair in Norman A. Myers Park July 29 through August 1 was addressed.

Bids for stump removal are being sought.

A draft copy of the newsletter has been prepared. The trustees and Village Clerk have been asked to review the contents. Some issues will be brought to the attention of residents. Ten days notice of the public hearing for Community Development Block Grant program funds for 2005 will be

in the same issue of THE SYCAMORE LEAF. A motion was made and seconded to hold the public hearing to determine the use of Community Development Block Grant Funds for 2005 on Thursday, July 1st at 7:00 P. M. The motion carried.

Police Commissioner Robert Fitzgerald noted that the state statute states that parking is prohibited within 30 feet of a stop sign unless an ordinance directs otherwise at a specific location. A short discussion took place regarding the situation at Ashland and Lackland.

Parking of trailers of various lengths both on the street and on private residential properties was discussed. Phillip will review the subject with Village Attorney James L. Durham.

The next agenda item was "A Resolution of intent to participate in natural hazard mitigation and to work toward becoming a safer community". A motion was made and seconded to adopt this resolution as resolution 04-01. The motion carried. A signed copy of this resolution will be forwarded to the East West Gateway Coordinating Council attention Martha Kopper, Manager, Hazard Mitigation Planning. There is no cost to the village.

It was believed that it would be well for us to know exactly where our corporate boundary is in the vicinity of the alley at Walton eastward across highway I-170. It was suggested that we ask Tom Weis of P. H. Weis & Associates, Inc. to get us an estimated cost of said survey. This information will be sought for our next meeting July 15.

The motion for adjournment was made and seconded. The motion carried with adjournment at 7:44 P. M.

Fred Batchter,
Village Clerk

July 15, 2004
Regular Meeting

The regular monthly meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Village of Sycamore Hills, St. Louis County, Missouri was held Thursday evening, July 15, 2004 in the Educational Building of Calvary United Church of Christ, 2501 Hartland Avenue. The meeting was called to order at 7:04 P. M. and opened with the Pledge of Allegiance. Those present were Phillip Burke, Robert Fitzgerald, Donna McFarland and Dale Schulz. Jeffrey Weaver was absent.

The minutes of the June 17, 2004 meeting were read. A motion was made and seconded to approve the minutes as presented. The motion carried.

Treasurer-Collector Donna McFarland explained some of the bills being paid. A motion was made and seconded to authorize payment of bills in the sum of \$9,981.15. The motion carried.

The agenda was amended to show the last item under new business "Set date for public hearing for the 2004 tax rate(s)"

Chairperson Phillip Burke is working on a letter to Tom Weis of P. H. Weis & Associates, Inc. concerning the cost of a possible survey to establish our village boundary roughly east of Walton Road.

Dale Schulz did not have a written report.

A motion was made and seconded to accept the oral and written reports of the commissioners. The motion carried.

Captain Morris of the St. John Police Department brought us free gun locks to be given to residents without any record keeping. The National Night Out will be Tuesday, August 3rd in St. John Park, Brown Road and St. Louis Avenue with planned events.

Glen Dearing, 2459 Hartland Avenue, called the board's attention to a sycamore tree in front of his home. Said tree has dropped sizable limbs during a storm and another occasion and is described as being dangerous. It will be considered for removal.

The trustees then discussed the possibility of placing a small storage building on church premises for the storage of signs and related street department property. Mr. Amos Tonsing represented Calvary United Church of Christ in the discussion. The materials to be used in construction, size, placement and other details were addressed. Ideas and guidelines were advanced.

The storm water problem on Hartland Avenue is causing water to flow over driveway aprons on the west side of Hartland at about 2441 through 2451. The water then flows through the rear yards at 2448 and 2452 Brown Road. A discussion followed.

The Oakland Avenue Storm Water Project was then discussed. We are retaining \$22,146.57. We are awaiting lien waivers. A recognized problem exists where the new project work meets the old at 2465 Oakland.. It was thought that Tom Weis should be attending our meetings while we are paying the \$200.00 monthly retainer fee.

The annual Overland Lions Club Fair, July 29, 30, 31 and August 1, in Norman A. Myers Park was discussed. Plans were made to place barricades on Walton. Oakland and Ash- land. Phillip Burke volunteered to distribute parking permits on these three streets. The St. John Police Department and Community Fire Protection District will be notified of these plans.

The status of tree, stump and root removal needs to be determined and a list established.

Possible changes to the trailer ordinance (377) were discussed: open or closed, various sizes, length, uses and placement on private property.

A storage building for street department property was again discussed.

The new office lease agreement, effective August 1, 2004 through July 31, 2007, with Calvary United Church of Christ was reviewed. A motion was made and seconded authorizing the chairman of the Board of Trustees to execute said agreement. The motion carried.

Our option to extend the Waste Management of St. Louis contract for the final year with a cost increase of 4 percent was discussed. A group of local municipalities is currently working on a combined contract agreement. Since it is not known when the results will be available, a motion was made and seconded to extend our contract with Waste Management of St. Louis for its final year ending August 31, 2005. The motion carried.

A motion was made and seconded to pay Donna McFarland \$25.00 for the May 20, 2004 meeting that she missed. The motion carried.

The board of trustees set August 19 for the public hearing for setting the tax rate(s) for 2004 at the request of Donna McFarland.

The motion for adjournment was made and seconded. The motion carried with adjournment at 8:25 P. M.

Fred Batcher,
Village Clerk

August 19, 2004
Regular Meeting

The regular monthly meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Village of Sycamore Hills, St. Louis County, Missouri was held Thursday evening August 19, 2004 in the Educational Building of Calvary United Church of Christ, 2501 Hartland Avenue. The meeting was called to order at 7:00 P. M. and opened with the Pledge of Allegiance. Those present were Jeffrey Weaver, Robert Fitzgerald, Donna McFarland and Phillip Burke. Dale Schulz was absent.

The minutes of the July 15, 2004 meeting were read. A motion was made and seconded to approve the minutes as read. The motion carried.

Finance Commissioner/Treasurer-Collector Donna McFarland explained some of the bills to be paid. A motion was made and seconded to approve bills for payment totaling \$10,426.30. The motion carried.

This evening Dale Schulz gave Donna McFarland a bill for street cleanup done by Tom Vintson, The bill, for twenty-nine hours at \$15.00 per hour, did not have any dates or other details but was approved by Dale Schulz. A motion was made and seconded to pay Tom Vintson \$435.00. A discussion followed. Donna McFarland will inform Mr. Schulz that no more payments will be made to Mr. Vintson unless a completed work order is prepared by Dale Schulz. The motion carried.

A motion was made and seconded to pay Jeffrey Weaver \$25.00 for the July 15, 2004 meeting that he missed. The motion carried.

Phillip Burke reported on letters he has written to the City of Charlack requesting more information on improvements in their city park; To Jim Phillips Director of Public Works for the City of St. John concerning minor street repairs for the Village of Sycamore Hills. Jeffrey Weaver reported on rat abatement and other enforcement issues. Michelle Allen, 2427 Oakland called the village office and reported presence of rats. Details were given to Mr. Weaver.

A motion was made and seconded to accept the commissioners' reports as presented. The motion carried.

It was reported that the St. John Public Works Department will be happy to assist us with minor street repairs. We also heard a report on parking violations during the Overland Lions Club Annual Fair. Buses coming to Ritenour Middle School were discussed briefly.

Tom Weis of P. H. Weis & Associates, Inc. discussed the Oakland Avenue Storm Water Project.

The sidewalk replacement at 2496 Oakland was discussed and will be checked. We can withhold a small amount for correcting this situation. Our final payment and reimbursement from Metropolitan St. Louis Sewer District were addressed. Tom Weis recommended withholding \$500.00 for sidewalk correction.

A motion was made and seconded that we pay J. W. Bommarito Construction \$16,847.93 as recommended by P. H. Weis & Associates, Inc. Discussion continued. The motion carried.

Reference was then made to Phillip Burke's letter to P. H. Weis & Associates, Inc. concerning a survey of our corporate boundary on the northern and eastern edges of the village. Mention was made of the alley near Walton Road and the construction by Charlack in the park.

The agenda was amended by deleting "tree and stump removal" and "definition of trailer vehicle"

The proposed storage building was discussed. Robert Fitzgerald reported on findings thus far by visiting sites of a few buildings.

Bill Number 410, "An Ordinance establishing the annual rate of tax levy for the year 2004, on all property within the Village of Sycamore Hills, St. Louis County, Missouri, for general municipal purposes and for public health purposes and providing for the extension of said taxes on the books of the Collector of Revenue of St. Louis County." was introduced and read in full. A motion was made and seconded to enact Bill Number 410 as Ordinance Number 402 of the Village of Sycamore Hills. Village Attorney James L. Durham congratulated Donna McFarland for her work gathering data. He then offered an explanation of some of the details. Additional discussion took place. The vote on the said motion was as follows: Jeffrey Weaver Aye; Robert Fitzgerald Aye; Phillip Burke Aye;

Donna McFarland Aye. Dale Schulz was absent The following trustees voted Nay: None. Thereupon Bill Number 410 was declared to be duly enacted as Ordinance Number 402 of the Village of Sycamore Hills.

The motion for adjournment was made and seconded. The motion carried with adjournment taking place at 8:01 P.M.

Fred Batcher,
Village Clerk

September 16, 2004
Regular Meeting

The regular monthly meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Village of Sycamore Hills, St. Louis County, Missouri, was held Thursday evening, September 16, 2004 in the Educational Building of Calvary United Church of Christ, 2501 Hartland Avenue. The meeting was called to order at 7:00 P. M. with Donna McFarland, Robert Fitzgerald and Phillip Burke present. The meeting opened with the Pledge of Allegiance.

The minutes of the August 19, 2004 meeting were read. A motion was made and seconded to approve these minutes as presented. This motion carried.

After Donna McFarland's explanation of the bills, a motion was made and seconded to authorize payment of bills totaling \$27,114.24. The motion carried. A motion was made and seconded to pay Dale Schulz \$25.00 for the August 19th meeting that he missed. The motion carried.

Phillip Burke has received the Oakland Avenue driveway apron repair proposal from the City of St. John. This resulted from his and Dale's meeting with St. John Street Department people.

Dale Schulz arrived in time to give the Street Commissioner's report. Basically, his report will stand as presented.

A motion was made and seconded to accept the reports of the Chairman and Commissioners. The motion carried.

Terry Milam said he would have new figures for police services for the year beginning September First by the end of this week.

A motion was made and seconded to have the Oakland Avenue driveway apron repair discussion now. The motion carried. Problems at several driveways on Oakland were then discussed. A motion was made and seconded to accept the proposal of the City of St. John in the sum of \$2,648.00 for the repairs. Discussion followed. The motion carried. St. John Public Work Department will notify us 48 hours prior to the start of the project.

The agenda was amended to have tree stump removal and storage building taken up in the work session to follow this meeting.

Donna McFarland reported that the Oakland Avenue Storm Water Improvement Project was completed \$3,558.74 below budget.

Bill Number 411, "An Ordinance repealing Ordinance Number 377 of the Village of Sycamore Hills and enacting in lieu thereof an ordinance regulating the parking, storing and use of trailers within the Village of Sycamore Hills, providing definitions and containing a penalty provision for the violation thereof" was introduced and read in full. A motion was made and seconded to enact Bill Number 411 as Ordinance Number 403. The vote on the said motion was as follows:

Robert Fitzgerald Aye Donna

McFarland Aye Dale Schulz Aye Phillip Burke Aye Jeffrey Weaver was absent
Thereupon Bill Number 411 was declared to be duly enacted as Ordinance Number 403 of the Village of Sycamore Hills.

A storage shed for street department property was then discussed. More discussion will take place in the work session.

Consideration was then given to the purchase of a new air conditioner for the village office. Phillip Burke has been looking what is available After a discussion, a motion was made and seconded authorizing Messrs. Fitzgerald and Burke to purchase a new air conditioner for the village office at a cost not to exceed \$200.00. The motion carried.

The purchase of a new computer for the village office was then discussed. Jeffrey Weaver prepared two quotes:

	\$1,400.00	Microsoft Office 3 (2003)
	\$1,825.00	Has copier printer, scanner features.

Additional discussion and research will be needed.

Changing the location of the "No parking here to corner" sign to one farther north on the west side of Northland near Midland was discussed. Mr. Fitzgerald will research the situation.

Painting no parking zones at corners was discussed. Phillip Burke will consult with the St. John Public Works Department and ask for recommendations.

Phillip Burke explained the Forest Releaf tree planting program for the public places in the village. Discussion followed. Several tree varieties were mentioned. A motion was made and seconded to spend not more than \$100.00 for trees. The motion was seconded and it carried. Tree selection will occur during the work session.

Dale Schulz would like a closed meeting to discuss matters covered by the sunshine law. Mr. James L. Durham, the village attorney, will be consulted.

The motion for adjournment was made and seconded; this motion carried. Adjournment took place at 8:20 P. M.

Fred Batcher,
Village Clerk

October 21, 2004
Regular Meeting

The regular monthly meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Village of Sycamore Hills, St. . Louis County, Missouri, was held Thursday evening, October 21, 2004 in the Educational Building of Calvary United Church of Christ, 2501 Hartland Avenue. The meeting was called to order at 7:02 P. M. with trustees Jeffrey Weaver, Robert Fitzgerald, Donna McFarland, Dale Schulz and Phillip Burke present and opened with the Pledge of Allegiance.

A motion was made and seconded to approve the minutes of the September 16, 2004 meeting as presented. The motion carried.

After hearing Donna McFarland's explanation of a few of the bills, a motion was made and seconded to approve bills for payment totaling \$13,663.69. The emotion carried.

A motion was made and seconded to accept the commissioners' reports. The motion carried.

Captain Morris of the St. John Police Department offered to write an article for "The Sycamore Leaf" urging residents not to leave their unattended vehicles warm up. Many car thefts have taken place as a result of this practice. The Citizens Police Academy is being offered starting tonight.

The storage building was then discussed. The cost of one such structure was \$1,276 plus paint and footing or base. Location, storage of combustibles, liability etc. A motion was made and seconded setting a maximum cost for this project at \$1,800.00. The motion carried..

Improvements on Oakland made by the City of St. John was discussed briefly. Payment for same was included in tonight's bills.

The survey to establish our corporate limits at the alley, across Walton Road, across the City of Charlack park and Highway I-170 and back to the corner of Lackland and Walton. P. H. Weis & Associates, Inc. has given us an estimate of \$4,300.00. We may consider doing this project over a period of perhaps four years. After additional discussion, it was decided that Phillip Burke will direct our several questions to Tom Weis.

It was reported that the City of St. John contracts for curb painting. Although state statute specifies no parking within 30 feet of stop signs we can use a different measurement. It was decided to delay this project until spring.

The purchase of a new computer was discussed. After a discussion, a motion was made and seconded to transfer \$1,500.00 from leaf pickup to office equipment. This will allow funds for the new computer and the new air conditioner for the village office. The revised budget will have \$2,600.00 for office equipment and \$2,000.00 in leaf pick up category. The motion carried.. A motion was made and seconded to earmark \$2,000.00 of the \$2,600.00 for the new computer. The motion carried.

The cost of snow removal was discussed in view of the quotation from the City of St. John. The only change might be an additional charge of \$2.50 per ton for salt due to shipping charges. A motion was made and seconded to us the services of the City of St. John for snow removal for the winter of 2004-2005. The motion carried.

The City of St. John has advised that the cost of police services for the year September 1, 2004 through August 31, 2005 will increase by 5%. The monthly charge will be \$2,562.32 up from \$2,440.30. A motion was made and seconded to approve the new monthly charge of \$2,562.32 for police services effective September 1, 2004. The motion carried.

A motion was made and seconded to pay Jeffrey Weaver \$25.00 for the September meeting that he missed. The motion carried.

The motion to adjourn was made and seconded. The motion carried with adjournment at 8:00 P.M.

Fred Batcher,
Village Clerk

October 21, 2004
Work Session

The work session followed the regular monthly meeting of the Board of Trustees. Those present were Jeffrey Weaver, Robert Fitzgerald, Donna McFarland, Dale Schulz and Phillip Burke.

The specifications and price of the new computer were determined. The Board of Trustees agreed to the purchase of a Dell computer/scanner for \$1,339.00.

Adjournment was at 8:32 P. M.

Fred Batchter,
Village Clerk

November 18, 2004
Regular Meeting

The regular monthly meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Village of Sycamore Hills, St. Louis County, Missouri was held Thursday evening, November 18, 2004 in the Educational Building of Calvary United Church of Christ, 2501 Hartland Avenue. The meeting was called to order at 7:00 P. M. and opened with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Those present were Jeffrey Weaver, Robert Fitzgerald, Donna McFarland and Phillip Burke. Dale Schulz was absent.

The minutes of the October 21, 2004 meeting were approved as presented upon a motion made and seconded; the motion carried.

The minutes of the October 21, 2004 work session were read and approved as presented upon a motion made and seconded; the motion carried.

A motion was made and seconded to accept the reports of the Chairman and commissioners. The motion carried.

After hearing Donna McFarland's explanation of some of the bills, a motion was made and seconded to approve payment of bills totaling \$10,111.48. The motion carried.

Lois Killian, the new owner of 2483 Northland Avenue, made inquiry about ordinances, law enforcement, problem resolution and related matters.

Officer Donaldson represented the City of St. John Police Department. A short discussion followed.

Phillip Burke stated there is nothing new concerning the boundary survey. This item will be on the December 16 meeting agenda.

Robert Fitzgerald informed us of his findings concerning portable canopies used instead of a garage. More on this subject in our December meeting.

Donna McFarland discussed the Sewer Lateral Account and how we might want to make an annual report to coincide with our fiscal year. James L. Durham will draft an ordinance on this subject.

Village records were discussed.

The agenda was amended to include the introduction and action on Bill Number 412 relating to parking on Northland Avenue.

Bill Number 412, "An ordinance amending section 5.1.5 of Ordinance Number 387 of the Village of Sycamore Hills, relating to parking on Northland Avenue," was introduced and read in full. A motion was made and seconded to enact Bill Number 412 as Ordinance Number 404. The vote on the said motion was as follows: Jeffrey Weaver Aye

Robert Fitzgerald Aye; Donna McFarland Aye; Phillip Burke Aye.

Thereupon Bill Number 412 was declared to be duly enacted as Ordinance Number 404 of the Village of Sycamore Hills.

The motion for adjournment was made and seconded. The motion carried with adjournment at 7:52 P. M.

Fred Batcher,
Village Clerk

November 18, 2004
Work Session

The work session followed the regular monthly board of trustees meeting. Those present were Robert Fitzgerald, Jeffrey Weaver, Donna McFarland and Phillip Burke.

The proposed storage building was discussed at length. It was determined that the structure should be 6 feet by 12 feet. The base upon which it is to be placed was also discussed.

The purchase of a scanner was also discussed.

Adjournment followed at 8:20 P. M.

Fred Batcher
Village Clerk

December 16,2004
Regular Meeting

The regular monthly meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Village of Sycamore Hills, St. Louis County, Missouri was held Thursday evening, December 16, 2004 in the Educational Building of Calvary United Church of Christ, 2501 Hartland Avenue. The meeting was called to order at 7:02 P. M. and opened with the Pledge of Allegiance. Those present were Robert Fitzgerald, Donna McFarland, Dale Schulz and Phillip Burke. Jeffrey Weaver was absent.

The minutes of the November 18, 2004 meeting of the Board of Trustees were read. A motion was made and seconded to approve the minutes as presented. The motion carried.

Treasurer-Collector Donna McFarland explained some of the bills to be paid. A motion was made and seconded to approve bills for payment totaling \$14,261.55. The motion carried.

Phillip Burke reported that one of the new trees has been planted in the wedge on the east side of Walton Road. He plans to plant the dogwood on the Northland Avenue triangle.

Building Commissioner Dale Schulz reported issuing occupancy permits for 2497 Ashland (Turner); 2455 Northland (Bonner) and 8615 Graceland (Saylor/Vazquez). He responded to questions about a possible building on the lot at the southeast corner of Graceland and Northland and Robert Nagle, 2468 Oakland, made inquiry about a new garage.

A motion was made and seconded to accept the oral and written reports of the commissioners and chairperson. The motion carried.

A motion was made and seconded to amend the agenda to place "discussion of Ashland Avenue sewer lateral problem" to be included in discussion from the floor. The audience consisted of Richard Fetsch of Sutter Plumbing Company who reviewed his company's findings involving a sewer problem at the rear of the home at 2460 Ashland and how it could possibly be linked to the homes at 2456, 2464 and 2468. A lengthy enlightening discussion followed. The conclusion was that a solution must be achieved quickly because of the health factor. A plan for action was determined.

There was nothing to report on the boundary survey.

Discussions concerning garage structures, the storage shed, and the updating of village records will occur at the next meeting.

The status of business license applications and fire department inspections of various businesses

were reviewed. A discussion followed. A motion was made and seconded to issue business licenses for calendar year 2005 to Len's Auto Repair, TD's Delivery Service, Hollyhocks Flowers and Gifts, Happy Time Ice Cream Truck and Schwan Home Service, Inc. The motion carried. A motion was made and seconded to issue temporary business licenses valid through January 31, 2005 to Creve Coeur Plumbing, Inc., R & R Auto, Bearden Violin Shop, Inc., and Critter Control of St. Louis who are awaiting fire inspections. The motion carried.

Phillip Burke noted that our contract with Waste Management of St. Louis will expire this fall. Since fees are expected to take a big increase, it was suggested that a committee explore various options to get a better price for the services.

The sewer lateral repair program was discussed.

The motion for adjournment was made and seconded. The motion carried with adjournment at 8:04 P. M.

Fred Batcher,
Village Clerk