

Trustee Brandt noted that he has two items of new business. The first item was a request on behalf of Trustee Wood and himself to add an agenda item to the 02/02/06 Regular Board Meeting. He explained that, in consideration of any kind of smoking regulation in Woodridge, it would be beneficial for the Board to be educated on the dangers of smoking to public health. He noted that he has invited Jessica Gerdes from the DuPage County Health Department to make a presentation. He explained that he thinks this health information will provide a convincing argument on the dangers of second hand smoke. He stated that this will help the Board to feel comfortable regulating smoking in the same manner that they would regulate other public health concerns. He asked that this presentation be added to the Regular Board Meeting agenda for 02/02/06.

Mayor Murphy explained that he received the request dated 12/06/05 from Trustee Brandt and a subsequent e-mail dated 12/08/05. He noted that there will be correspondence going out in the Administrator's Memorandum the following day regarding this request. Mayor Murphy shared that his response to this request was not in the affirmative regarding adding that agenda item to the 02/02/06 Board Agenda. Mayor Murphy also noted that Trustee Brandt made a request on 12/06/05 to make arrangements to have a presentation from the DuPage County Health Department added to the 02/02/06 agenda. He noted that on 12/08/05 he received correspondence from Trustee Brandt that the arrangements had been made. Mayor Murphy explained that these arrangements were made without awaiting his viewpoint. He also reiterated from his correspondence with Trustee Brandt on this matter that, during the Goal Setting session, the Board came to the conclusion that, at this particular time, the Board was not going to pursue a smoking ban in the Village of Woodridge. He asked Trustee Brandt to respect the consensus of the Board in terms of this matter.

Mayor Murphy went on to explain that this issue was discussed at the DuPage Mayors and Managers conference with varying views. He noted that he has had subsequent conversations with Mark Baloga and one scheduled with Brien Sheahan, the County Board Member, regarding pursuing a smoking ban on a regional basis. Mayor Murphy also explained that this is not an issue of the Village Board not being informed of the dangers of smoking. He noted that the Board is intelligent enough to know the dangers and have had opportunity to read correspondence, much of which is from Trustee Brandt, on the dangers of smoking. Mayor Murphy stated that he does not see the need to place this presentation on the agenda.

Trustee Brandt noted that, if it is a given that second hand smoke causes cancer and disease in bartenders, waiters, waitresses, patrons and children with asthma, then there is no need to pile on additional evidence. He inquired if everyone on the Board understands and agrees to that. He said that he is comfortable postponing the presentation scheduled for 02/02/06. He noted that if there are any questions regarding the dangers of smoking, he has always found that hearing from a health care expert can add a certain level of credibility to those dangers and make the Board feel more comfortable in regulating smoking, rather than waiting for someone like the County to do so. He noted that he will accept not putting the item on the agenda for now, but may make an additional request at a later date.