

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR BOARD MEETING OF THE MAYOR AND
BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE VILLAGE OF WOODRIDGE, ILLINOIS,
HELD ON OCTOBER 19, 2006 AT THE VILLAGE HALL**



Geri Dominic, Woodridge, IL addressed the Board. She indicated that she has lived in Woodridge slightly longer than one (1) year. Ms. Dominic indicated that she has drainage problems in her yard. She also stated that she has water backing up in her yard from nearby ponds. She stated that

Chris Bethel, Acting Director of Public Works, has worked with her on this issue. She thanked Mr. Bethel for his help.

Ms. Dominic indicated that she and her neighbors have a Tollway issue that no one wants to take responsibility for. She explained that, in the paper, it was reported that Phil Modaff, former Director of Public Works, was contacted after the meeting and he informed the homeowners that, if there was going to be a sound wall, it will be their responsibility to fund it. She stated that homes were still closing without disclosure that the I-355 expansion was coming through Woodridge.

Ms. Dominic explained that she recently received the engineering study from Rocco Zuccherro, a Tollway representative, and the estimated 1.7 million dollar cost for the sound wall came in at 6.7 million dollars. She discussed that, in the study, the engineers are looking at pre-cast concrete for 3.9 million. She stated that the bottom line is that, somewhere in the planning of this subdivision, she and her neighbors were failed as residents. She stated that no one disclosed to them that this lane was coming through Woodridge. She stated that there was no disclosure that the sound wall was coming to the south side of I-55 and that that sound wall will increase their decibel from five (5) to eight (8).

Ms. Dominic expressed her concern regarding what is going to happen to her neighborhood and the property values of the homes there. She stated that she wants to know what else there is to do. She informed the Village that her neighborhood is forming an association and talking to lawyers.

Ms. Dominic noted that the lane is coming closer to her home and that she has water backing up into her yard. She expressed concern regarding the lack of help she is receiving on these issues. She explained that her tax bill shows that her property value increased, but that a house down the street sold for about \$75,000 to \$100,000 less than what the other homes are closing for in the area. She indicated that the Village's job is to help and protect the residents and that, in this instance, it is not. She noted that she feels that this governing body did not take responsibility. She expressed concern that she has a large portion of unusable land in her back yard. She stated that the purpose of her address to the Board this evening is to express that she feels that the Village failed her as a resident.

Mayor Murphy thanked Ms. Dominic for her comments and let her know that the Village received the same study and that it will be reviewed by staff and will be the subject of a workshop session at the next Board meeting on November 16, 2006.