

**VILLAGE OF FONTANA ON GENEVA LAKE
WALWORTH COUNTY, WISCONSIN**
(Official Minutes)

SPECIAL JOINT 2008 BUDGET WORKSHOP MEETING of the VILLAGE OF FONTANA
BOARD OF TRUSTEES with the FINANCE COMMITTEE

Monday, October 22, 2007

President Pollitt called the special joint session meeting of the Village Board and Finance Committee to order at 5:25 pm in the Village Hall, 175 Valley View Drive, Fontana, Wisconsin.

Trustees present: Roll call vote: O'Connell, Spadoni, President Pollitt, Petersen, Kenny, Youngquist, Turner

Finance Committee members present: Roll call vote: President Pollitt, Drew Gilchrist, Arlene Patek, Lou Loenneke, Rick McCue

Finance Committee member absent: Jim Feeney

Also present: Mary Kay Frazier, Village Administrator Kelly Hayden-Staggs, Rob Ireland, Fire Chief Jon Kemmett, Library Director Nancy Krei, Village Clerk Dennis Martin, CDA Executive Director Joseph McHugh, Genie Murphy, Sharon O'Brien, Police Chief Steve Olson, Village Treasurer Peg Pollitt, Andrew Westbrook, Director of Public Works Craig Workman

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President Pollitt stated that the state legislature has set the municipal levy limit increase at 2 percent this year, which is what the Finance Committee was planning for in the initial budget. Hayden-Staggs stated that she met with the Library Board President Genie Murphy and Library Director Nancy Krei and adjusted the proposed library budget to include funds to pay for 50 percent of the insurance benefits for a part-time employee who will work 32 hours a week. The Library Board initially proposed to add a third full-time employee to the library staff. Hayden-Staggs stated that 50 percent of the insurance premiums for a part-time employee will cost the Village about \$7,000 per year, and the library budget figure was adjusted to include the additional funds. Hayden-Staggs stated that as a budget comprise, the materials budget for the library was cut to \$32,300 and the funding to purchase new computers for public Internet access was eliminated. Hayden-Staggs stated that the new computers were eliminated from the library budget because the current keyboards and monitors are in good shape and in good working order. Hayden-Staggs stated that if necessary, additional memory or new hard drives can be purchased to upgrade the existing computers. Murphy stated that the Library Board also can plan a fund-raising event to generate funds to purchase new public use computers if necessary during the next year. Murphy stated that the computers used by the library employees were all upgraded last year. Petersen stated that he can't justify voting to approve an 18 to 20 percent increase in the salary expenses for the library if the library is not adding services. Turner stated that he agrees with Petersen, and if the salary expenses are escalating just to pay for benefits for an existing part-time employee, it does not seem appropriate. Petersen stated that a proposed budget based on one employee does not make sense to him, especially if there is no increase in services offered. Murphy stated that the library has had wonderful part-time employees in the past; however, because of new technology and increased training demands, it has become more difficult to keep good year-round part-time employees. Murphy stated by offering a 50 percent benefit package to one of the part-time employees currently on the staff, the library will not lose the employee to another job. President Pollitt stated that the Library Board does an excellent job managing the day-

to-day operations at the library and he likes what they did to bring their proposed budget down to the level being proposed. Following discussion, President Pollitt stated that he wanted to take a vote of the Village Board members to determine whether or not the proposed library budget should be adjusted. Turner stated that he would make a motion to accept the proposed library budget as presented if it is subject to an absolute guarantee that the part-time person who will be receiving 50 percent benefits does not work more than 32 hours a week, and with the condition that \$2,500 is added back to the budget for public use computers.

Turner/Spadoni 2nd made a MOTION to accept the proposed library budget for 2008 as presented, with the conditions that the part-time employee who will be receiving 50 percent benefit payments does not work more than 32 hours per week and that \$2,500 be added back into the budget for public use computers. The MOTION carried on a 6-1 vote, with Petersen opposed.

Hayden-Staggs stated that the preliminary budget also was adjusted following the closed session held prior to the meeting to cut the salary and benefit line items in the Police Department budget back to a 3 percent increase, or a total of \$406,611. With the adjustments, total expenses called for in the preliminary budget are \$4,561,159, and the proposed tax levy totals \$2,543,524. The proposed tax levy is a 2 percent increase over last year's levy. Hayden-Staggs stated that because of the final budget adjustments, the proceeds from borrowing will have to be increased to a total of \$170,057. The preliminary budget and tax levy will generate a mill rate that is up 1.4 percent from last year. Last year the mill rate was \$2.73 TID out, and this year it is proposed to be \$2.77 TID out. The public hearing for the 2008 budget will be held Monday, November 19, 2007, beginning at 5:00 pm.

Turner/Petersen 2nd made a MOTION to approve the preliminary budget as presented for publication, with the adjustments directed that night, and the Roll Call vote followed:

Spadoni – Yes

Pollitt – Yes

Petersen – Yes

Kenny – Yes

Youngquist – Yes

Turner – Yes

O'Connell – Yes

The MOTION carried on a 7-0 vote.

Adjournment

Trustee Spadoni/Trustee Youngquist 2nd made a MOTION to adjourn the Village Board meeting at 5:58 pm, and the MOTION carried without negative vote.

Gilchrist/Loenneke 2nd made a MOTION to adjourn the Finance Committee meeting at 5:58 pm, and the MOTION carried without negative vote.

Minutes prepared by: Dennis L. Martin, Village Clerk

Note: These minutes are subject to further editing. Once approved by the Village Board and Finance Committee, the official minutes will be on file at the Village Hall.

APPROVED: 11/05/07