

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

SPECIAL MEETING of the VILLAGE BOARD OF TRUSTEES  
2008 MUNICIPAL BUDGET PUBLIC HEARING

**Monday, November 19, 2007**

President Pollitt called the special meeting of the Village Board to order at 5:00 pm at the Village Hall, 175 Valley View Drive, Fontana, Wisconsin.

**Trustees present:** Roll call vote: Petersen, O'Connell, Spadoni, President Pollitt

**Trustees absent:** Turner, Kenny, Youngquist

**Also present:** Village Administrator Kelly Hayden-Staggs, Library Director Nancy Krei, Finance Committee member Lou Loenneke, Village Clerk Dennis Martin, CDA Executive Director Joseph McHugh, Library Board President Genie Murphy, Treasurer Peg Pollitt

**General Business – President Pollitt**

**Approve Acceptance of Water Shed Signage from Geneva Lake Conservancy**

During the Visitors Comments portion of the October 1, 2007 Village Board meeting, Geneva Lake Conservancy Director Jim Celano presented to the Village three signs that delineate the watershed boundaries. The 2-by-3-foot signs state, "Geneva Lake Watershed." Celano stated that the GLC is requesting that the Village consider erecting the signs on Indian Hills Road, Willow Bend Road and Highway 67 between Cobalt Farms and Laser Electric. Petersen stated that that signs must be erected according to the Village ordinance and the signs should be limited to a total of three.

Spadoni/O'Connell 2<sup>nd</sup> made a MOTION to approve the acceptance of the three signs from the Geneva Lake Conservancy and to authorize the erection of the signs as proposed, and the MOTION carried without negative vote.

**Approve Gas Disconnect Fee for 182 Second Avenue**

Hayden-Staggs stated that in order for the Village to raze the residence, the gas company has to disconnect the service and cap off the line that also leads to the residence at 190 Second Avenue. The gas company charges a fee of \$543.19 for the service.

Spadoni/O'Connell 2<sup>nd</sup> made a MOTION to approve payment of the \$543.19 charge to the gas company to disconnect the gas line from the residence at 182 Second Avenue, and the MOTION carried without negative vote.

**2008 Increment – Accurate Appraisal**

President Pollitt stated that Accurate Appraisal did not submit a required report to the Wisconsin Department of Revenue on a timely basis. The filing error by Accurate Appraisal resulted in the Village not being able to generate approximately \$30,000 more in increment for next year. President Pollitt stated that following meetings with the Finance Committee, Assessor Jim Danielson has offered to give the Village credit on the 2008 contract to offset the approximate \$30,000 loss of the additional increment. President Pollitt stated that he Finance Committee voted to recommend approval of the settlement agreement with Accurate Appraisal as presented.

O'Connell/Petersen 2<sup>nd</sup> made a MOTION to approve the settlement agreement with Accurate Appraisal to offset the loss of approximately \$30,000 in increment with a credit to the Village for the 2008 assessment contract with Accurate Appraisal, LLC, and the MOTION carried without negative vote.

**Public Hearing – 2008 Village of Fontana Municipal Budget**

President Pollitt opened the public hearing at 5:07 pm. No comments were made before the public hearing was closed at 5:08 pm. Hayden-Staggs stated that the proposed budget and tax levy were amended from the published version after the state set its 2008 budget and established a 3.86 percent

levy limit increase rate. The Village Board initially approved for publication a budget that calls for a 2.0 percent increase in the total levy. Hayden-Staggs stated that the budget was slightly amended to reflect the contacts secured in the recent RFP process for village services, and the total amount for borrowing was reduced. The Village Board was in consensus that the total borrowing amount should be reduced if possible. Hayden-Staggs stated that the published budget called for a total levy of \$2,543,524, but it would go up to \$2,588,724 if the 3.86 levy limit increase rate is adopted. Hayden-Staggs stated that the difference in the mill rate (TID out) between the published budget and the proposed budget would be \$2.77 as published at the 2.0 percent levy increase rate, and \$2.82 as proposed with a 3.86 percent levy increase rate. The proposed 3.86 percent levy increase would result in a 3.2 percent mill rate increase over last year's mill rate for the Village of Fontana portion of the tax bill. President Pollitt stated that he supports the 3.86 percent levy increase rate because it will help reduce future debt service payments and save the Village interest payments in the long run. Hayden-Staggs stated that the Village portion of the tax bill will cost an estimated \$190 more this year compared to last year for a property valued at \$250,000. Spadoni stated that the Village officials should be sure to point out that the levy for the Village of Fontana portion of the tax bill will only be about \$6 more per \$100,000 of assessed value than last year's tax bill. Hayden-Staggs stated that the Village also will not have to borrow as much as initially required to fund the capital improvement projects. Hayden-Staggs stated that the published budget called for borrowing \$170,000 to fund road projects, and the budget proposed with the 3.86 percent levy increase calls for borrowing to be reduced to \$87,000. Petersen stated that another reason to set the tax levy at the maximum allowable 3.86 percent this year is because the Governor has indicated that next year's levy increase rate will be 2 percent. Petersen stated that the Village has to plan for the future when expenses will most certainly increase by a rate greater than 2 percent.

Petersen/O'Connell 2<sup>nd</sup> made a MOTION to approve the budget as presented with the 3.86 percent levy increase from last year, and the Roll Call vote followed:

Trustee O'Connell – Yes

Trustee Spadoni – Yes

President Pollitt – Yes

Trustee Petersen – Yes

The MOTION carried on a 4-0 vote.

#### **Resolution 11-19-07-01, Resolution by the Village of Fontana Adopting the Tax Rate for 2007 and Collected in 2008**

Hayden-Staggs stated that the proposed Resolution establishes the mill rate for the Village of Fontana portion of the tax bill, TID out.

Spadoni/O'Connell 2<sup>nd</sup> made a MOTION to approve Resolution 11-19-07-01 as presented, and the MOTION carried without negative vote.

#### **Resolution No. 11-19-07-02, Resolution by the Village of Fontana Recognizing the 2007 Tax Levies**

Hayden-Staggs stated that the proposed Resolution recognizes the all of the taxing jurisdictions and their respective 2007 tax levies, TID in. President Pollitt stated that the Village of Fontana portion of the total tax levy is only 18.2 percent.

Spadoni/Petersen 2<sup>nd</sup> made a MOTION to approve Resolution 11-19-07-02 as presented, and the Roll Call vote followed:

Trustee Spadoni – Yes

President Pollitt – Yes

Trustee Petersen – Yes

Trustee O'Connell – Yes

The MOTION carried on a 4-0 vote.

#### **Ordinance No. 11-19-07-01, An Ordinance to Adopt the 2008 Village of Fontana Municipal Budget and Tax Levy, and to appropriate the Necessary Funds for the Governmental and Administrative Operations of the Village of Fontana on Geneva Lake for the 2008 Fiscal Year**

Hayden-Staggs stated that the proposed Ordinance establishes the 2008 Village budget and tax levy.

Spadoni/O'Connell 2<sup>nd</sup> made a MOTION to approve Ordinance 11-19-07-01 as presented, and the Roll Call vote followed:

President Pollitt – Yes

Trustee Petersen – Yes

Trustee O’Connell – Yes

Trustee Spadoni – Yes

The MOTION carried on a 4-0 vote.

**Adjournment**

Spadoni/O’Connell 2<sup>nd</sup> made a MOTION to adjourn at 5:22 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 the official minutes will be on file at the Village Hall.

APPROVED: 12/3/07