

VILLAGE OF FONTANA-ON-GENEVA LAKE
WALWORTH COUNTY, WISCONSIN

(Official Minutes)

SPECIAL VILLAGE BOARD MEETING

with Finance Committee
2005 Budget Workshop #1

Monday, October 11, 2004

President Whowell called the Special Joint Budget Workshop Meeting of the Village Board and Finance Committee to order at 6:00 pm on Monday, October 11, 2004 in the Village Hall, 175 Valley View Drive, Fontana, Wisconsin.

Roll Call

Village Board Members Present: Susan Geye, Micki O'Connell, Arvid Petersen, Ron Pollitt, Bill Turner, Tom Whowell

Village Board Member Absent: John Bromfield

Finance Committee Members Present: Jim Feeney, Lou Loenneke, Rick McCue, Arlene Patek

Finance Committee Member Absent: Fran Hill

Also Present: Fontana Police Dept. Officers Brad Buchholz and Mark Chalchoff, Keith Graunke, Village Administrator Kelly Hayden-Staggs, Annie Isham, Sarah Lobdell, Village Clerk Dennis Martin, Fontana Police Dept. Administrative Assistant Gail Nichols, Police Chief Steve Olson, Village Treasurer Peg Pollitt, Rick Treptow, Public Works Director Craig Workman

Announcements

President Whowell announced that the general goal for the evening was to stop at 7:45 pm. Administrator Hayden-Staggs prepared and distributed a draft of the budget [on file].

Park Commission Budget

Geye and members of the Park Commission opened the workshop with a PowerPoint presentation on the Duck Pond Pavilion Expansion plan, funds for which are included in the Park Commission's 2005 budget proposal. The presentation included a history of the Duck Pond area park development, current and future use information, and a proposal to budget \$140,000 for the expansion of the Pavilion. Village Board members indicated they were in favor of budgeting for the Pavilion expansion; however, it will be determined by the CDA if the project will be included in its TID budget as the Duck Pond area and Hildebrand Conservancy recently was added to the TID Boundary and Project Plan. Trustee Pollitt also suggested the Park Commission explore possible private donations to fund the Pavilion addition. The Village Board members indicated they favored the Park Commission's proposed budget with one amendment; \$2,500 will be reduced from a line item for Demonstration Beds at the Fontana Fen.

Police Department Budget

Chief Olson presented the proposed budgets for the Fontana Police Department and the Village's portion of the Geneva Lake Law Enforcement Agency's annual budget. The Police Department's proposed budget includes the purchase of computer modems that will enable officers to communicate with the Walworth County Dispatch Center, a new Repeater and the associated FCC license fee to upgrade the department's portable communicators, and a two-year lease for a new squad car. It was explained that the Village's portion of the GLLEA budget is proposed to increase from \$40,100 to \$48,873 because the GLLEA Board of Directors is recommending the purchase of two new patrol boats and motors. Whowell stated 65 percent of the cost for the new boats will be reimbursable over a five-year period with Wisconsin DNR grant funds. There were no concerns stated with regard to the Police Department budget, with the exception that Olson will provide estimated sale figures for an automobile the Police Department confiscated from a person convicted on felony drug charges. Whowell stated he will check to see how the other three Geneva Lake municipalities respond to the GLLEA's proposal for two new patrol boats and motors.

Public Works Department Budget

Workman presented the proposed budget for the Public Works Department, which includes one-quarter of the cost for a \$32,000 centralized telephone system to serve all the Village of Fontana departments. Also included in the Public Works proposal is \$25,000 for engineering plans to address the stormwater problem in the eastern portion of the Village. Workman said the funds would cover the planning stage of the project. Workman stated that construction funding options could be explored once the Village has a plan to present to property owners. The proposed budget also includes the purchase of an auger for the Bobcat, a new dump truck and a new chipper. Workman stated he will present figures at the second 2005 Budget Workshop with regard to revenue the Village would receive if it sells two of its old trucks, which would be replaced by the new dump truck, and if it sells the old chipper.

Turner stated he will not be able to attend the second Budget Workshop scheduled for Monday, October 18, 2004, beginning at 6 pm, but he will present a written statement with regard to his goals for the 2005 budget. Turner and other Village Board members stated the administration and Finance Committee did a good job preparing the initial budget.

Adjournment

Trustee Petersen/Trustee O'Connell 2nd made a MOTION to adjourn at 7:58 pm, and the MOTION carried without negative vote.

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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.

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