

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

(Official Minutes)

SPECIAL VILLAGE BOARD MEETING

with Finance Committee
2005 Budget Workshop #2

Monday, October 18, 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 18, 2004 in the Village Hall, 175 Valley View Drive, Fontana, Wisconsin.

Roll Call

Village Board Members Present: John Bromfield, Susan Geye, Micki O'Connell, Arvid Petersen, Ron Pollitt, President Tom Whowell

Village Board Member Absent: Bill Turner

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

Finance Committee Member Absent: Fran Hill

Also Present: Village Administrator Kelly Hayden-Staggs, Fontana Fire Department Chief Jon Kemmett, Librarian Nancy Krei, Village Clerk Dennis Martin, Genie Murphy, Klaus Nitsch, Wolfgang Nitsch, Sharon O'Brien, Fontana Police Chief Steve Olson, Village Treasurer Peg Pollitt, John Ryan, Rescue Squad Chief Tom Westphal, Public Works Director Craig Workman

Announcements

President Whowell announced that the general goal for the evening was to finish the budget preparations and avoid having to schedule another special workshop meeting.

Fire Department and Rescue Squad Budgets

Kemmett presented the proposed budget for the Fire Department, which included a request to purchase an in-house washing machine to wash turnout gear. The gear must be washed a minimum of two times a year according to state guidelines, and after major fire calls or when it is exposed to blood-borne pathogens. The department currently has to make arrangements to transport the gear to Williams Bay to use its washing machine. The Village Board directed Hayden-Staggs to work with the Fire Department administration to prepare a more accurate budget with regard to actual 2004 expenses and projected 2005 expenses. Westphal presented the Rescue Squad budget, which was the same as last year's budget.

Insect Control Budget

Workman introduced Ryan, of Clarke Mosquito Control, Roselle, Ill. Workman stated the Village currently spends \$14,000 for chemicals and Department of Public Works employees drive the sprayer

around the village to dispense the insecticide. If the Village is going to continue handling the spraying duties, a new sprayer will have to be purchased for about \$12,000. If the Village wants to avoid paying its employees over-time wages for spraying the mosquito insecticide, it could contract with Clarke; however, purchasing the new sprayer and training its own employees to do the actual spraying will save the Village money after the first year. The Village Board decided to budget \$14,300 for supplies and \$12,000 to purchase a new sprayer.

Library Budget

Krei and Murphy presented the Library budget, which proposed an overall increase of 2 percent. Because of an increase in circulation, the Library will receive about \$9,000 more in state aid than it received last year. Offsetting the increased revenue is an increase in the fees charged by the Lakeshore Library System consortium. The Village Board approved the Library budget as presented.

Overall Budget

Hayden-Staggs stated the Finance Committee and Village Board should determine what level of increase they want to propose for the 2005 budget, and it was the consensus that it should be no more than 2 percent. Last year's Mill Rate was \$3.71 per \$1,000 of equalized valuation, and the 2005 Mill Rate was at \$3.8 per \$1,000. It was decided to move \$101,000 the Village will have to pay the Abbey Resort for a cost-recovery refund from the 2005 budget to the 2004 budget because the expense is a certainty at this time.

Trustee Petersen/Trustee O'Connell 2nd made a MOTION to approve the proposed budget for publication with the condition the Mill Rate does not exceed a 2 percent increase from 2004, and the MOTION carried without negative vote.

Adjournment

Trustee Bromfield/Trustee Pollitt 2nd made a MOTION to adjourn at 9:07 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.

APPROVED: 11-01-04