

MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL WORKSHOP MEETING
OF THE PRESIDENT AND BOARD OF TRUSTEES
VILLAGE OF WHEELING
BOARD ROOM - 2 COMMUNITY BOULEVARD
COOK and LAKE COUNTIES, WHEELING, IL
SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 3, 2018

1. Call to Order

President Horcher called the meeting to order at 8:30 a.m.

2. Pledge of Allegiance led by President Horcher

3. Roll Call

Village Clerk Elaine E. Simpson called the roll and the following Board members were present.

Pat Horcher, Ken Brady, Mary Krueger, Ray Lang, Mary Papantos, Joe Vito, Dave Vogel

4. Citizen Concerns and Comments - None

5. New Business - All Listed Items for Discussion and Possible Action

DISCUSSION RE: FY 2019 Proposed Budget

Village Manager Jon Sfondilis thanked staff for preparing the third consecutive balanced budget, thanked the Board for their leadership and opportunity to serve our businesses and citizens of the community.

Manager Sfondilis noted that the theme for the day is looking at the long game - preparing for 5-10 years out so we provide appropriate service for the citizens and businesses for years to come. Manager Sfondilis stated that there are many factors that go into budget predictions - both good and bad, that can be influenced by outside forces, usually the state, such as unfunded mandates against us. This year we have a surplus which is detailed in the budget memo noting that the state made a number of changes this year that positively affected us; however, the closing of Sam's Club negatively affected us.

Manager Sfondilis summarized the order of business for this meeting beginning with answering questions from the Board about the Operating Budget. Finance Director Michael Mondschain will highlight the FY 2019 budget, and expanded level sheets will be reviewed at the end of the meeting.

Finance Director Michael Mondschain answered questions from the Board related to items in the Operating Budget. Trustee Papantos asked if we can work on obtaining more taxes for cell phone use as land lines continue to be removed therefore reducing our tax. Director Mondschain agreed this is something to look into.

Director Mondschain thanked the Board, Village Manager, Department Heads and staff for participating in this process; Director Mondschain thanked his staff for their work compiling the budget.

Director Mondschain reviewed key topics of his presentation and stated that the tax levy will need to be increased when the Crossroads TIF expires at the end of 2019 so the Village can capture the new growth. He clarified that statement by noting that the Village will need to increase the tax levy incrementally to pay for expected increases in the Village's operating costs, while, at the same time, increasing the levy to capture the new growth related to the expiring TIF District. Director Mondschain noted, however, that taxing the new growth will have no impact on the Village's taxpayers.

New sources of revenue were proposed such as health inspection fees for high, medium and low risk establishments, and an amusement tax on movie theaters.

BREAK

President Horcher asked for a Motion to recess for a break.

Motion by Ken Brady, second by Mary Papantos.

Motion carried by Voice Vote, the meeting recessed at 10:10 a.m.

[RECONVENE INTO OPEN SESSION]

President Horcher asked for a Motion to reconvene into open session.

Motion by Mary Krueger, second by Mary Papantos.

Motion carried by Voice Vote, the meeting reconvened at 10:27 a.m.

Director Mondschain announced that we continue to have very strong bond ratings (AA and AA+) and noted that we have not issued any new tax levy related debt in the last 9 years. Director Mondschain reviewed the future of TIF's and answered questions from the Board; discussion continued on this topic.

Director Mondschain spoke about pension funding and tax rates and answered questions from the Board.

PROPERTY TAX

President Horcher asked for Board Consensus for a tax levy increase of 3.5%.

Final Resolution: Consensus Approved

Yes: Pat Horcher, Ken Brady, Mary Krueger, Ray Lang, Mary Papantos, Joe Vito, Dave Vogel

AMUSEMENT TAX

President Horcher asked for Board Consensus to direct Staff to research entertainment taxes in surrounding communities.

Final Resolution: Consensus Approved

Yes: Pat Horcher, Mary Krueger, Mary Papantos, Joe Vito, Dave Vogel

No: Ken Brady, Ray Lang

HEALTH INSPECTION FEE

President Horcher asked for Board Consensus to direct Staff to research health inspection fees (related to categories of risk) in surrounding communities.

Final Resolution: Consensus Approved

Yes: Pat Horcher, Mary Krueger, Ray Lang, Mary Papantos, Joe Vito, Dave Vogel

No: Ken Brady

EXPANDED LEVEL SHEETS (approved by VM)

\$50,000.00 for Wheeling's 125th Anniversary Commemoration Activities

Manager Sfondilis introduced the item and answered questions from the Board.

Seeing that there were no objections to this item, Board Consensus was approved.

\$18,000.00 for Restaurant Row Branding and Streetscape Plan - Riverwalk

Manager Sfondilis introduced the item and answered questions from the Board.

President Horcher asked for Board Consensus to approve the expanded level request for this item.

There being 7 affirmatives, a Consensus was approved.

\$4,410.00 for 911 Screen Recorder

Police Chief James Dunne described the item; 911 Manager Rocella Rodgers answered questions from the Board.

President Horcher asked for Board Consensus to approve the expanded level request for this item.

There being 7 affirmatives, a Consensus was approved.

\$80,542.00 for Additional Part-Time Fire Inspectors (2).

Manager Sfondilis stated he approved one of the two positions requested, reducing the request to a budget amount of \$40,271.00.

Deputy Fire Chief Michael McGreal reviewed the request and answered a question from the Board.

A Consensus of the Board for approval of the expanded level sheet for two (2) Part-Time Fire Inspectors failed.

There being 6 affirmatives and 1 negative vote, a Consensus was approved for one (1) Part-Time Fire Inspector for the modified budget amount of \$40,271.00.

EXPANDED LEVEL SHEETS (NOT approved by VM)

\$14,500.00 for Village Marketing Community Intro Video

Manager Sfondilis and Director Melaniphy reviewed the request and answered questions from the Board.

A Consensus of the Board for approval of the expanded level sheet for this item failed.

\$20,000.00 for Village Marketing Social Media and Blog Outreach

Manager Sfondilis and Director Melaniphy reviewed the request and answered questions from the Board.

A Consensus of the Board for approval of the expanded level sheet for this item failed.

\$20,000.00 for Village Marketing Xfinity TV Advertising

Manager Sfondilis and Director Melaniphy reviewed the request and answered questions from the Board.

A Consensus of the Board for approval of the expanded level sheet for this item failed.

6. Official Communications - None

7. Executive Session - None

8. Adjournment

President Horcher asked for a Motion to adjourn.

Motion by Joe Vito, second by Mary Papantos.

Final Resolution: Motion Approved

Motion carried by Voice Vote, all ayes, the meeting adjourned at 12:21 p.m.

Elaine E. Simpson, Village Clerk

Approved this 19th day of November, 2018 by the President and Board of Trustees