

President Bartels calls to order the Committee of the Whole meeting of the Village Board at 7:00 pm.

ROLL CALL:

Trustees VanOstenbridge, Gorman, Carlini, Scarpelli and President Bartels.

Trustees Ruffulo and O'Leary are not in attendance.

Also in attendance are T.J. Moore, Trish Terrill, Sue Behrens, Nick Cinquegrani, Joe Heinz and Chief Mee.

CONSIDERATIONS:

1) 2007/2008 Budget

Ms. Behrens presents the 2007/2008 budget for the board's consideration. Next Monday is the Public Hearing followed by the board meeting. The board meeting agenda will include the budget for approval. This year's budget is approximately \$7.3 million compared to \$13.8 million last year. A large part of the difference is from the wastewater treatment plant. She also adds that the general fund and water fund are in a balanced position.

The board directed staff to reduce operations by 5% because of potential loss in sales tax revenue. Ms. Behrens states that there is a 5.1% reduction in general fund, which is presented tonight. The water operations are 7% below last year and sewer operations are 2.3% below last year.

Mr. Moore also adds that \$75,000 has been set-aside for an Economic Development professional

There is some concern over legal fees and Mr. Moore states that staff is trying to do more work in house and will also work on negotiating a flat rate for the attorney's attendance at meetings. Mr. Moore answers in the affirmative to a question posed inquiring if it was the attorney's suggestion to freeze the salaries.

Ms. Behrens states that Economic Development and Vandewalle have been pushed to the TIF fund and next year there will be a clean cut to the TIF development fund.

She also adds that the Village will be spending \$200,000 less this year than last year. The debt services are \$334,000 plus \$24,000, which is our payment to capture fee. Trustee Scarpelli states that the \$350,000 number may be inclusive of the entire Village parcels and also suggests looking at detention bases.

Ms. Behrens summarizes by stating that the board and staff should set forth objectives for the departments. Attention should be paid to the new well and wastewater treatment plant as well as what is our responsibility in putting money aside for a major replacement. She states that the budget doesn't include any type of waste transfer revenue and is in the last three years of that plan. We are beginning to embark on well number 5 and the board should consider on how the community will fund that.

Motion to recommend the budget to the full board with one small change noting the difference in TIF funds and checking property values and TIF money by Gorman/Carlini.

Sue will leave this as is.

Motion withdrawn.

Motion to accept budget as is by Gorman/Carlini.

Roll: 7 Ayes (Ruffulo, VanOstenbridge, O'Leary, Gorman, Carlini, Scarpelli, President Bartels), 0 Nays, Motion carries.

2) Discussion Re: Well Development Engineering for Trotter and Associates

Mr. Trotter has requested payment in the amount of \$26,597.35 for worked performed as part of the water system engineering and completion of work. Some of the board members feel Mr. Trotter should be paid immediately while others would like to continue discussions regarding the charges.

Motion to recommend to the full Board to pay the Trotter bill due for completion of work in the amount of \$26,597.35 by VanOstenbridge/Carlini.

Roll: 3 Ayes (VanOstenbridge, Carlini, President Bartels), 1 Nay (Scarpelli), 1 Abstain (Gorman), Motion carries.

Mr. Moore asks if this item can be placed on the warrants list and the answer is yes.

Motion to move to Executive Session, closed to the public and media under the provisions of the Illinois Open Meetings Act, 5ILCS, 120/2, (2) (21), Discussion of Minutes, (C) (6), Pending Litigation, 2 (C) (1), Personnel and 2 (C) (5) Acquisition of Property by Carlini/Scarpelli at 8:55 pm.

Roll: 5 Ayes (VanOstenbridge, Gorman, Carlini, Scarpelli, President Bartels), 0 Nays, Motion carries.

Motion to reconvene regular session by Session by Scarpelli/Carlini.

Roll: 6 Ayes (VanOstenbridge, O'Leary, Gorman, Carlini, Scarpelli, President Bartels), 0 Nays, Motion carries.

Motion to ask the Village Administrator to discuss with Mr. Trotter the money put on the table and if there is some in-between number by Gorman/Scarpelli.

President Bartels states that the discussion on that subject concluded in the previous open session. Trustee Scarpelli states that he would be in favor of a negotiated number. It is also noted that Mr. Trotter left the meeting with the understanding that he would be paid. Trustee Gorman states that he is trying to avoid an issue when it goes on the warrants and feels that it is appropriate to have Mr. Moore check into a settlement.

Roll: 3 Ayes (O'Leary, Gorman, Scarpelli), 3 Nays (VanOstenbridge, Carlini, President Bartels), Motion carries.

Motion to adjourn the Committee of the Whole meeting by VanOstenbridge/Scarpelli 9:30 pm.

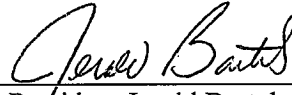
Roll: 6 Ayes (VanOstenbridge, O'Leary, Gorman, Carlini, Scarpelli, President Bartels), 0 Nays, Motion

~~carries~~ tied.

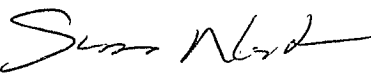
Respectfully Submitted,

Susan Norton

By: _____


President Jerald Bartels

Attest: _____



Village Clerk Susan Norton