

President Bartels called the meeting to order at 7:00pm.

Roll: Michael Ruffulo, Paul VanOstenbridge, Frank Scarpelli, Dan O'Leary, Robert Gorman and James Carlini.

Absent: None

Motion to appoint Jamie Bowden Clerk Pro Tem and Mike Ruffulo President Pro Tem by Scarpelli/Carlini.

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

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Motion to move the consent agenda after audience business by O'Leary/Gorman.

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

Correspondence:

None at this time.

Audience Business:

Special Olympics Check Presentation:

Chief Pena introduced Susie Doya and her father Dan. Susie thanked the Board for being here today. She stated how important Special Olympics are in her life and to the 20,000 others who participate. She gave a presentation of what the program entails and how it has made a difference in participants' lives.

Chief Pena explained that he has been involved with Special Olympics for the past 20 years of his career and has participated in the Torch Run. Of the 1.2 million dollars raised in 2005, \$28,300 came from East Dundee. At this time Chief Pena presented to Susie a check for \$1000, proceeds from the 2005 East Dundee Run.

Shop with a Cop Check Presentation

Trustee O'Leary discussed the breakfast that happened with this year's Dickens in Dundee, which was hosted by the Village Trustees and Staff. The proceeds from the breakfast, \$250, went to the Shop with a Cop Program. Kim McCollum presented the check to Officer Louie Klopper. Chief Pena also announced that the program first started out servicing 15 children and that this year 80 children were a part of the program.

Officer Klopper wanted to thank everyone that helped with the program and is looking forward to helping more children next year.

Mr. Henry Obartuch of the Community Funeral Home addressed the Board. Seven years ago he came into the Village to purchase a vehicle sticker and it turned out there had been a misprint. According to Mr. Obartuch things had gone wrong. A man from cross connections had come in to fix his water system. This man told him that it would have to be serviced by a licensed plumber and fixed. He passed around examples of pipes and water samples. According to Mr. Obartuch the Village used to be served by D'Angelo Spring Water and the current water is limed. According to Mr. Obartuch the work to his system would be expensive. Mr. Obartuch went to a Funeral Directors meeting and read the letter that the Village sent him. No one at the meeting had anything to say about the letter. Mr. Obartuch called the Funeral Director's Association and asked about his backflow issues. He had a notice posted about the issue in the IFDA newsletter. There were no replies. According to Mr. Obartuch he was the only one that is subject to legislation. Mr. Obartuch said he was a small business owner.

President Bartels informed Mr. Obartuch that normally audience members are only allowed five (5) minutes and that he had gone 20 and would need to finish.

Mr. Obartuch would like the legislation to be looked at by the Village and buried in a committee so that it is never seen again. Mr. Obartuch said he would not be doing anything until he heard from the Village.

President Bartels responded to Mr. Obartuch's speech. First, policy is not made by Administrator Bowden or Director of Public Works T. J. Moore, but is made by the Village Board. The Board made the policy for back flow and business registration. Secondly, the EPA does not allow the Village to use D'Angelo water as the water source for the Village and no one gets this now. The backflow prevention was recommended by the previous Director of Public Works because if there is a water main break, when they get down to the hole they find hot water. This water is being siphoned out of someone's residency. Contaminates are drawn into the public water supply and the policy was implemented a few years ago for public safety. There are other businesses in the Village that have had to comply. The Village is not trying to cite Mr. Obartuch with unnecessary work.

Trustee O'Leary asked if every resident with a water heater or a boiler must have a backflow retention device.

According to President Bartels research was done and those who were required to comply were asked and had done so.

According to Mr. Mike Eisenhower, BSI, an audience member, the likelihood of residential boilers having a problem is very slight as their capacity is not enough to affect the system. However, a lawn irrigation system would.

Trustee Carlini wanted to know if this law is really being followed. Mr. Eisenhower suggested that an Illinois plumbing association would know better than the funeral directors would. According to the audience member 98 percent of Illinois has complied with the cross connection measure.

President Bartels directed Administrator Bowden to add the issue to the Committee of the Whole meeting for the 9th. At this time more discussion can ensue about the issue.

Motion to put the item on the agenda for January 9th by Ruffulo/VanOstenbridge. A voice vote was unanimous. Motion carries.

William Foss, 29 Balmoral Dr.

Mr. Foss first wished everyone a Happy Holiday. Then Mr. Foss discussed the District 300 referendum that will raise taxes for property tax. Mr. Foss expressed his feeling that the residents do not receive anything for the tax increase. Mr. Foss expressed that he was disappointed that there were no committees or committee reports for District 300.

Consent Agenda

1. Minutes dated Tuesday, August 29, 2005
2. Minutes dated November 14, 2005
3. Minutes dated Monday, November 21, 2005
4. Warrants dated Monday, December 19, 2005

Minutes dated Tuesday, August 29, 2005

President Bartels stated that it had been a long time since the meeting and Patrick O'Conner did these minutes. President Bartels noted that there were some typos and that the tapes should be reviewed so that the minutes accurately state what happened at the meeting.

Attorney Hartigan offered to have the minutes transcribed and noted that they had been emailed over a month ago.

There was some discussion as to how expensive it would be to have the tapes transcribed and also if this is something staff should do or if a court reported were hired.

Trustee Gorman stated that the minutes were fine except that he refers to himself as I and that he paraphrases the ordinance that he refers to.

President Bartels expressed his concern that it had been awhile since the meeting and that he was unsure if he recalled everything that happened and wanted to make sure the tapes accurately reflected the meeting. President Bartels directed Administrator Bowden to have staff check the tapes.

Motion to table the minutes for the 8-29-05 meeting so that O'Leary/Gorman can review the tape.

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

Minutes dated November 14, 2005

Motion to approve the minutes dated Monday, November 14, 2005 by Ruffulo/O'Leary.

Roll: 4Ayes (Ruffulo, VanOstenbridge, O'Leary, and Carlini), 0 Nays, 2 Abstain (Scarpelli and Gorman). Motion carries.

Minutes dated Monday, November 21, 2005

Trustee Gorman mentioned that there was a long run on sentence at the end of page four. Trustee Gorman said that he could change it to make more sense. Trustee Gorman stated the changes, "Trustee Gorman says he struggles with the lack of process. He thinks the P&Z position should be used to open up the opportunity for participation for residents. The selection process in choosing the first two applications that apply is flawed. He prefers the approach to do it in the way that has been historically done in previous administrations, in which the board was involved with the selection process."

Trustee O'Leary recommended verifying that section of the tape because the board is not going to agree on it otherwise.

Administrator Bowden said that he would make an attempt to listen to the tape and correct it.

Trustee Gorman also wanted the section on JAWA to be very specific in that JAWA's conversation was very frank with the Village. Trustee Gorman would like to change it to, "the JAWA members" and then insert "where frankly informally advised that they would not recommend that East Dundee" and then the rest.

Trustee O'Leary said that the intent when he was speaking was that it was up to each municipality whether or not they were going to allow this to happen so this board that we met with had not authority to tell the Village no. The minutes should not reflect that the commission said no.

Trustee Gorman also wanted to change the next sentence, "Although this is not a final decision, the option would be costly and politically difficult to pursue given that all members of the community need to approve." And also add that "Trustee Gorman advised purchasing from Hoffman Estates allocation could still be viable."

Motion to table so that page five can be verified from the tapes by O'Leary/Gorman. A voice vote was unanimous. Motion carries.

Warrants dated Monday, December 19, 2005
Motion to approve the warrants dated Monday, December 19, 2005 by
Scarpelli/VanOstenbridge.

Trustee O'Leary made a recommendation that the dollar amounts be included in the approval of the warrants in the future.

Attorney Hartigan said that was not necessary based on past experience.

Trustee Carlini had a question on the gasoline. He wanted to know why there are two companies and why one is broken down by department and the other is not. He felt there was no consistency.

Chief Pena stated that the Village is using two different companies because previous Boards wanted to spread its business throughout the community. The Marathon bill is broken down to Department and Vehicle and less diesel fuel is used.

Trustee Scarpelli pointed out that it is broken down in the subcategory but not in the description.

Trustee Carlini asked that it be broken down in the description too to be consistent.

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

Trustee O'Leary mentioned the discussion on the charge cards from the last meeting and wanted to recommend that the Board get a list of who has charge cards and justification as to why exactly they need charge cards and maybe a recommendation that we go down to a single charge card for the Village. Trustee O'Leary stated that there was a total of \$500 that was paid for interest and late charges.

Motion that the Board get from the Village Administrator who has charge cards and why they specifically need them by O'Leary/Carlini.

Trustee Ruffulo stated that Department Heads should have a charge card and that it is convenient and gives a written record of what is spent. He does not think that the cards should be taken away and the accountability is there.

Trustee O'Leary was concerned that it was an administrative hassle and thought that he would like to know what the purpose was for the cards and if the charge was reimbursable.

Administrator Bowden said that all charges are to be valid Village expenses and not reimbursable.

Trustee Gorman stated that he had no problem in seeing who had cards and wanted to know what the process and policy was.

Motion withdrawn by O'Leary/Carlini.

Trustee O'Leary just wanted to see some policy for the charge cards.

Trustee Gorman wanted to know what the \$500 charge was for.

President Bartels informed the Board that the charge was for himself and Chief Pena to go to the airport for the trip to Washington where the Chief received his national award. The hotel was booked a month before the event and the room was booked by Chief Pena. All of the other charges were paid for by President Bartels. In respect to the charge, it was the President Bartels intent to pay for all the expenses. He stated that he was surprised that it had been an issue and why he was not called to ask about the issue.

Trustee Gorman, Trustee O'Leary, and President Bartels had discussion about the charges, what they are for, and the process of communication.

Motion that the Village pay for the expenditure and a policy for next years budget when any Board member or Village President attends or has the possibility of attending, that we make some allocation in the budget for their expenses by Scarpelli/O'Leary.

Trustee O'Leary asked that there be some publication to document the event.

Motion amended that prior to the event the request is made before the Board by Scarpelli/O'Leary.

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

Old Business

Resolution Approving Dept Agreement

Administrator Bowden had the signed copy of the lease.

Trustee Ruffulo said that there were minor changes and recommended approval.

Motion to approve 05-31 authorizing the execution of the license agreement between the Village of East Dundee and the Dundee Township Visitors Center for the property commonly known as the East Dundee Depot, East Dundee, IL by Ruffulo/VanOstenbridge.

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

New Business

Ordinance Levying Taxes for Corporate Purposes and Special Funds 2005/2006. President Bartels stated that there was no public comment for the public hearing held earlier in the evening.

Motion to approve Ordinance 05-32 and ordinance levying taxes for corporate purposes and special funds for the fiscal year commencing May 1st, 2005 and ending April 30th, 2006 for the Village of East Dundee, Illinois by Ruffulo/VanOstenbridge.

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

Six-Month Budget Review

Administrator Bowden wanted to give a snap shot of the budget and soon budgets from departments would be brought before the Board for approval.

Sue Behrens, the Village Financial Advisor presented on the six-month review. The purpose of the review was to see where the Village finances are and review the starting point for the beginning of the next fiscal year. This review is to show where the Village stands in it expenditures. Ms. Behrens presented the schedules and the fund balance. These pages were compiled from meetings with the department heads during here first days here in the Village. Ms. Behrens stated that there is no expectation for sales tax revenue to increase. State income tax and permits were higher. Telecommunication tax is running 15 percent less than last year. Over all, the general revenue funds seem to be up about \$30,000. On the expenditure side, it should come in about \$75,000 less than budgeted. Two fees that will be higher are the legal fees and the costs for the Economic Development Plan. The water fund should be close to projected amounts for revenue and under budget on expenditures by \$30,000. Sewer is expected to have \$2000 more in revenue and \$19,000 less in expenditures. Amusement tax revenues contribute to the operational deficit of \$49,000.

Trustee Carlini asked what the amusement tax was for and will be discussed in the workshop for the sewer expansion.

Ms. Behrens, stated that the village should brake even in the sewer fund. Home rule sales tax should be about \$22,000 more than budgeted. In fuel sales tax, there should be an increase of about \$25,000. Expenditures are down in capital improvement by \$362,000. The fund balance is expected to be 1.5 million, which is 45% of the 2005-2006 expenditures. The water fund will be increasing and the sewer fund will be decreasing due to the operational balance.

Trustee Scarpelli inquired about the Amusement Tax and how much sewer rates would need to increase if nothing is received from the tax.

Trustee Carlini asked some questions about revenue.

Trustee Gorman asked how the budget process works.

Administrator Bowden explained the process in brief.

Trustee Gorman asked if he could suggest another way to do the process including forming a budget committee and doing a bottom-up process.

Chief Pena suggested that Administrator Bowden prepare a calendar for the budget process so that if a Board member wants to know where the process is.

Trustee O'Leary had a question on the capital projects what had been done thus far.

Administrator Bowden explained what purchases had been made thus far.

Trustee Gorman and Trustee O'Leary asked if a spreadsheet was available for the information that was presented. Trustee Gorman wanted a three-year trend of the budget and expenditure analysis.

Ordinance Approving Text Amendment to B-1 Zoning

Administrator Bowden stated there was no public comment and recommended the approval of the ordinance.

Motion to approve Ordinance 05-33 ordinance approving text amendment to title 15, Land Usage, Chapter 157 Zoning, Section 157.051, B1 Downtown Business districts and section 157.052, B2 community district by Scarpelli/Ruffulo.

Downtown had a typo and needed correction.

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

Ordinance Approving Amendment to PUD Ordinance

Scott Harrington would be available on the 3rd and the Park District would like to make comments on the revision.

Trustee Gorman wanted to have the Board consider making sure that it is know that the PUD is based on the Comp Plan.

Administrator Bowden was directed to inform Mr. Harrington of the Board comments so that he may be prepared for the next meeting.

Motion to table the item until the January 3rd meeting by Carlini/O'Leary.

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

Committee of the Whole Recommendations

Motion to adopt the fee schedule as presented to the Committee of the Whole by Scarpelli/Carlini.

Motion withdrawn by Scarpelli/Carlini.

Motion to direct the attorney to draft an ordinance reflecting the fee schedule with changes as presented to the Committee of the Whole by Scarpelli/Carlini.

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

Trustee Gorman was concerned about homeowner's rates changing due to this ordinance. He was told that the changes could be given to ISO for review and tells you if those changes would affect the rating.

Motion to direct the attorney to draft an ordinance around the suggested building code changes from the Committee of the Whole meeting as well as ask Bob Urbanowitz to present the proposed changes to ISO and see if they would have any affect on our rating by Gorman/Carlini.

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

Scott Trotter will be available for the January 9th meeting.

Municipal Design Group:

Motion to have the attorney review the contract and draft a resolution by O'Leary/Scarpelli.

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

Administrator Bowden recommended that the pay for the clerk be raised to \$150 per meeting and asked if the position should be an elected one.

Trustee O'Leary asked if the ordinance be written so that the position is elected but that if there was no one then one is appointed.

Motion to direct the Attorney to draft an ordinance for the clerk's position to be an appointed position at a rate of 150 dollars per meeting by O'Leary.

Motion amended to elected position by O'Leary.

Motion seconded by Scarpelli.

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

Reports

Village Administrator

Occupancy requirement:

Administrator Bowden would like to review the document given to him by the Attorney and then submit it to the Board. He also quickly reviewed the memo given to the Board and announced the public hearings that are coming up before the Village.

Village Attorney

Santa's Village is selling the property within the next couple weeks and the seller and buyer's attorneys will be contacting the Village Attorney soon.

Mr. Hartigan will be sitting down with a attorney who will be handling negotiations and will be meeting next Thursday.

Village Engineer

No report at this time.

Chief of Police

A pair of glasses were left at the meeting and can be claimed at Village Hall.

First the Chief mentioned a memo that the Board should review. There was another memo about ethics policy.

Trustee Ruffulo asked if this was a follow up from the requested information. According to Administrator Bowden the current ethics rules do not apply to conduct.

Chief Pena wanted to let the Board know that the Quadcom budget was being produced and would be given to the Board once available. Also, on the next claims will include training for officers at Quadcom.

Director of Public Works

Mr. Moore wanted permission to go to bid for the Tree Trimming program. He submitted a memo to the Board for their review. This year's program will focus on trimming rather than removal.

Village President
No report at this time.

Trustee/Committee

Trustee Ruffulo: A meeting for the St. Patrick's Day parade occurred and Trustee O'Leary attended. Also a committee for the use of the Depot was formed and will begin meeting in January.

Trustee VanOstenbridge: Wanted to mention that he had a wonderful experience with Shop with A Cop.

Trustee Scarpelli: asked if there should be another public hearing notification for the PUD if there are important changes being made. Trustee Scarpelli also wished everyone a Happy Holiday.

Trustee O'Leary: There will not be a parade on 72, but there will be a parade in East Dundee. The Board needs to decide if the Village wants the parade.

Trustee O'Leary also passed out his video taping recommendations and discussed plans for new equipment.

Trustee Gorman: The final copy of the grant from Vandewalle was submitted and a copy was sent to Administrator Bowden.

Trustee Carlini: noted that there is a bill being proposed that would eliminate cable franchises. This would eliminate local agreements having to be made.

Trustee Scarpelli wanted to know if there is a school committee and who is on it. President Bartels said that the Attorney was to look into what the Village could do and a letter was to be sent to sit down with the School Board.

Trustee O'Leary wanted to know whom the budget officer was and Administrator Bowden informed him that it is the Administrator.

Miscellaneous Announcements

Village Board Meeting Tuesday, January 3, 2006 at 7:00pm.

Motion to and go into executive session by Carlini/Scarpelli. A voice vote was unanimous.

Motion to adjourn the executive session and go back regular session by Carlini/Scarpelli. A voice vote was unanimous

Motion to adjourn regular session by Carlini/Scarpelli.

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A voice vote was unanimous.

By: _____
President Jerald Bartels

Attest: _____
Jamie Bowden Clerk Pro Tem