

CALL TO ORDER

President Miller calls to order the Village of East Dundee Special Board Meeting at 6:00 p.m.

ROLL CALL:

Trustees Lynam, Selep, Wood, Hall, Mahony, Andresen and President Miller.

Also in attendance Administrator Jennifer Johnsen, Chief of Police Terry Mee and Director of Public Works Phil Cotter.

Motion to appoint Jennifer Johnsen as the Recording Secretary by Lynam/Wood. Motion carries by unanimous vote.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: Recited

PUBLIC COMMENT (Agenda Items only):

Allen Skillicorn, State Representative and East Dundee Resident

Mr. Skillicorn stated that if the bonds are secured by sales tax, it is his impression that no judge will allow sales tax to be taken away until the bonds are paid off. He also said that no judge is going to allow a 300% property tax increase for a municipality that is going to be ruled under PTELL. He wants to ensure that the Village's wording of the public question is accurate terminology.

Rob Gorman, East Dundee Resident

Mr. Gorman stated that the public question may be confusing to folks. He said that one of the questions is answered in the negative and the other is answered in the affirmative. He suggested that the advisory question be framed up to be consistent and explain what the impact would be.

CONSENT AGENDA-CONSIDERATION OF AN "OMNIBUS VOTE": NONE

Illinois Municipalities may adopt by a single roll call vote of the Village Board and Village President, a group of assorted ordinances, resolution, motions and orders by an "Omnibus Vote". The "Omnibus Vote" shall be taken following the unanimous consent by the President and Board as to the items to be included. Any Trustee or the President may request that any item not be included in that vote.

OLD BUSINESS: None

NEW BUSINESS:

A. Approval of a Resolution Placing a Public Question on the Ballot at the Next Election in the Village of East Dundee, IL

Motion for an Approval of a Resolution Placing a Public Question on the Ballot at the Next Election in the Village of East Dundee, IL by Lynam/Wood.

Discussion:

Administrator Johnsen explained that the bonds are general obligation bonds and not secured by sales tax. Because of the Village's home rule sales tax, it is able to abate the bond payments that would otherwise come through the property tax levy. The Village would likely have to implement a \$1.94 million, or 300 percent, property tax levy increase for the Village's portion next year to fund the annual bond payment.

Trustee Lynam asked Mr. Skillicorn if while asking the residents to support his position on this, if he has educated them on the consequence of this decision. He said that the least he owes them is a clear understanding of what the result will be when voting in favor of his position. Skillicorn responded that he

told many people that in the event that home rule sales tax goes away, the Village will be backed subject to PTELL. He said if home rule is repealed, the Village can always ask residents to vote for higher taxes via a referendum. Johnsen advised that in the last six months, a lot has been revealed about the Village's finances. She said that nobody wanted to charge for garbage but it was out of necessity. She said losing home rule status will sink the Village financially and increase the tax burden on residents. She stated that major developers will likely back out of their construction projects because they are backed by home rule sales tax. She said that the Board is going to have an education campaign to inform the residents of the benefits of home rule. President Miller added that the Speedway and Palumbo projects could have given the revenue next year that would have abated the garbage fee, however, that all stops if home rule status is repealed. He said it would also cause water and sewer fees to double or triple.

Administrator Johnsen further explained that everything is in a negative fund balance. She stated that the TIFs owe \$6 million back to the general fund. She said that the reality is that the Village is in a million dollar deficit for the remainder of the TIFs. She advised that the reserves were depleted and it was not reported to the Board. She said this has been documented by the auditors and that this is not a scare tactic. President Miller commented that from the people he has spoken with that were involved in initial home rule status discussions, garbage was never brought up as something that would be paid for by the Village indefinitely. He said it was discussed but not part of the arrangement. He said the arrangement was that if the Village went home rule, it would not raise by more than PTELL. Johnsen stated that the Village was to be collecting the refuse fee through the property tax levy per the Village code. However, the Board stopped doing so because of the cost of the pension obligation.

The Board urged Skillicorn to withdraw his petition and to work on a compromise. Skillicorn would not agree to do so. The Board then took some time to discuss and update the language of the public question that will be placed on the ballot.

Motion to amend the Resolution language of the public question to read "Shall the Village of East Dundee, IL remain a home rule unit of government in order to 1) pay for the Village's general obligation bonds with home rule revenues and avoid increasing property taxes by \$1.94 million (304%); approximately \$1,200/year for a home valued at \$185,000 and 2) fulfill the Village's home rule sales tax sharing agreements for planned development projects?" by Wood/Lynam.

Roll: Ayes – 6 – Trustees Lynam, Selep, Wood, Hall, Mahony and Andresen. Nays – 0. Absent – 0.
Motion carries.

FINANCIAL REPORTS: None

Reports: VILLAGE TRUSTEES

Lynam: None

Selep: None

Wood: Thanked Allen Skillicorn, Dan O'Leary and Rob Gorman for attending tonight and for their participation in the home rule discussion.

Hall: None

Mahony: None

Andresen: None

Reports: VILLAGE ADMINISTRATOR and STAFF

Village President: None

Village Administrator: Johnsen reported that 3 Caboose proposals have been received. She asked which 2 members of the Board would like to participate in the interview process for this. Trustees Wood and Mahony volunteered.

Village Attorney: None

Village Engineer: None

Police Chief: Mee reported that there were some challenging road conditions on Christmas Eve and Christmas morning.

Public Works Director: Cotter advised that he has been in contact with IDOT to work with them to increase their presence, frequency and timing during snow events, particularly on Routes 72 & 25.

Building Official: None

Finance Director: None


PUBLIC COMMENT (Items not on the Agenda): None

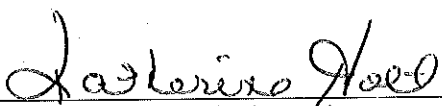
EXECUTIVE SESSION: YES

Motion to adjourn the Special Board Meeting at 7:17 p.m. to Executive Session for the Appointment of Village Officers by Lynam/Andresen. Motion carries by unanimous vote.

Respectfully submitted,

Katherine Holt

By: 
Village President, Lael Miller

Attest: 
Village Clerk, Katherine Holt