

**CALL TO ORDER:**

President O'Leary calls to order the Committee of the Whole meeting of the Village Board at 7:17 pm.

**ROLL CALL:**

Trustees Ruffulo, Gorman, Carlini, Lynam, Cichowski, Mahony and President O'Leary. Also in attendance are Village Manager Frank Koehler, Police Chief Terry Mee, Finance Consultant Sue Behrens, and Public Works Director TJ Moore. In the audience are Assistant to the Administrator Heather Zipparro, Village Engineer Joe Heinz and Finance Manager Nick Cinquegrani.

**OLD BUSINESS:** None

**NEW BUSINESS:**

**A. The Village of East Dundee 2008-2009 Budget**

President O'Leary states that staff worked diligently putting together the budget. The budget was reviewed by the Finance Committee, which includes Trustees Gorman and Lynam. The board has had a couple of weeks to review the budget. The next step includes a public hearing, following with the board's approval of the budget.

Administrator Koehler states that there are a couple of changes that will need to be included in the final budget. One addition will be adding a line item for tree replacement and the other addition will be an increase in funds for the Special Events Committee. He states that the 6% increase in budget over last year is mostly due to health care and an increase cost in motor fuel. He also adds that 50% of the budget is attributed to sales tax. This is a tight budget and there is no additional staffing proposed. However, the village is including money for a storm water management program. Administrator Koehler also states that they are anticipating a 3% decline in sales tax revenue. Lastly, the two funds that impact the residents are the water fund and sewer fund and there is no rate increase proposed at this time.

Trustee Gorman speaks on behalf of the Finance Committee. He states that the committee met with Sue Behrens and Administrator Koehler in order to go through the budget. He adds that Administrator Koehler and his staff did a great job. They did discuss trying to cut a little more from the budget and suggests charging employees a reasonable fee for the fitness membership. This would hopefully discourage persons from signing up for a membership and never using it. He also suggests reviewing the health plan and asks for a thorough analysis to be completed next year. Trustee Carlini and Ruffulo volunteer to look into the health plan.

On a different subject, Administrator Koehler states there is a positive cash flow of revenue from the Prairie Lakes TIF.

On April 14<sup>th</sup> there will be a Rt. 72 and Rt. 25 Corridor Plan Presentation.

President O'Leary suggests an increase of \$2,400 to the Special Events fund. He also notes that the Dynegy Scholarship fund does not show a dollar amount. This is related to the revenue side, which they are working on reinstating. The expense for the scholarship remains in the budget. He also suggests a consulting fee line item.

Ms. Behrens states that the Village Board has the responsibility of approving a budget to provide the service level that the residents currently enjoy, even with the reduction of revenue. She also adds that the general fund is a balanced budget and is not using the fund balance. It is using the revenues that are coming in next year, to estimate it, to match expenditures. This is a fiscally responsible action that the board is taking. She adds that last year the Finance Committee began to put together fiscal policies and

encourages the committee to continue down this path. One other key recommendation is to set aside reserves for infrastructure improvements. It is important that the board take a look at where the balances are at during next years review.

Administrator Koehler states that staff will include those items that have been identified in the final document. There will be a public hearing for the budget on April 7<sup>th</sup> prior to the board meeting and the legislation to approve it will be on the following agenda.

President O'Leary states that he would like suggestions for alternative sources for electrical power.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

Motion to adjourn the COTW meeting and recess 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 Gorman/Carlini at 8:51 pm.

Roll: 7 Ayes (Ruffulo, Gorman, Carlini, Lynam, Cichowski, Mahony, and President O'Leary), 0 Nays, Motion carries.

Respectfully Submitted,

Susan Norton

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
Village President Dan O'Leary

Attest: \_\_\_\_\_  
Village Clerk Susan Norton