

Trustee Ruffulo calls to order the Committee of the Whole meeting at 6:00 pm.

Role: Michael Ruffulo, Paul VanOstenbridge, Daniel O'Leary, Robert Gorman, and James Carlini. Jerald Bartels is absent. Also in attendance are T.J. Moore, Joe Heinz, Paul Nicholson, Sue Behrens, Chief Pena and Nikki Giles. Trustee Scarpelli arrives at 6:05 pm.

Motion to have Trustee Carlini serve as Village President Pro Tem by Ruffulo/Gorman.

Roll: 5 Ayes (Ruffulo, VanOstenbridge, O'Leary, Gorman, Carlini), 0 Nays, Motion carries.

**1.) FY 2006/2007 (Preliminary Budget):**

Ms. Behrens has distributed a one-page summary of the changes that were made to the general fund, the water fund and the sewer fund. The general fund revenue has increased \$230,000 to include an additional permit. The general fund expenditure changes include the health insurance reduction by \$23,000, the addition of \$12,000 for the project management software and the money for the sign has been moved into the 06/07 budget year. Ms. Behrens would like to know the actual cost of this sign.

Regarding the water fund changes, there will be a billing rate increase and Racing Rapids will not be open this summer. Trustee Gorman is curious why the Dynegy Scholarship fund is in the water fund and suggests that it be a separate fund. Administrator Nicholson will pull the agreements. Regarding the sewer fund changes, there will be a rate increase that will be in five cycles and an adjustment has been made to the West Dundee usage to the minimum amount.

**Water and Sewer Fund:**

Ms. Behrens states that the water fund, with the removal of Santa's Village and the reduction to five rate cycles and increasing the rate to \$4.29, will still have a net loss of \$47,000 next year. The average water bill now is \$63 and the average sewer bill is \$53 for a two-month period. It is decided by consensus that the increase will be a two-step process. The first will start May 1, 2006, in which the water rate will go from \$3.29 to \$3.89, and the second will start March 1, 2007 in which the rate will increase to \$4.49. The board is also in agreement to increase the sales tax a half of percent. There is also a consensus to increase the sewer rate in one step from \$2.80 to \$3.20.

**General Fund:**

There is discussion whether the money should stay in the budget for the full-time police officer. It has been decided by consensus that the money for a full-time office should be left in the budget. Ms. Behrens states that the net increase per budget is one person. However, there are three new employees in the budget as those positions were budget to budget. Those positions are a full-time police officer, a public works person and administrative assistant. Trustee Scarpelli feels that there may be a discriminatory issue regarding healthcare. Specifically that the single person has to pay 5%. Trustee Gorman asks Mr. Nicholson to talk to the attorney to see if it is even possible to make those changes at this time.

**4.) Proposed Municipal Code Amendment – Sidewalk Cafes**

Trish Terrill discusses her comparative data and summary of sidewalk cafes vs. patio seating. Her recommendation is to lower the height of the fence from four feet to three feet to maintain a more open space feel. Mr. Nicholson states that outdoor dining areas involve private property and that there should be some type of physical barrier up to the public walkway. Mr. McNamee states that it's more of a patio license and would prefer not to have any barriers. He urges the board to minimize the criteria and look at each situation on a case-by-case basis. He would also like the ordinance amended so that a tavern could also obtain an outside dining license vs. a beer garden license. Trustee Gorman feels that the ordinance is vague and should be rewritten. Trish will work on suggestions, put together a permit process and research the width of our sidewalks and their practicality.

Mr. McNamee discusses the quality of the water and inquires if the Jackson Street project can be moved up. He doesn't want to open a restaurant and buy new equipment with the quality of the water as it stands. Mr. Heinz states that if the bridge was completed on September 1<sup>st</sup>, they would need one week for underground, and one week of paving, one week for curb work.

**8.) Proposed Small Animal Crematorium zoning Use – Discussion**

Mr. Hickrod would like to open a crematory on Rock Road. Mr. Nicholson responds that the ordinances indicate that a text amendment will be necessary. He is waiting on an answer from Mr. Regan to determine if there's anything in the old F1 zoning. Mr. Nicholson states that this will require a Public Hearing and he will ask Attorney Hartigan's office to proceed with a draft amendment.

**2.) Proposed Municipal Code Amendment – Deputy Village Clerk**

Mr. Nicholson is asking the board to consider an amendment to the code that would allow the designation of deputy village clerk. This would enable a full time person to act in the absence of the village clerk who could also provide the residents with full time clerical services. The consensus is yes.

**5.) Engineering Proposals – Proposed Well No.5 – Status Discussion**

Mr. Moore, Mr. Heinz and Mr. Wilson are in the process of reviewing the five proposals. The numbers seem to differ so Mr. Moore will get in touch with the companies and will present this at the next COTW.

**3.) Indemnification of Municipal Officials - Continued Discussion from March 13<sup>th</sup> COTW**

The board requested samples of other indemnification language. The board is looking into adopting the Village of Orland Park's ordinance. Mr. Nicholson will ask the Village Attorney to draft this legislation.

**6.) Proposed Intergovernmental Agreement – Dial-A-Ride – PACE**

Carpentersville and West Dundee are both tweaking the draft agreement. Mr. Nicholson will have both copies of their agreements by tomorrow and will send them to Attorney Hartigan's office so they are ready for the next board meeting.

**7.) Draft Proposal Recruitment Announcements – Discussion**

Mr. Nicholson has provided the board with recruitment profiles. He feels that the board should start with Chief of Police process first as it may take 4 – 6 months. This discussion will be postponed until the next COTW meeting when President Bartels is in attendance.

**9.) McGraw/Plote Annexation Agreement – Status Discussion**

It is summarized that Plote will not agree to the new annexation agreement, while McGraw has not responded to the final agreement. However, it is felt that if Plote doesn't sign the agreement, neither will McGraw. Trustee O'Leary feels that the board should remain proactive and create a permit process. There is a suggestion that the board sign the June 2005 agreement and send it out to Plote and McGraw. McGraw can see that the village is not backing out on the original agreement, that there is just an issue with all the special uses that were added after this June 2005 agreement.

Mr. Nicholson is asked to check with other municipalities and their special uses. The village should also look into the state's regulations. Mr. Nicholson is asked to get in touch with Charlie Potter at McGraw through a letter.

Motion to close the COTW meeting by Gorman/VanOstenbridge at 10:10 pm.

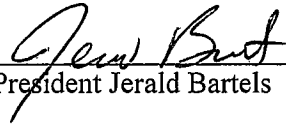
Roll: 5 Ayes (VanOstenbridge, Scarpelli, O'Leary, Gorman, Carlini,), 0 Nays, Motion carries.

Committee of the Whole  
Village of East Dundee  
Kane County, Illinois  
April 10, 2006

Respectfully Submitted,

Susan Norton

By:

  
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President Jerald Bartels

Attest:

  
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Village Clerk Pro Susan Norton