

**CALL TO ORDER**

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

**ROLL CALL:**

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

Also in attendance Village Administrator Jennifer Johnsen, Finance Director Zaida Torres, Chief of Police Terry Mee and Village Clerk Katherine Holt.

**PUBLIC COMMENT (Agenda Items only):** None

**OLD BUSINESS:** None

**NEW BUSINESS:**

**A. FY2017-2018 Amended Budget Discussion**

Administrator Johnsen said in addition to the budget discussion, she would also like to discuss refuse. She stated that refuse was never technically free. Instead, the Village has been levying property taxes with a specific line item on the levy for garbage. President Miller stated that this is an essential service that must be provided to the residents. He said the alternative option is to raise property taxes. Administrator Johnsen stated that the Village has to do something because there is an issue which she has outlined clearly to the Board. She said the Village has several general obligation bonds and when it chooses not to raise property taxes and chooses to abate them and chooses not to charge for garbage, all reserves become depleted and no other projects can be done.

Trustee Lynam suggested that the Village look into consolidating refuse services with surrounding municipalities. President Miller said that he feels this is worth while to look into. Johnsen advised that the current rate offered by Flood Brothers is a very good rate. She said she came across a memo where this concept was suggested before and would like to find out why it didn't happen. She noted that the Village is in a contract right now for refuse. She said she also looked into the option for yard waste stickers, which would save the Village approximately \$46,000 a year.

After more discussion on proposed refuse charges to the residents, Finance Director Torres suggested that the Board consider offering a senior discount. Trustee Lynam voiced his disapproval of this idea feeling that everyone should be treated equally and some should not have to subsidize for others. After more discussion on offering a senior discount, there was a majority consensus for the senior discount to be fifty percent and the senior age to be 65 years old. In order to qualify, the resident listed on the water bill will need to show identification with proof of age.

Trustee Wood said that she feels the Farmers Market should be cancelled and removed from the budget. She said she was there all day yesterday and is very disappointed with the depot grounds grass. She said that the Farmers Market is not successful and needs to be cut. Trustee Mahony agreed. Mahony said the original intent of the market has been diluted over the years. She said it has been very difficult to recruit farmers. President Miller said that he likes an event on Sunday. He suggested that the Board accept the recommendation of the Community Events Committee to cancel the Farmers Market and look for a replacement event on Sundays. Trustee Wood stated that the Farmers Market costs \$5,500 a year plus staff time. She said that the Saturday Depot Market is strong. Trustee Andresen suggested taking some of the Sunday vendors and incorporating them into the Saturday Market. President Miller said that staff needs to investigate the current obligations. He said Farmers Market can continue through this Sunday as it is Father's Day. Trustee Wood suggested that Kelly Hof communicate with the vendors this Sunday to

advise of the market's cancellation. Johnsen added that it would be worthwhile to keep Kelly for future events.

**PUBLIC COMMENT (Non Agenda Items): None**

**EXECUTIVE SESSION: No**

Motion to adjourn the Committee of the Whole Meeting at 7:13 pm by Wood/Selep. Motion carries by unanimous vote.

Respectfully Submitted,

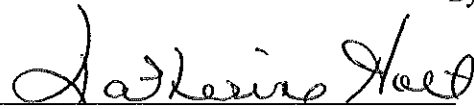
Katherine Holt

By:



Village President, Lael Miller

Attest:



Village Clerk, Katherine Holt