

CALL TO ORDER:

President Bartels calls to order the Village of East Dundee Committee of the Whole meeting at 7:00 p.m.

ROLL CALL:

Trustees Gorman, Miller, VanOstenbridge, Skillicorn and President Bartels. Trustees Ruffulo and Lynam were absent.

Also in attendance: Village Administrator Bob Skurla, Public Works Director/Building Inspector Jim Kelly, Village Engineer Joe Heinz, Chief of Police Terry Mee, and Village Clerk Jennifer Rehberg.

OLD BUSINESS: None

NEW BUSINESS:

A. Memo of Understanding Kane County Para transit Coordinating Council

Skurla stated this is self-explanatory. Bartels stated it is looking for two people who serve on the Board to volunteer for this program. Trustee Miller volunteered. Skillicorn would like more details before he commits. Skurla will get more information and pass it on to the Board.

Trustee Lynam arrived at 7:05 pm.

B. Illinois Municipal League Risk Management

Skurla directed the Board to the memo from Linda Blackerby in the packet. He recommends the middle invoice amount, rather than the highest or lowest. Skillicorn asked if this is annual. Skurla confirmed it is an annual invoice. IML provides training skills. The Village has until the end of the year to make a decision. The consensus was to wait and add this item to a future agenda to discuss further.

C. Use of Depot for Private Affairs

Skurla stated we received our first formal request to have a wedding at the Depot. Bartels stated there is a contract at the Visitor's Center and it shows a 90 day window. Mee stated there would need to be a Class F License with one of the vendors in the Village who already holds a Class F. Gorman thinks it is a good idea but would need to have restrictions. Staff will pull together information.

D. Property Tax Levy

Bartels stated there was a request from the Board for more information from staff regarding the Tax Levy. Linda Blackerby handed out more information regarding the Tax Levy. Miller asked questions to Blackerby regarding the examples of other Village's tax levies. Blackerby explained how she received the numbers and how the tax levy works. We do not know the amount to be levied at this point. If the Village sets the rate at 1.5%, a \$100,000 home would be impacted an additional \$2.08 per year. Skurla stated the Village has to run an ad in the newspaper this week and needs to file the Tax Levy by the middle of December. Gorman handed out a spreadsheet he created. He was looking to see the impact of increasing taxes \$6 per year in a \$200,000 home. This would give the Village an extra \$400,000 in the General Fund. Skillicorn handed out signatures he collected regarding the raising of the property taxes. Lynam stated the problem with the taxes is the police pension. Gorman told Skillicorn he understands his thoughts. Consensus is to putting it at 4.5% and abating back to 1.5% CPI relative to the growth. Blackerby stated she will keep in touch with the County Clerk to find out the rate.

E. Façade Improvement Grant Program

Bartels stated Miller and Bergren have been working on this program. Lynam asked why we would want to put this in place only for businesses in the Village. Miller stated the money comes out of BDD and TIF monies, not property taxes or the general fund. Miller explained it is to beautify our commercial buildings. Lynam asked how the businesses will be chosen. Miller explained the process of this program includes the Building Inspector and the Planning & Zoning Committee. Bartels would rather have final Board approval. VanOstenbridge asked if there will be a cap on the funds every year. Miller estimates the first year cost to be approximately \$150,000. Bergren stated his concern is that some people do not want to invest in their buildings. Bartels asked that maybe if the village fronts a certain amount of money per year. Gorman is not sure whether the sporadic façade improvement program is worth the money. He would rather see applicants divide the money once they are approved. Gorman would like to see a focused area to begin. He would also like to see the Board involved with the process in the first year. Miller suggested offering an extra savings to businesses who hire East Dundee based contractors to do the construction. The question was asked if a company outside of the district requested money. Bartels asked about the application process. Consensus is for staff to redraft the information add to next week's agenda.

F. Electricity Aggregation

Skurla explained many municipalities are doing the same thing. He would rather do a one or two year contract. Consensus to finalize the ordinance and put on next week's agenda. It will be a referendum on the next Primary Election, and needs to be filed with the county by the end of the year. The question is do we want to use this vendor and what rate do we want. We need to define the rate, as well. Consensus is to put it on the ballot Monday. Skurla will do more due diligence.

G. Police Pension Fund Contribution

Skurla stated there is a report from the Police Pension Board. It will go to \$358,080.80. It went down because it is beginning to catch up with what we have in the contribution. They are required to give this report to the Village. There will be more discussion at the December Committee of the Whole meeting.

H. Regulation of Strobe Lights on Commercial Properties

VanOstenbridge looked at the ordinances regarding strobe lights in the Village. He read the descriptions in the ordinances regarding flashing lights and strobe lights. Skurla stated the Village does not have an ordinance banning strobe lights. Discussion focused on strobe lights and security cameras. Staff will look at the verbiage of strobe lights and clarifying the strobe lights descriptions in the ordinances. Chief Mee stated the strobes are part of the building's security systems to draw attention to their security cameras. Gorman stated the owners of the businesses should be aware that the Board is looking into the sign ordinance regarding the flashing lights.

I. Street Repair Program 2012-2013

Heinz sent a proposal to Jim Kelly and Tim Wilson regarding rebuilding our street program. Bartels stated it needs to be addressed soon. If Trustees receive calls or e-mails from residents, they need to forward them on to Heinz or Kelly. Miller would like to double or triple the streets program funding in next year's budget. Gorman asked Heinz how we can keep the streets in good shape. Heinz stated it is a 50-year turn around.

Reports: Village Administrator and Staff

Village Administrator – None

Economic Development –

Public Works Director/Code Enforcement – Water treatment facility is enclosed and locked. Moving along nicely.

Chief of Police – Premier Banquets canceled their 300 person folk dance because they did not finish the soundproofing.

Village Attorney – N/A

Village President – None

Village Engineer – He will be missing the next meeting.

Reports: Village Trustees

Ruffulo – N/A

Gorman – None

Miler – None

Lynam – None

VanOstenbridge – None

Skillicorn – None

EXECUTIVE SESSION: None

Motion to adjourn to Executive Session: 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

Motion to adjourn the meeting by Miller/VanOstenbridge at 9:07 p.m.

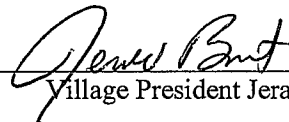
Roll: Ayes – 6 – Trustees Gorman, Lynam, Miller, VanOstenbridge, Skillicorn and President Bartels.

Nays – 0. Absent – 1 – Trustee Ruffulo. Motion carries, meeting adjourns.

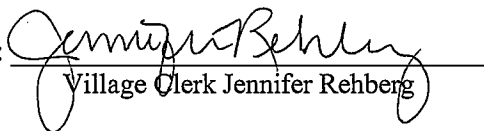
Respectfully Submitted,

Jennifer Rehberg

By: _____


Village President Jerald Bartels

Attest: _____


Village Clerk Jennifer Rehberg