

CALL TO ORDER

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

ROLL CALL:

Trustees Skillicorn, Gorman, Wood, Lynam, Mahony and President Miller. Trustee Selep was absent.

Also in attendance Village Administrator Bob Skurla, Chief of Police Terry Mee, Economic Development Consultant Doug Bergren, Marketing Director Karen Blair and Deputy Village Administrator/Village Clerk Heather Maieritsch.

Motion to allow Trustee Skillicorn to participate via phone by Lynam/Wood.

Roll: Ayes – 6 – Trustees Lynam, Gorman, Skillicorn, Wood, Mahony and President Miller. Nays – 0. Absent – 1 – Trustee Selep.

PUBLIC COMMENT (Agenda Items only): None

OLD BUSINESS:

A. Red Speed Contract Renewal

Administrator Skurla stated the Village attorney reviewed the contract and the contract is ready for approval by the Village Board anytime between now and September 2015. The Village has the option to enter into the first of two, three year extensions to the original contract.

Trustee Skillicorn asked the Village Board to postpone consideration until after the election as that will be the board that will sit during the length of the Red Speed contract extension.

Trustee Lynam stated that this is just an extension contract and wondered if we could renegotiate the Village's financial share. Currently the contract is a fixed split with Red Speed receiving an additional \$1,500 per camera.

Trustee Gorman stated that this contract was fairly standard at the time it was initially entered into and the Village should verify that it still is comparable to other contracts.

Trustee Wood stated that she would prefer to wait until new board is in place since the Village has until September to renew the contract.

Trustee Gorman stated that he had an opportunity to watch the video of the violation addressed at the last board meeting and the yellow light is three seconds as required by law. IDOT will also be verifying the full duration of the yellow light. The Village reviews each citation and throws out 75% of the violations that the cameras catch, only ticketing the severest offenders. Trustee Gorman mentioned that it would be helpful if the cameras could show the entire yellow light to prevent individuals from making inadequate claims against the Village.

Chief Mee mentioned that if an individual filed suit against invalid cameras we can go back and view each individual case on a case-by-case basis.

Mike Liebert, Representative of Red Speed stated that Red Speed's contract is standard across the board and does not change pricing by community he was however able to offer a tablet that the Village to use to review files and watch real-time video with this year's contract renewal. Mike Liebert also addressed the question about the length of the yellow light and stated that any violation less than four seconds into the red the entire yellow light is shown in the video to prevent individuals from making false claims.

NEW BUSINESS:

A. Amendment to the Business Development Districts

Administrator Skurla stated at the last meeting he proposed a rate increase to create a ten year infrastructure and replacement plan. Skurla stated that he is trying to find sources of revenue that would not burden the residents of East Dundee. It was recommended to raise the current sales tax rate within Business Development Districts by a ¼ of 1%. So the total sales tax in those areas would be 9.25%. The Village has until April 1st to file to begin to accrue the new rate as of July 1st, 2015.

Trustee Lynam asked if this increase would still keep us in line with the surrounding areas. Administrator Skurla stated that the potential fueling center was interested in a percentage of what was collected and yes the rates would be comparable as gas stations in the surrounding communities charge an extra \$0.02 per gallon of gas sold.

Trustee Wood stated that the benefits of this proposal far outweigh the costs.

Trustee Skillicorn commented that we should consider every option to reduce costs and suggested the Village need to outsource and use more part-time employees which would lower salaries and benefit costs enabling funds to be freed up.

Trustee Gorman stated that he requested this be on the COTW agenda because he is not in favor of raising taxes in our community but will be supportive of this increase, as it is a very nominal amount for the amount of benefit it will provide to the community.

B. Capital Improvements Plan

Administrator Skurla stated that this item will be included in the discussion for New Business agenda item C.

C. 2015-2016 Budget Discussion

Administrator Skurla presented the budget to the Village Board. He stated that the General Fund is about \$5.5 million and does not include the enterprise funds which consist of water and sewer. Skurla read the "Budget Presentation for FY 2015-2016" memo dated March 20th, 2015. General Revenues continue to grow and office space demand is at a 10 year high. The Village Board has had a number of once in a life time development opportunities arise that were not previously budgeted. Three major outstanding capital improvement projects not included in the proposed budget are the completion of phase one downtown redevelopment plan, police station renovation, and Village Hall renovations. These projects would cost about \$5,000,000 and suggested that the Village consider extending our short term debt rather than using the remaining General Fund reserves that cover about a four months operating period. The Village currently has no GO debt and plans not to within the upcoming years. For operating purposes the Board is presented with a balanced budget but the major projects previously discussed should be seriously considered. Administrator Skurla commented he thinks the Village would be able to obtain an 8 year bond with less than \$20,000 in soft costs, and will look into whether the Village should consider a GO backing bond or a TIF bond.

PUBLIC COMMENT (Non-Agenda Items):

On behalf of the Dundee St. Pat's Parade the Dundee Chargers were presented the 1st place award for best float. The Argonauts received a 1st place award for best entertainment.

Operator of the new Caboose, Depot Dogs, stand thanked the Village, and said both staff and the Village Board have been a pleasure to work with and is looking forward to our partnership together.

REPORTS:

Administrator- Presented a resolution received from the governor's office in support of the "Turnaround Agenda" for local government empowerment and reform. Projects we have today are substantially more expensive due to prevailing wage and would ask that this item be up for consideration at the next board meeting.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: None

Motion to adjourn the Committee of the Whole Meeting at 7:15pm Wood/Gorman.

Roll: Ayes – 6 – Trustees Lynam, Gorman, Skillicorn, Wood, Mahony and President Miller. Nays – 0.
Absent – 1 – Trustee Selep. Motion carries, meeting adjourns.

Respectfully Submitted,

Heather Maieritsch

By: _____
Village President, Lael Miller

Attest: _____
Village Clerk, Heather Maieritsch