

SPECIAL MEETING  
BOARD OF TRUSTEES  
VILLAGE OF EAST DUNDEE  
KANE COUNTY, ILLINOIS  
FEBRUARY 26, 2004

Special Meeting was called to order by President Ahrens.

Roll: Gordon Zaeske, Michael Ruffulo, Jerald Bartels, Howard Schock, Paul Van Ostenbridge, and Frank Scarpelli.

Chief Pena made a few opening statements about Home Rule, and introduced Village staff members and trustees.

Chief Pena advised that our goal here tonight is to inform the residents about Home Rule so that you can make the best possible choice when you vote on March 16, 2004.

Dave Jepson presented the village's finances that included the following:

1. Explanation of Funds
2. Village General Fund Revenue Source
3. Village Expenditures
4. Different ways to look at how the Village's budget is spent
5. What has happened to Village Finances?
6. What has been the FY (fiscal year) 2004 trend?
7. Sales Tax Revenue Declining Rapidly
8. Historical Perspectives
9. Conclusion and Solution

Chief Pena addressed the following:

1. What is the Village doing to address declining revenue?
2. How will Home Rule help?
3. What are the benefits of a sales tax increase over other alternatives?
4. What other options were considered?
5. What will happen if Home Rule does not pass?

Trustees and staff addressed the following:

1. Why do we have to pay so much for police services?
2. If the economy gets better in 3 years why don't we just wait it out?
3. What are we going to do with the \$750,000.00 that we are getting from West Dundee?
4. What does Home Rule really mean?

Comments from the residents were both for and against home rule. The biggest concern was that the village was going to raise property taxes.

Adjournment on motion by Zaeske/Scarpelli.

By *Roger W. Ahrens*  
President

Attest

*Jane E. Davis*  
Village Clerk