

CALL TO ORDER:

President Miller calls to order the Village of East Dundee Committee of the Whole meeting at 6:20 p.m.

ROLL CALL:

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

Also in attendance: Village Administrator Bob Skurla, Chief of Police Terry Mee, Public Works Director Jim Kelly and Deputy Village Clerk/Administrative Asst. Katherine Holt.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION: None

OLD BUSINESS: None

NEW BUSINESS:

A. Truck Purchase

Public Works Director Jim Kelly said that the truck purchase to replace a 1999 truck is a budgeted item for this year and currently the price is \$516.00 over the recommended budget amount of \$72,000. He asks for the Board's agreement to move ahead with the purchase. It will take four months to have the truck built and four payments will be made based on the various departments for streets, water, sewer and storm water. Consensus is to move forward with this purchase.

B. Tree Report from Davey Tree

Jim Kelly had Davey Trees come out and survey, inventory and measure all of the trees. There were a total of 158 Ash trees with 36 of those being treatable by injection. These trees have been infected for as many as seven years. It will cost approximately \$100 per tree per year to treat. Or he asks if it would be best to just remove and replace them. He advised that eventually all 158 trees will be removed over time when the budget allows. The treatment will be required over a four year period with no guarantee. He stated that this inventory list is only ash trees and that there is another list with the rest of the diseased or dangerous trees in town. Trustee Gorman said that if the Village treated the trees themselves by doing a root flush, the chemicals can be bought for \$5.00 per tree. He suggests that staff treat the 36 ash trees and see what the outcome is. Mr. Kelly said he will take his recommendation and have staff treat the trees and track the man hours to do so. He will share this information when it is available.

C. Santa's Village Free Waiver and Pay Plan

Village Administrator Robert Skurla advised that since the time the new owners of Santa's Village have acquired the site, they have had two outstanding bills. One bill is for a \$39,500 amusement tax bill not paid by the previous owner. There is also a water and sewer bill for \$35,784. The practice of the Village has been that the water and sewer bill stay with the property. The amusement tax is a liability of the business and not of the property owner. Two years ago, a TIF redevelopment agreement was created where \$100,000 was used to repave the parking lot and up to \$100,000 was offered for an electric signage allowance, which has yet to be used. The owners have asked to have this reconsidered and to renegotiate the redevelopment agreement. Santa's Village has brought in approximately \$128,000 of tax revenue in the last two years. Scott Goodman, Representative from Santa's Village, asked the Board to waive the water and sewer bill as well as the amusement tax bill of the previous owner. He believed the water and sewer charges were not properly recorded at the time the property was purchased. Trustee Gorman suggested that Mr. Goodman make a claim with the title insurance if he believes there was a lien on the property that he was not made aware of at the time of its purchase. Mr. Goodman asked the Board to

consider the investment that they have put into the property and the money being generated back into the Village. Trustee Lynam said that the Village needs to protect their investment and he would rather have the outstanding bill money put back into the Santa's Village business to generate income and revenue for the Village. He suggests waiving the bill entirely or splitting it. President Miller offered a couple of suggestions which included delaying the start of the payback plan, extend payment plan for longer than 24 months and incentives that may help make up for this difference. But to drop the debt off of the books is not something he feels can be done. He located the lein online during the meeting and said it was filed with the Kane County Recorder on May 16, 2006 for the amount of \$74,204. Consensus is to have the Amusement tax portion dropped from the lein. He asked Mr. Goodman to meet with Robert Skurla to discuss options.

D. Surface Transportation Program

Jim Kelly has a Village wish list of items he would like in the near future. He asked for Board approval to have Village Engineer Joe Heinz prepare a list of projects and their cost to place on the funding list for this program. Consensus is to move forward.

E. July 13th Fire Dept Meat Raffle Event: Request to cover the NO PARKING Signs around Max Freeman Park

Police Chief Mee advised that the Fire Department will be utilizing their Class C license for the event and no action is needed by the Liquor Commission or the Village Board. Consensus is to move forward.

F. Village Board Rules of Order and Procedure

President Miller said that all Board members have received a copy of the proposed Board Rules of Order that were standardized by the Village Attorney. Robert Skurla stated that there will be a number of long public hearings in the future and these proposed rules will help put time limits on debate and prevent repetition of subjects being brought up multiple times. Consensus is to move forward.

G. General Business Licensing


Robert Skurla proposed to implement required business licensing in place of the current non mandatory business registration. The fee would increase from \$25 to \$50 and every business will be required to have a license. One reason for this would be that a home rule community can get a list of all businesses located in town to certify that they are paying their taxes. Trustee Gorman asked what specifically defines a business. After more discussion, President Miller agreed that clearer language needs to be included to define a business.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: None

Motion to adjourn the Committee of the Whole Meeting at 7:09 pm by Skillicorn/Lynam.
Roll: Ayes – 6 – Trustees Lynam, Wood, Selep, Skillicorn, Gorman and President Miller. Nays – 0.
Absent – 1 – Trustee Ruffulo. Motion carries, meeting adjourns.

Respectfully Submitted,

Katherine Holt

By: 
Village President, Lael Miller

Committee of the Whole Meeting
Village of East Dundee
Kane County, Illinois
June 24, 2013

Attest: Katherine Holt
Deputy Village Clerk, Katherine Holt