

CALL TO ORDER

President Miller calls to order the Village of East Dundee Committee of the Whole Meeting at 5:00 pm.

ROLL CALL:

Trustees Selep, Wood and President Miller. Trustees Sillicorn, Lynam, Gorman and Ruffulo were absent.

Also in attendance Village Administrator Bob Skurla, Village Engineer Joe Heinz, Public Works Director Jim Kelly, Chief of Police Terry Mee, Finance Director Linda Blackerby, Deputy Village Administrator/Village Clerk Heather Maieritsch and Deputy Village Clerk/Administrative Asst. Katherine Holt.

PUBLIC COMMENT (Agenda Items only): None

OLD BUSINESS:

A. Gas Card Program Summary

A report summarizing the results of the program was provided to the Board. Village Administrator Bob Skurla reported that the program ran for two months. The Village expenditures were \$18,050. There was \$5,800,000 worth of vehicles sold of which the Village will receive 1% of the sales tax for an amount of \$58,000. There were 252 cards collected by Mobile, 196 cards by Shell and 274 cards by Marathon. There were 102 cards that were distributed but not used for an amount of \$2,550. There were a total of 114 new cars sold and 184 used cars sold. The auto dealerships and gas stations were pleased with the program and said it helped drive up their sales during these extremely cold winter months. Skurla felt it was a great program and that he would consider doing it again in another twelve months.

NEW BUSINESS:

A. Resolution Exercising the Option to Renew the Intergovernmental Agreement with the County of Kane for Animal Control Services

Police Chief Mee stated that this agreement is a one year continuation with the county of the previous year's agreement. He said that this is the most nominal animal control rate the Village can get and that no additional fees have been added since last year's agreement.

B. Resolution Approving a Commissioning Services Proposal Between the Village of East Dundee and E-Cube, Inc. (LEED Commissioning for Police Station and Village Hall Renovation)

Bob Skurla advised that this proposal is a required subcontract with the Dewberry contract for the new Police Station. It is in their budget that they negotiated work with this commissioning agent. The Village Attorney has reviewed and approved. This will be adopted at the next Regular Board meeting.

C. Electric Aggregation

Bob Skurla reported that the current electric aggregation contract expires at the end of May 2014. The sales representative at Midwest Energy advised that he is unable to provide costs at this time because the extreme weather temperatures have caused rates to skyrocket this winter. Once the weather stabilizes, he will get a better idea of where the rates are. Once the rates are available and good, the Village has 24 hours to lock in. At the next Regular Board meeting, he will ask permission by the Board to allow him, along with the Village President, to negotiate and lock in the rates.

D. Meier Street - One Way or Two Way Traffic

Bob Skurla has had discussions with Village Engineer Joe Heinz and suggested keeping the physical design the same but to operate as a one way street. Joe Heinz advised that the street would need to be restriped and the end caps would need to be changed in future if converted to a two way street. He said reducing the width would be a cost savings of \$20,000. Skurla feels that it would be a safer street if it was wider. The current design will still allow for a two way street in the future if needed. Heinz stated that widening the street would be a loss of eight feet of green space. Consensus of the Board is to make as wide as a two way but maintain as a one way with angled parking on both sides.

Trustee Gorman arrived to the meeting at 5:12 pm

E. IRB Volume Cap for 2014

Bob Skurla advised that a request was received from the Upper Illinois River Valley Development Authority for the transfer of the Village's 2014 volume cap if it isn't going to be used. He said that the Village has no need for the volume cap and that by transferring it, the Village could approach the agency to ask for access to other volume caps if needed. He stated that it's really only useful for an industrial revenue bond not to exceed \$10,000,000. It's really not feasible with the low interest rates available at the current time.

F. East Dundee Fire Station Marquee Sign on Route 25

Bob Skurla stated that East Dundee's portion to share the cost of the electronic sign would be \$12,500. The Village will also have half use of the sign. The size of the sign's screen is 3 1/2 feet by 6 feet. Trustee Gorman would like to know how much more would it cost to have a larger screen. He feels if the sign was larger and better, it may be worth investing a little more into it. Skurla will gather some cost information together as well as some drawings and placement for the proposed sign and bring that back to the Board.

G. Anvil Club Corporate Membership

Bob Skurla advised that the Village has an opportunity to participate in a corporate membership at the Anvil Club. He would like to know if this is something the Board and key staff would be interested in doing and if the cost would be paid for by the Village or out of pocket. President Miller said this will cover the membership fee only. He also said that the intent is to have business meetings or events at the Anvil Club. Skurla stated that the membership allows for up to ten individuals for a total cost of \$500. The split cost would be determined based on how many individuals would like to participate. Skurla suggested starting the membership on May 1 to coincide with the elected officials' term in office. The Board agreed that Village would pay for employee memberships and the memberships for the Board members would be paid by each individual Trustee. Skurla will take a poll of who would be interested in the membership and give a report with that information.

Trustee Lynam arrived to the meeting at 5:51 pm

H. Budget Review

Bob Skurla distributed a report with new EAV information. He said since 2008, the AV for properties not located in TIF districts has continued to decline. For the TIF districts, where most commercial and

industrial properties are, it rose by 45% during this same time period. He said one of the items in the budget is setting the property tax levy. When setting the levy at the same dollar amount as the previous year, the rate will go up. He wants the public to be aware that even though the taxes were frozen, the rate will go up. He said he will create a one page synopsis of this information that the Trustees can share with residents that may have questions with their tax bills. He advised that for the budget, he has included an opening letter describing any changes, current projects and initiatives this coming year. He said this is the fourth year in a row that the budget is a balanced budget. The budget is increasing this year because revenues are increasing. The recommended budget for 2014-2015 is \$27,471,221 and includes nearly \$10 million in inter-fund transfers. The general fund portion of the budget is approximately \$5 million. There has been \$125,000 added for parking improvements that is not currently reflected in this budget. He advised that two new programs will be added this year, a scholarship program and a residential façade program. Initiatives this year include the Fire and Police Department renovations, as well as starting the Village Hall renovations. Finance Director Linda Blackerby advised that the budget public hearing is scheduled for April 7 and the budget adoption for April 21. President Miller suggested that each Trustee spend time outside of the meeting to make sure they feel the expenses are justified in regard to the public works equipment and vehicles. Public Works Director Jim Kelly will provide a summary of Public Works equipment needs to the Board per their request. He will also schedule a time this week to give the Trustees an inspection of equipment and vehicles in need of replacement.

OTHER BUSINESS: None


EXECUTIVE SESSION: None

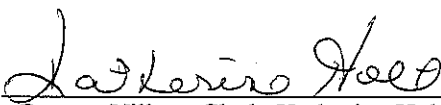
Motion to adjourn the Committee of the Whole Meeting at 6:26 Wood/Selep.

Roll: Ayes – 5 – Trustees Gorman, Lynam, Selep, Wood and President Miller. Nays – 0. Absent – 2 – Trustees Skillicorn and Ruffulo. Motion carries, meeting adjourns.

Respectfully Submitted,

Katherine Holt

By: 
Village President, Lael Miller

Attest: 
Deputy Village Clerk, Katherine Holt