

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MEETING
Village Hall, 102 South Second Street

April 9, 2012 - 7:30 pm
Village of West Dundee

I. CALL TO ORDER:

President Keller called the Committee of the Whole Meeting to order at 7:31 pm.

II. ROLL CALL:

Present were President Keller, Trustees Voss, Gillam, Price, Osth, Hanley and Yuscka. Also present were Village Manager Cavallaro, Village Attorney Brechin, and one (1) person in the audience.

III. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIENCE:

Trustee Gillam led the Board and those in attendance in the Pledge of Allegiance.

IV. APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

MOTION: Moved by Trustee Hanley and seconded by Trustee Yuscka to approve the agenda as presented. Upon roll call, motion was approved.

AYES: Trustees Voss, Gillam, Price, Osth, Hanley and Yuscka

NAYS: None

ABSENT: None

V. VILLAGE PRESIDENTS REPORT:

President Keller announced that he attended the Metropolitan Mayors Caucus Meeting in which Mayor Emmanuel spoke on improving tourism in Chicago and the metro area.

He also said that Senator Durbin was in attendance and spoke about the budget and the need for political cooperation in Washington, D.C.

President Keller said he attended the CMAC meeting on April 5, 2012, where there was a \$22 million award for the Dalton Rail Yards to help with upgrading of switch engines. He said that the Federal government contributes 65% of the award and the Railroads contribute 35%.

VI. REPORTS AND QUESTIONS FROM TRUSTEES:

Trustee Hanley told the Board that he was at the Arboretum in Barrington and spoke about the brick pavers for the walkways, the planting area and railings. He suggested that Community Development Director Tymoszenko might like to take a look at the way the area is laid out.

Trustee Hanley inquired about the budgeted amount for a part time employee for public works. Manager Cavallaro said the salary would be dependent on the potential employees' expertise in landscaping/horticulture.

A discussion took place among the Trustees regarding general landscaping throughout the Village, how many days the employees would be working, use of time for Public Works employees, seasonal employees, native plantings and using Trustee Gilliam's suggestion that we

may be able to draw an employee for this position from McHenry Community College's Horticulture program.

Trustee Osth inquired about the location of the Foss Swimming School and their pool which is to be constructed at Spring Hill Mall.

VII. VILLAGE STAFF REPORTS:

Manager Cavallaro said that June Keibler has scheduled a work day at the park located at Huntley and Sleepy Hollow Roads for April 25th. He also said there will probably be another work day scheduled at Kittridge Park at a later date.

VIII. ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION:

A. Electrical Aggregation Consultant Proposal – NIMEC

Manager Cavallaro introduced this item for discussion explaining that the Village currently uses Northern Illinois Municipal Electric Collaborative (NIMEC) to bid our electrical energy for utility billing accounts and NIMEC is in a position to assist the Village in our residential electrical aggregation efforts.

He said that potential estimated savings to residents could range from 10% to 30% of their current electrical energy costs.

He said NIMEC would be able to assist the Village in preparing the necessary documents, conducted the required public hearings and transitioning the Village from ComEd to a new supplier upon successful bidding.

Manager Cavallaro said that it is anticipated that the bids that we will receive will be for a fixed rate for a 1, 2, or 3 year term, and rates would stay the same during the period chosen regardless of peak summer usage or average power consumption.

He said if the Board is in agreement, staff will prepare the necessary documentation for a contract between the Village of West Dundee and NIMEC for a future meeting.

He also explained that if the Board agrees to utilize NIMEC for this process, there is no direct charge to the Village. He explained that NIMEC is compensated by the winning electric supplier.

There was a brief discussion on when and how you could opt out, if you can change suppliers, if it is a flat rate, if there is a peak demand rate, how the bidding processes works, the annual fee, how many participants (municipalities would be included) and what the actual front costs will be.

Per the Board's request, Manager Cavallaro said he would ask NIMEC Director David Hoover to attend a future meeting to explain how this process works.

IX. EXECUTIVE SESSION:

There was none.

X. MISCELLANEOUS:

Trustee Voss announced that the District #300 Special Education Track and Field Event will be held on April 14, 2012 from 12 noon to 4 pm at Dundee Crown High School. She said there will be forty-eight (48) students participating and invited the Board to attend.

Trustee Gillam announced Earth Day on April 21, 2012 beginning at 9 am.

XI. ADJOURNMENT:

MOTION: Moved by Trustee Gillam and seconded by Trustee Osth to adjourn the Committee of the Whole Meeting. Motion passed unanimously upon voice vote.

The Committee of the Whole Meeting adjourned at 8:21 pm.

ATTEST:

Barbara Traver
Village Clerk

Larry Keller
Village President