

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MEETING
Village Hall **7:30 PM**

Village of West Dundee
April 12, 2010

I. CALL TO ORDER:

President Keller called the Committee of the Whole to order at 7:30 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, Community Development Director Tymoszenko, Chief Sawyer, Chief Buhrmann, Finance Director Danielson, Public Works Director Babica and two (2) persons in the audience.

A moment of silence was held in memory of Fire Lieutenant Thomas Lutzow who died suddenly last Saturday.

III. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

President Keller led the Board and the audience in the Pledge of Allegiance.

IV. APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

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

V. VILLAGE PRESIDENTS REPORT:

A. Proclamation: National Public Safety Telecommunications Week April 11-17

President Keller read a proclamation proclaiming this week as National Public Safety Telecommunications Week which is sponsored by the Association of Public Safety Communications Officials International and celebrated annually. It honors the thousands of men and women who respond to emergency calls, dispatch emergency professionals and equipment, and render life saving assistance to the citizens of the United States.

President Keller gave the Board members a copy of the agenda from the Council of Mayors meeting he attended last Tuesday and said if they had any comments or questions to contact him.

B. 2010-11 Budget Public Hearing

MOTION: Moved by Trustee Hanley and seconded by Trustee Voss to open the Public Hearing. Upon roll call, the motion was approved.

The Public Hearing opened at 7:33 p.m.

Director Danielson said the notice of the public hearing was published in the April 1, 2010 edition of the Daily Herald.

Director Danielson made some comments regarding the 2010-11 proposed budget regarding the revenues, expenses, and surplus in the General Fund. He said the projected state sales tax for FY 2010-2011 is projected to be \$2,215,000. He said the per capita state shared income tax shows a reduction from \$134 for 2009-2010 to \$91 per capita for 2010-11. He also added that there are no salary adjustments for full time and part time employees, a decrease in the transfer from

Community Development Funds from \$750,000 to \$650,000 and that there will some capital expenditures, including a new squad car for the Police Department at a cost of \$27,000.

There were no Board or public comments.

MOTION: Moved by Trustee Osth and seconded by Trustee Voss to close the public hearing. Upon roll call, motion was approved.

The Public Hearing closed at 7:38 p.m.

VI. REPORTS AND QUESTIONS FROM TRUSTEES:

Trustee Osth asked if we had an Ordinance prohibiting the feeding of the ducks and geese along the Riverwalk. There is no Ordinance. Manager Cavallaro said there is signage posted along the Riverwalk advising people to feed them only in the water. A brief discussion followed on whether or not to prohibit feeding of the ducks and geese, what difficulties would be involved in enforcing “no feeding”, and the tradition of feeding the fowl along the river.

Trustee Gillam spoke about the Earth Day Celebration scheduled for April 24, 2010 from 9-12 along the river. She said a local horticulturist has volunteered to walk with the volunteers and explain what needs to be done. She said she has had donations of plants and plant materials and thanked Kim Tibbetts for her efforts in obtaining the donations.

VII. VILLAGE STAFF REPORTS:

Chief Sawyer said the Police Department received a grant check in the amount of \$39,000, which will be used to buy laptop computers and in car radios for the squad cars.

Chief Buhmann spoke of the sudden death of Fire Lieutenant Tom Lutzow and said the prayers and thoughts of everyone in the Village are with the Lutzow family.

VIII. ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION:

A. Consideration of Allowing the Keeping of Bees within West Dundee

Manager Cavallaro said the Village’s current restrictions lie within section 10-4-1, which is the residential zoning district, and specifically states the prohibited uses of raising poultry, pigeons, bees, livestock or fur-bearing animals.

He said in researching the area municipalities regarding these regulations, the only one that permits beekeeping within the community is Crystal Lake, which just recently amended their beekeeping regulations in March.

Davit Fait, 2840 Carrington Drive addressed the Board about amending the Ordinance to allow beekeeping in the Village.

Discussion followed why Mr. Fait wants to raise bees (it is interesting and bees are necessary for pollination), if it would be better to set up hives in Prairie Meadow Park, concerns about not having a hive within 25 feet of the property line, which would have the hive located in the center of Mr. Fait’s property, concerns about legal ramifications, fences (fences are not permitted in Carrington), if any of the residents were asked whether or not they had any problems with beekeeping in the neighborhood (Mr. Fait has not canvassed the neighborhood) if the Village should have designated beekeeping places and the size of the swarms (10,000 bees in a hive).

Attorney Brechin said if the Board wants to reverse the current ordinance, what standards do the Board want to set and if applicant meets standards, then applicant can have bees. If the ordinance is changed it would necessitate a public hearing.

Trustee Osth suggested that Mr. Fait go to the neighborhoods and have a petition signed with names, addresses and phone numbers of registered voters in West Dundee who would support beekeeping. Mr. Fait said he doesn't want to do this at this time.

Manager Cavallaro suggested that Mr. Fait attend a Carrington Homeowner's Association meeting and present his ideas to them and see what their concerns might be. He said the Association is very well versed in stewardship and supportive in the environmental level.

B. Discussion: North Fifth Street Underground Storage Tank Permit Close Out

Director Babica gave the history of the North Fifth Underground Storage Tank explaining that while removing the tank on North Fifth Street, in 1999, the tank was damaged which resulted in an underground fuel leak.

He said this initiated a series of events and he included all the reports in the Board packet. He explained these reports to the Board. He added that as a result of a review of all open issues with the IEPA related to LUST that staff contacted Baxter & Woodman and reviewed the Department's archives, which has resulted in the attached proposal from Baxter & Woodman to prepare a Corrective Action Work Plan & Budget with a Corrective Action Completion Report. He said these forms will inform the IEPA that the Village had successfully remediated the site in 1999 and no further action is required. He said the proposed cost for this submittal is \$6000.

Discussion took place regarding this proposal, why it took so long for this item to surface, if the reports will meet the approval of the IEPA, has staff contacted the IEPA to see if we need these forms, is there another way of completing this report without spending the \$6000 and what would happen in the event that the IEPA doesn't approve the submittal.

It was decided to bring the proposal from Baxter & Woodman to develop a Corrective Action Work Plan & Budget with a Correction Action Completion Report to the Board for consideration at the next Regular Board Meeting.

C. Water and Sewer Rate Increases

Trustee Hanley introduced this item regarding a proposed revised rate structure for the Village's water and sewer usage because these revenues continue to lag and are projected to have a cash deficit of approximately \$500,000 by the end of this current fiscal year.

Director Danielson said the proposed rate structure includes a base fee of \$10 per month, which will be a charge to every one of the 2300 accounts within the Village. He said this will replace the existing \$2.50 monthly administrative charge that is currently on the existing bi-monthly bills. He said this fee will be specifically related and attributable to distribution of utilities and an administrative fee for providing water and sewer service to each account and/or address.

Director Danielson said that after the \$10 per month fee, the rates for water and sewer will be under a tiered rate structure; the more you use, the higher the per gallon rate. He said Staff strongly believes that this revised rate structure will benefit the community by providing the necessary funding to meet the increased cost of the utility service and provide financial incentives to reducing water consumption, which does not exist within the existing rate structure based on our minimum billing approach.

Discussion took place regarding the proposed rate increases including which option A or B is preferred (Option B was preferred) to address this rate increase on a yearly basis rather than on a 3 year approach, and to prepare a draft ordinance with Option B for adoption for the April 19, 2010 Regular Board Meeting..

Director Danielson said this rate increase will be on the bills that are issued in June.

Manager Cavallaro said there will be a committed effort to look at this on an annual basis.

IX. EXECUTIVE SESSION:

MOTION: Moved by Trustee Yuscka and seconded by Trustee Voss to recess to Executive Session.

The Committee of the Whole Meeting resumed at 9:38 p.m.

X. MISCELLANEOUS:

Attorney Brechin informed the Board the he has been appointed Hearing Officer for the Village of Carpentersville.

Trustee Hanley reiterated that he felt bee keeping should not be in neighborhoods, but in parks. He said Mr. Fait needs to address this through the Carrington Home Owner's Association.

XI. ADJOURNMENT:

MOTION: Moved by Trustee Osth and seconded by Trustee Hanley to adjourn the Committee of the Whole Meeting. Upon roll call, motion was unanimous.

The Committee of the Whole Meeting adjourned at 9:42 pm.

ATTEST:

Barbara Traver
Village Clerk

Larry Keller
Village President

**COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MEETING
Executive Session**

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The Executive Session was called to order at 8:58 p.m.

Present were Village President Keller, Trustees Voss, Gillam, Price, Osth, Hanley and Yuscka. Also present were Village Manager Cavallaro, Village Attorney Brechin and Chief Sawyer.

Discussions were held regarding personnel.

Chief Sawyer left the Executive Session at 9:24 p.m.

MOTION: Moved by Trustee Osth and seconded by Trustee Voss to adjourn the Executive Session. Upon roll call, motion was approved.

The Executive Session adjourned at 9:38 p.m.

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