

I. CALL TO ORDER:

President Keller called the Committee of the Whole Meeting 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, Finance Director Danielson, Public Works Director Babica, Fire Chief Buhmann, Community Development Director Tymoszenko, Interim Police Chief Wieteska, and one (1) person in the audience.

III. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

Trustee Voss 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 Voss to approve the agenda as presented. Upon roll call, motion was approved unanimously.

V. VILLAGE PRESIDENTS REPORT:

A. Miscellaneous

President Keller congratulated the winners of last week's municipal election: Trustees Gillam, Price and Yuscka.

President Keller reported that he led a tour of Village Hall and a brief lesson about municipal government for a local Brownie Troop last Tuesday. Trustee Yuscka was also in attendance.

President Keller extended an invitation to the Board for a gala being held by the Metropolitan Mayors' Caucus to honor their founding member, Mayor Richard M. Daley of Chicago.

B. 2011-12 Budget Public Hearing

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

The Public Hearing opened at 7:36 pm.

President Keller noted that most of the hard work on the part of the Board and Staff had been completed in the preceding weeks. There were no Board or public comments.

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

The Public Hearing closed at 7:38 pm.

VI. REPORTS AND QUESTIONS FROM TRUSTEES:

Trustees Yuscka and Gillam reminded the Board of the upcoming Earth Day community gardening event on April 30. Several elementary and high school age service groups have been contacted for participation.

The continuation of the Adopt-A-Planter program was also discussed. Trustee Gillam and Manager Cavallaro will identify relocation areas for the planter boxes recently removed from the downtown streetscape and they will be offered up to community volunteers for planting.

VII. VILLAGE STAFF REPORTS:

Chief Buhmann advised of three items: A fire occurred in a residential home in the Timbers and Valleys subdivision last Wednesday due to inappropriate use of a fireplace. Trustee Price asked if an article could be included in the next newsletter to help educate homeowners.

Oral interviews have been completed in conjunction with the Rutland-Dundee Fire Protection District. Firefighter/Paramedic eligibility lists for each of the two departments are now complete. A similar process will be undertaken for Lieutenant interviews.

On Tuesday, April 19, the Village of West Dundee will take part in a tabletop exercise with the Kane County Office of Emergency Management and the Village of Carpentersville, which will simulate a damaging tornado event across both communities. The purpose of the event is to coordinate mutual aid efforts.

Director Babica referred the Board to his recent email regarding the status of the Huntley Road Widening Project grant request.

Manager Cavallaro requested the Board's feedback regarding the Superweek Bike Race request.

VIII. ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION:

A. Sewer and Water Fund - Discussion Continuation (Trustee Hanley)

Trustee Hanley introduced this discussion, referencing the need for additional revenues in the Sewer and Water Fund to pay for high priority infrastructure improvements. A consensus was reached that the top three projects, as designated by the Village Staff, should be funded.

The staff recommendations for additional revenue collection were discussed, which included increases to both the sewer and water rates and the distribution fee. A comparison to the current costs of service in neighboring communities, and the impact that the recommended increases would have on an average bill, were reviewed.

It was noted that the total additional revenues needed to fund both ongoing operational costs and the designated improvements would not be realized with the recommendations presented. Alternative options were discussed that would provide the necessary funding without generating a substantial dollar increase to the average bill.

Direction was given to Staff to prepare an ordinance that would increase the distribution fee by \$2.50 per billing (every other month) and increase sewer and water rates by approximately 6% to generate the necessary funds.

President Keller noted that, while it is never easy to increase costs to our residents, the Sewer and Water Fund balance is such that any emergency expenditures would put the Fund in a further negative cash position.

B. FY 2011/12 Budget Proposal - Discussion Continuation (Trustee Hanley)

There were no additional questions regarding the 2011/12 Budget Proposal. Director Danielson will incorporate the minor changes discussed throughout the previous weeks' discussions and the Budget will be brought to the Board for final approval at the April 18 Regular Board Meeting.

IX. EXECUTIVE SESSION:

MOTION: Moved by Trustee Hanley and seconded by Trustee Osth to recess to Executive Session to discuss personnel. Upon roll call, motion was approved unanimously.

Executive Session was called to order at 8:59 pm with all members of the Board in attendance.

The Village Manager's performance evaluation was discussed. Board comments will be reviewed and the discussion continued at the April 18 Board Meeting.

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

The Regular Board Meeting resumed at 9:20 pm.

X. MISCELLANEOUS:

Trustee Osth inquired about the status of the Wal-Mart development and recent legal decision. Manager Cavallaro stated that the appeal is done, but the Plaintiffs could file a new case if they so choose. Wal-Mart has yet to advise of their intent or timeline to move forward with the development.

Trustee Gillam asked about the Springhill Gateway property, noting there are property maintenance concerns that should be addressed with the current owners.

XI. ADJOURNMENT:

MOTION: Moved by Trustee Osth and seconded by Trustee Price to adjourn the Committee of the Whole Meeting. Motion was approved unanimously.

The Committee of the Whole Meeting adjourned at 9:29 pm.

ATTEST:

Kim Tibbetts
Deputy Village Clerk

Larry A. Keller
Village President