

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

May 14, 2012 - 7:30 pm
Village of West Dundee

I. CALL TO ORDER:

President Keller called the Committee of the Whole Meeting to order at 7:30 pm.

II. ROLL CALL:

Present were President Larry Keller, Trustees Julie Voss, Becky Gillam, Tom Price, Norm Osth, Pat Hanley and Andy Yuscka.

Also present were Village Manager Joseph Cavallaro, Finance Director David Danielson, Police Chief Andrew Wieteska, Public Works Director Rich Babica, Fire Chief Randy Freise and Village Attorney John Brechin.

There were three (3) people in the audience.

III. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

Trustee Yuscka 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.

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

NAYS: None

ABSENT: None

V. VILLAGE PRESIDENTS REPORT:

A. Public Hearing #2 - Electrical Aggregation

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

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

NAYS: None

ABSENT: None

President Keller called the Public Hearing to order at 7:35 pm.

Present were President Keller, Trustees Voss, Gillam, Price, Osth, Hanley and Yuscka. There were three (3) people in the audience.

There were no public comments.

Director Danielson stated that bids would be solicited on or about June 1 and must be accepted the same day. Manager Cavallaro is the designated signer.

Further to the Board's discussion last Monday, Director Danielson requested input from the Village Board regarding preferred contract terms, including rate guarantee, civic contribution, early termination fee and green energy.

Sample bid results from 2 weeks ago were provided. Director Danielson noted that ComEd raised their rate on June 1 by 10%. Bids being received through the electrical aggregation process last week were 40-45% less than ComEd. Based on these examples, the average West Dundee household is expected to save \$200-\$250 per year.

The majority of the Board is in favor of a civic contribution of 1/10 of 1% per kWh, which would provide \$25,000 in revenue to the Village and cost an average household approximately \$10 per year. A program with no early termination fee is preferred.

Director Danielson explained that the green energy component that may be included in bids refers to a "Renewable Energy Credit", which is a federal tax program that encourages renewable energy programs. The majority of the Board is in favor of 50% participation, which is expected to increase the average bill by less than \$10 per year.

Bidders will present their terms without knowledge of the Village's preferences. The best program and contract term (1, 2 or 3 years) will be selected based on the bids received.

An ordinance authorizing aggregation of electrical loads will be presented to the Board next meeting. Once approved, the bidding process can be undertaken. Director Danielson and Manager Cavallaro will review the bids received and solicit immediate feedback from the Board before selecting the winning bid.

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

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

NAYS: None

ABSENT: None

The Public Hearing adjourned at 8:10 pm.

VI. REPORTS AND QUESTIONS FROM TRUSTEES: There were none.

VII. VILLAGE STAFF REPORTS:

Chief Wieteska reported that the annual Kids vs. Cops Charity Basketball Game took place on Saturday, May 12. Donations of \$500 were received for the Illinois Special Olympics.

Chief Wieteska advised that due to the NATO Summit in Chicago, the Police Department is operating at full staff through Tuesday. One officer is being dispatched to Chicago to assist.

VIII. ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION:

A. 2012/13 Budget Amendment Discussion

Director Danielson advised that an amendment is needed to the adopted 2012/13 Budget. A \$212,000 downward adjustment to the sales tax projection and a like amount of expenditure reductions in the General Fund are needed to account for the recent closing of Best Buy.

Staff has provided a five-point recommendation for budget reductions, including (1) adjustment for actual savings received on the employee health insurance renewal, (2) elimination of the Community Service Officer position within the Police Dept, which was recently vacated due to promotion, (3) reduction to the number of monthly Village Board meetings from three to two, eliminating Committee of the Whole, (4) reducing the working hours of all regular part-time employees by one hour per day and (5) reducing Fire Dept shift staffing at Public Safety Center #2 from three shifts to two, limiting this station to ambulance only response.

With respect to recommendation #5, reduction in Fire staffing, Manager Cavallaro noted that this recommendation should be viewed as an interim step towards a consolidation/regional service delivery effort with the Rutland-Dundee Fire Protection District, which would increase shift personnel back up to 3 or 4 shifts at PSC2 with combined department staffing.

Chief Freise provided statistics on call volume and response types for each station, as well as mutual aid response and simultaneous alarm statistics. He explained that reduced staffing at PSC2 would require all engine responses to originate from either PSC1 or a neighboring fire department. Ambulance response from PSC2 will continue to provide quicker response for emergency medical services to the far west portion of West Dundee.

Part-time firefighter Ken Schwartz addressed the Board with concerns regarding on-the-job safety for firefighter/paramedics based on a reduction of one man per shift.

A general consensus was reached to accept recommendations 1, 2, 3 and 5.

Regarding recommendation #4, part-time staff hours reduction, Chief Freise requested that the Board consider maintaining the Fire Prevention Officer's hours if the reduction in shift personnel is approved.

Trustee Osth presented for discussion a list of other reductions to consider instead of reducing part-time personnel hours, including elimination of (a) memberships to professional organizations, (b) DARE and Neighborhood Watch programs, (c) various Public Works programs such as window washing, (d) Community Development marketing expense and (e) Police, Fire and Public Works overtime pay for Heritage Fest.

Trustee Hanley suggested that the costs to maintain service levels be passed on to the residents in the form of increased property taxes and fees for services such as refuse removal.

Manager Cavallaro reminded the Board of their discussion in April regarding funding of capital projects and infrastructure programs, which were excluded from this year's budget due to lack of funds. He suggested that the Board and staff strive to balance the budget within the parameters of existing revenues, which requires expenditure reductions, and focus the identification of new revenues towards the reinstatement of desired capital programs and fund balance replenishment.

Discussion regarding an amendment to the 2012/13 budget will continue at the next Regular Board Meeting with additional information presented by staff.

IX. EXECUTIVE SESSION: There was none.

X. MISCELLANEOUS:

Trustee Voss asked Director Babica for the status of tree removals on Pember Circle. He advised that the department is working on stump grinding.

XI. ADJOURNMENT:

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

The Committee of the Whole Meeting adjourned at 10:35 pm.

ATTEST:

Kim Tibbetts
Deputy Village Clerk

Larry Keller
Village President