

WORKSHOP  
MARCH 24, 2010

The Workshop meeting for the Board of Trustees was called to order Wednesday, March 24, 2010 by President Offerman. Trustee Matichak and Wagner absent.

Also present: Nick Narducci, Dave Albert and Scott Haywood

Meeting called for discussion on the 2010-2011 Budget.

Nick Narducci, Acting Village Administrator presented the budget. Financial strengths, financial opportunities, national economy, state economy, village economy, Elwood goals, water and sewer, capital construction, and strategic goals were highlighted.

Budget highlights – General Fund revenue increase in police fines. Reduction in administrative fees, engineering fees and legal fees has been implemented.

Recommendation - leasing of squad cars.

Police Department and Public Works split between general fund and SSA.

#### Fund Summary

Brandon Noel Improvements – will have to improve road at sometime. Working with CenterPoint, they will fix the road and the funds be transferred to them.

Garbage Fund – an in and out fund.

Negotiating agreement for garbage pickup and recycling. Will compare prices with other companies.

MFT – basically salt was purchased. No construction this year from MFT.

PHASE 1 – not a lot of revenue, we have received the last million dollars. Use for debt service for bond issue. Money was transferred to Parks.

DEBT SERVICE – discussed the 2005 bonds. Not making the DCEO payment, will be doing at some time.

GENERAL FUND – reviewed revenues. We have saved money by the administrative adjustments.

## POLICE

Chief Albert

Regarding vehicles, purchasing too high, approached Ford on a four year lease. 5 vehicles, \$35,000 for four years with an extended warranty, end of four years by for \$1.00 each. Scales, checking prices, do not want portable scales. Two officers for a truck overweight team.

We have 47 to 50 lane miles in the Village.

A lot discussion regarding the leasing of vehicles and not using the Explorers for police use.

## STREETS

Scott Haywood

Building maintenance and grounds, a lot needs to be done to keep up with.

Electric is high.

Need to get a vehicle, lease for five years, going for state purchase through Will County Governmental League for \$23,000.00.

One (1) maintenance employee spends time at the wastewater treatment plant to become familiar with the plant. Employee is working on getting water license.

Items on page 98 needs to be done, one item is the carpet cleaning. Christmas decorations have been added in the budget this year.

Need to seal coat the drive at the Village Hall.

Have five (5) full time employees and will be hiring four (4) summer help.

### WATER/SEWER

No tap on fees, no development.

Pumps went out and had to be installed. Operator fees biggest expense. Salaries have come down. EMC contract up in eighteen (18) months. One maintenance employee has a water license and that will cut the fee. DCEO requires us to have an outside contractor.

Meter testing being done at the BNSF is being monitored. Testing is being done to get a better idea of water usage for billing purposes.

### CAPITAL CONSTRUCTION

Need to do crack fill and seal coating.

Capital construction projects in early so we can get started on them.

Try for grants for street lighting using LED bulbs.

### PARK

Programs that are being done are paying for themselves.

Need to look at clean-up costs.

CenterPoint Park and Little Park will get a new name.

At the Lloyd Erickson Park the snow hill and ice skating rink was a big success this year, would like to enlarge the ice skating rink next year.

Question was asked if the CenterPoint Park could fall under the SSA, was told no.

Midewin Tall Grass Prairie to help with planting at the new CenterPoint Park.

Need a fifteen foot easement from Fire Department for the new CenterPoint Park.

Bill Offerman

The ordinance for the community room and basement area is being revised. Need some input from the board. Who will open building after hours, will have to hire someone from weekdays and Saturday hours to open and close the building.

Change the age from 18 to 21 for anyone to be able to rent the community room, basement area and park.

Discussion on hours of operation for the basement area, Monday, Wednesday and Friday from 5:00 to 9:00 pm and Saturday from 8:00 am to 4:00 pm, will try to see if these times will work.

Leave the park rental at \$25.00.

SSA

Reviewed services we provide at CenterPoint. We do not collect enough money and this will be a problem down the road. We are in need of commercial on Route 53.

GENERAL FUND

With the unions, will be an increase in salaries. Nick's services are being charged to SSA. Legal and engineering services have gone down.

Any further questions or comments please feel free to contact Nick Narducci.