

WORKSHOP MINUTES
VILLAGE BOARD OF TRUSTEES
OCTOBER 14, 2009

PRESENT: Village President Offerman, Trustees Bernhard, Jones, Kucera, Matchak and Ruban. Also present Ed Graham, Village Attorney and Nick Narducci, Acting Village Administrator.

AN ORDINANCE ABATING CERTAIN REAL ESTATE TAXES HERETOFORE
LEVIED FOR THE TAX LEVY YEAR 2009 FOR THE PAYMENT OF PRINCIPAL
AND INTEREST ON GENERAL OBLIGATION IMPROVEMENT BONDS,
SERIES 2005 HERETOFORE ISSUED BY THE VILLAGE OF ELWOOD

Nick Narducci explained the ordinance. Abate taxes to be taken off property tax bills. The amount to be rebated is \$291,847.50.

AN ORDINANCE RECONSTITUTING THE POLICE DEPARTMENT FOR THE
VILLAGE OF ELWOOD

Village President Offerman - reconstituting the police department.

Ed Graham – new channels for appointment of individuals, blends with collective bargaining, certification of officers. Working with Nick Sakellariou on the labor matters.

Trustee Matchak – asked about the hiring and firing of police personnel.

Ed Graham – the Board has the decision.

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING “THE OFFICIAL ZONING ORDINANCE”
KNOWN AS ORDINANCE 656 RELATED TO THE PARKING AND STORAGE
OF RECREATIONAL VEHICLES, BOATS AND SNOWMOBILES ON TRAILERS
WITHIN THE VILLAGE OF ELWOOD

Ed Graham –drafted the ordinance on the recommendation made by Planning Board and the Village President. Two trailers with vehicle on the single property. Five (5) feet off property line, not in front yard of property.

Trustee Matchak – some houses will not have five feet of property on the side of their houses, not enough easement.

Ed Graham – ordinance to be adopted by December.

Trustee Kucera – asked about the height of the trailer.

Ed Graham – no reference to the height of the trailer.

Village President Offerman – referred to page 4 (iv) back yard only or side yard.

Ed Graham – side yard.

AN ORDINANCE LEVYING AND EXTENDING A SPECIAL TAX IN THE
VILLAGE OF ELWOOD SPECIAL SERVICE AREA NUMBER 1 FOR TAX YEAR
2009

Nick Narducci - explained the ordinance, this is done every year, a special tax on properties in the intermodal, pays for police, public works and administration. The intermodal property owners pay this additional tax. This has been budgeted for the last five years. Is a separate bill which goes out in November and is due December 1st. There are twelve property owners. Need to adopt this ordinance to cover costs.

LETTER REGARDING ARTIFACT FROM SEPTEMBER 11th WORLD TRADE CENTER

Village President Offerman – explained receiving a letter from the September 11th Families Association regarding a piece of artifact from the World Trade Center. Would like to create a memorial, would be a piece of steel to be put on display.

DISCUSSION ON A POLICY FOR TERMINATED EMPLOYEES

Nick Narducci – Trustees have discussed with me a policy on final payment to employees terminated. Document will have to be drafted. We have legal time frames to follow. A special meeting may be required to approve the payment.

HALLOWEEN PARTY AND TRICK 'N' TREAT HOURS

Hours have been set for 3:00 pm to 6:00 pm, Saturday, October 31, 2009.

HOLIDAY DECORATIONS

Scott Haywood – at one time had a line item of \$10,000.00, was cut to \$1,000.00. Last year purchased lights and wreaths for gazebo. We will be planting a tree in the little park, a 10' Douglas fir. Jamie has been planning for tree lighting with the choir from the school. Suggested the kids at the school make ornaments for the tree. I have been checking prices on decorations.

Trustee Matichak – no extra decorations. Kids can do the ornaments.

SIDEWALKS

Scott Haywood – getting quotes for repairing the sidewalks downtown, will be replacing three sections of sidewalk on Mississippi Street. The final coat of paving has been completed on Bush Drive, the landscaping needs to be completed.

