

WORKSHOP MINUTES  
VILLAGE BOARD OF TRUSTEES  
MAY 13, 2009

PRESENT: Village President Offerman, Trustees Bernhard, Jones, Kucera, Ruban and Wagner. Also present Aimee Ingalls, Ed Graham, Nick Narducci, Chief Dave Albert, Scott Haywood and Brian McKiernan from CenterPoint

Trustee Matichak absent

AN ORDINANCE APPROVING A UNIT SIX PLAT OF INDUSTRIAL SUB-DIVISION FOR DEER RUN INDUSTRIAL PARK, WITHIN THE VILLAGE OF ELWOOD, WILL COUNTY, ILLINOIS

Village President explained and asked if any Board member had any questions.

Trustee Kucera asked the location of the property.

Was told the location is south of Walter Strawn Road and west of Route 53, known as Building 8.

Trustee Ruban asked if this was a spec building.

Building is one million square feet, 8,000 square feet is leased and 4,000 square feet is vacant.

AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING PREVAILING WAGE RATES FOR THE VILLAGE OF ELWOOD, WILL COUNTY, ILLINOIS

Village President explained this ordinance is required by law to approve every year.

PROPOSED AGREEMENT FOR COLLECTION SERVICES

Village President explained the collection services will be for those who have moved away from the area and left unpaid water bills. Also used as a last resort.

Trustee Wagner has spoken to water billing and understood the reasoning for the service.

#### PARK BID – CENTERPOINT PARK

Bid was for the grading of the softball fields. The bids came in double of the engineering estimates. Some work will have to be done on the fields so they can play on them in the fall. Hold off with grading, use fields as is.

Trustee Ruban – will they be taken care of by CenterPoint.

Aimee Ingalls – they have been turned over to the Village. We have received additional monies from CenterPoint for the fields.

Question was asked if we are going to re-bid.

Aimee Ingalls – will re-visit, bid came in high, would have to tear up more than what they actually need to do and that would be the added cost.

We have received an additional \$400,000 from CenterPoint.

Plan is to play on the fields for now to see if we need to have to make some adjustments.

Trustee Ruban – should be made known to residents.

Scott Haywood – maintenance have been mowing, purchased grass seed and dirt for fill.

## BUDGET

Nick Narducci – budget a proposed document, estimate of revenues, village board can recommend any changes. Review of financial strengths of the village also reviewed several aspects of the budget. DECO loan, capital construction, strategic goals, budget reductions were reviewed. DECO loan is being restructured. Operating budget was explained.

Police – Chief Albert – questioned the figure for maintenance of vehicles, not enough in budget. Need at least \$7,500 to make it through the year. - Was told the maintenance of vehicles is split between the SSA and the Police Budget.

Chief Albert – question on dues and subscriptions, I need to be involved in three organizations. - Was told the dues and subscriptions come from the SSA budget.

Chief Albert – uniform expenses, not enough in budget. - Was told some of the uniform expenses come from SSA.

Chief Albert – a car proposal being put together.

Scott Haywood – not enough money for road maintenance, need to line stripe and crack fill. Chicago Street needs patching. Vehicle maintenance is low. Chemicals for sewer plant may be lower after we have our meeting with EMC.

Trustee Ruban asked about salt.

Scott Haywood – we contract with the State of Illinois for our salt.

Overweight truck permit money can only be used to maintain in industrial park.

Nick Narducci – start planning for when the TIF District is over. This is a proposed document. Look at the strategic issues, DECO loan is a big issue. Budget will be discussed again in June.