

**Minutes of the 2008-2009 Budget Workshop
Held on Tuesday, March 4, 2007 at 5:30 p.m.
in Community Room A**

Mayor Waldorf called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m. Present were: Mayor Waldorf, Trustee Vaupel, Trustee Dement, and Trustee Lamb. Absent: Trustee Manning, Trustee Fay, and Trustee Racich. Also present were: Traci Pleckham, Management Services Director; Allen Persons, Public Works Director; Don Bennett, Chief of Police; and Michelle Gibas, Village Clerk. There were 4 persons in the audience.

Trustee Dement moved to approve the minutes of the Budget Workshop held on February 26, 2008. Seconded by Trustee Lamb. Voice Vote. All in favor, 0 opposed. Motion carried.

BUSINESS MEETING

Mr. Allen Persons, Public Works Director, reviewed the Water Operations Budget. Mr. Persons stated that as per our agreement with Illinois American, all rate adjustments initiated by the City of Chicago will be included within our wholesale purchase rate. The City of Chicago will be initiating a rate increase estimated to be approximately \$.035/1000 gallons. This rate increase affects all users including Chicago residents.

Mr. Persons reported that although the City of Chicago is increasing their rate, staff was able to prepare a balanced budget without increasing the water rate to Village residents. There was some general discussion regarding water rates.

Mr. Persons then reviewed the Sanitary Sewer return charge. Mr. Persons reviewed how some neighboring communities have addressed the sanitary sewer charge and also reviewed a worksheet that depicts the monthly totals and separates water and sewer revenue. If the Village were to offer a sewer return credit, the Village would have an estimated \$600,000 per year revenue loss. After some further general discussion, it was the consensus that the rates should not be adjusted at this time. Staff will re-evaluate the rates over the next six months to determine if a rate adjustment will be required in the near future. This re-evaluation will include several possible rate structure options. One of the options, that will be investigated, would essentially cap the residential sewer charge.

There being no further business, on a motion from Trustee Dement and seconded by Trustee Lamb, the meeting adjourned at 6:52 p.m.

These minutes were prepared by Michelle Gibas, Village Clerk.