

**Minutes of the Committee of the Whole Workshop of the President and the Board of Trustees
Held on Monday, January 25, 2010
In the Boardroom**

Mayor Collins called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. Present: Mayor Collins, Trustee Bonuchi, Trustee Fay, Trustee Kachel, Trustee Lamb, and Trustee Peck. Trustee Racich was absent. Also present: Brian Murphy, Village Administrator; Michelle Gibas, Village Clerk; Allen Persons, Public Works Director; Joe Baber, Building Supervisor; Michael Garrigan, Planning Supervisor; Traci Pleckham, Management Services Supervisor; Amy DeBoni, Community Relations Director; and Bill Doster, Chief of Police. There were approximately 8 persons in the audience.

Trustee Fay moved to approve the Minutes of the Committee of the Whole Workshop held on January 11, 2010. Seconded by Trustee Lamb. Voice Vote. All in favor, 0 opposed. Motion carried.

PRESIDENTIAL COMMENTS

No Comments.

TRUSTEES COMMENTS

Trustee Fay:

- Informed everyone of the upcoming 20th anniversary of the Plainfield tornado and that he is on a Committee that is planning events for Saturday, August 28th.
- Asked the Board if they had any objections to the Riverfront Foundation and Steering Committee changing the focus of the First Phase from the Board's original decision to focus on the northwest portion of the park on the north side of Lockport Street because of its centrality, being more visible, having more space, and having less flooding issues. The Board did not express any objections.

Trustee Lamb stated that he attended the grand opening for the Art League as well as the Art Cube and feels that they are both vital organizations and an asset to the community.

Trustee Peck thanked Public Works for picking up the litter along 135th Street.

BUDGET WORKSHOP

#1 POLICE DEPARTMENT, ADMINISTRATION/MANAGEMENT SERVICES, AND CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS

Mrs. Traci Pleckham, Management Services Director, reviewed the proposed budgets for the Administration and Finance which also includes Community Relations, IT Program, and Human Resources. The overall proposed budget for Administration and Finance reflects a reduction of 2.5% or \$123,282.54. Mrs. Pleckham reviewed the proposed budgets for the individual programs. Mrs. Pleckham pointed out that the Community Relations Program has been reduced by 16.7% and pointed out that Amy DeBoni has identified the reductions in a staff memo that has been included in the Board Packet. The IT Program reflects a 15% increase to upgrade the Village's voicemail and upgrade to a Microsoft Exchange email server.

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Mr. Bill Doster, Chief of Police, reviewed the Police Department Budget. The overall proposed budget reflects a reduction of 8.9%. Chief Doster pointed out that the 2009 layoffs created a significant budget reduction along with no projected salary increases. The reduction also includes three (3) officer positions from a COPS grant that was not awarded. Chief Doster reviewed additional reductions reflected in the proposed budget.

Mr. Brian Murphy, Village Administrator, then reviewed the Capital Improvement Budget. The projected revenues are \$7,924,000.00 which includes approximately \$3.9 million in grants. The revenue projections are keeping consistent with what we have been seeing so far including a reduction in home rule sales tax and building permit revenue.

Mr. Allen Persons pointed out that the Village also received MFT funds, however, he did express some concerns with timing of the extra funding from the Capital Bill. Mr. Persons stated that the projects identified in the staff report are the same as previously reviewed. The list is not the only projects that the Village will be doing. There are other projects that will be done in-house that don't necessarily have a cost to them besides staffing costs.

Mr. Murphy then pointed out that the Village currently leases the police fleets and felt that the Board should consider eliminating the lease/purchase program. The Village will then be able to use the money saved on the interest to fund actual capital purchases. There would be a one time expense to do that.

There being no further business, on a motion from Trustee Fay and seconded by Trustee Lamb, the meeting adjourned at 7:55 p.m.

Michelle Gibas, Village Clerk