

**Minutes of the Committee of the Whole Workshop of the President and the Board of Trustees  
Held on November 28, 2011  
In the Boardroom**

Mayor Collins called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. Present were: Mayor Collins, Trustee Racich, Trustee Rippy, Trustee Bonuchi, Trustee Fay, and Trustee Lamb. Board Absent: Trustee Peck. Others present: Brian Murphy, Administrator; Michelle Gibas, Village Clerk; Allen Persons, Public Works Director; Michael Garrigan, Planning Supervisor; Traci Pleckham, Management Services Director; and John Konopek, 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 November 14, 2011. Seconded by Trustee Lamb. Voice Vote. All in favor, 0 opposed. Motion carried.

**PRESIDENTIAL COMMENTS**

Mayor Collins announced that Sgt. Munson, and Prosecuting Attorneys Debra Abbott and Joan Meyers will receive an Achievement of Excellence Award from Canadian National.

**TRUSTEES COMMENTS**

Trustee Fay stated that he heard of an explosion on Saturday and asked if there was any truth to that. Chief Konopek stated that he could not confirm that there was an explosion.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS**

None.

**WORKSHOP MEETING**

**#1 2012-2013 BUDGET PRESENTATION**

Mr. Allen Persons, Public Works Director, reviewed the proposed budget for the Water and Wastewater Division. Mr. Persons highlighted responsibilities, the Lake Water Pumping Station, Walker's Grove and Nature Crossing improvements, the radio water meter reading system, expenditures, water demand, water pumpage, yearly shut-offs, wholesale water purchase costs, Lake Michigan Water purchase, and water and sewer rates. Mr. Persons stated that staff is proposing an increase in the water and sewer rates to help offset the rate increase by the City of Chicago for Lake Michigan water. Mr. Persons pointed out that water loss is at an all time low of 2%.

Administrator Murphy pointed out that there is an approximate 20% savings of operating costs. Mr. Murphy also pointed out that the waste water treatment facility was a wise investment. The Village has exceeded the capacity of the old treatment plant.

Trustee Rippy expressed concern regarding hacking of the water facilities. Mr. Persons stated that there are securities in place and felt that hacking would be highly unlikely. Trustee Bonuchi thanked staff for their efforts, no one likes rate increases, but without the savings that staff has been able to achieve, the rate increase could have been much higher. Trustee Racich thanked the staff for the outstanding service and for effective water management. Trustee Lamb stated that he is always glowing about staff because he has lived in several places and things work here.

**#2 2011 TAX LEVY**

Mrs. Traci Pleckham, Management Services Director, stated that it is staff's recommendation to keep the overall levy dollar amount unchanged at \$5,367,321. Based on the 2011 levy request, Village residents on average will not see an increase in the Village portion of their property taxes when compared to 2010. However, some residents could see modest decreases or increases depending on the EAV adjustment to their home.

Mr. Murphy then reviewed some suggested revenue options including increasing the local gas tax, increasing the home rule sales tax, and keeping the property tax levy request at the same dollar amount. Mr. Murphy pointed out that by not keeping the dollar amount the same, the Village would see an approximate \$250,000 decrease in revenue. Trustee Lamb pointed out that once revenue improves, it is easier to remove the sales tax increase, and pointed out that the Village is not overspending.

Mrs. Pleckham stated that the Public Hearing for the Tax Levy will be held on December 19, 2011 and the Village has until December 27 to file the levy with Will and Kendall County.

Mayor Collins read the reminders.

Trustee Fay moved to adjourn. Seconded by Trustee Lamb. Voice Vote. All in favor, 0 opposed. Motion carried.

The meeting adjourned at 8:12 p.m.

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Michelle Gibas, Village Clerk