

Manager Jones updated the Commission on the recent proposal by the Governor to reduce the municipal share of the state income tax.

V. Continued Discussion of Special Programs Fund

The Commission discussed the Special Program Fund's (SPF) purpose and the use of public funds to provide support to local community organizations. Some Commissioners indicated their reluctance to continue the current method of supporting outside organizations via donations from the SPF. These Commissioners favored an "invoicing" for service approach with expenditures accounted for within the Village's General Fund. Other Commissioners supported the continued funding, but wanted to see the process streamlined.

Upon a poll taken by Chairman Parker, the majority of the Commissioners expressed support for the Village continuing the practice of utilizing some level of discretionary funds to support community groups.

The Commissioners also favored the Village increasing the publicizing of the funding available to community groups. This should be achieved via low cost methods such as the Village newsletter and website

The Commissioners expressed general agreement that the current process for allocating funding from the SPF was overly burdensome for both the Village Board and staff and that requiring groups to present their funding requests was unnecessary.

Commissioners discussed alternatives including creating an application process with well defined selection criteria or forming a committee to recommend funding allocations to the Village Board.

During further discussion, Commissioners expressed general agreement that the Village Board should annually determine the level of discretionary spending available each year and that the bulk of the allocation process should be handled by staff. The general consensus was that the Village Board should review the allocation recommendation from management as part of the regular budget workshop process rather than a special meeting.

VI. Other Business

None

VII. Adjourn

Commission Geiselhart moved, seconded by Commissioner McCloskey to adjourn the meeting at 8:35 AM. The motion carried unanimously.

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