

Minutes
Regular Village Board Workshop
Glen Ellyn Village Board of Trustees
April 12, 2010

Time of Meeting: 6:31 P.M.

Present: President Pfefferman; Trustees Comerford, Cooper, Ladesic, Thorsell, Henninger; Village Clerk Connors; Attorney Diamond.
Staff present: Village Manager Jones, Schrader, Batek, Minix, Hulseberg, and Holmer. Kvpil at 7:45 p.m.

1. Call to Order

President Pfefferman called the Board Workshop to order at 6:31 P.M. with a roll call. Trustees Comerford, Cooper, Ladesic, Thorsell, Hartweg, and Henninger responded "Here."

2. Public Comments?

None.

3. FY 10/11 Budget Discussion

- a) **Hill Avenue Capital Project:** Village Manager Steve Jones explained the situation regarding the Hill Avenue bridge between Glen Ellyn and Lombard. The bridge crosses the DuPage River and is west of Rt. 355 in Lombard. It is in need of repair. Any participation in the cost of the repair was not budgeted for this fiscal year and any impact for this coming fiscal year would be about \$12,000. It is accounted for in the Capital Projects Fund in the line item for a Legislative Liaison. Village Manager Jones explained that the Village of Lombard asked Glen Ellyn if it would be interested in half ownership and participation in rehabilitation of the bridge. Traffic to and from the industrial area and school buses use the bridge. The school districts have incurred additional transportation costs since weight limits have been imposed on bridge usage. Trucks have had to use Glen Ellyn streets to access the industrial area to avoid using the bridge due to the weight limit. The Village contacted potential frequent users to ask whether they would want to participate in the reconstruction of the bridge. Response so far has been that District 41 is not interested since they use the route infrequently; District 87 has not responded as yet; Glen Oak County Club will not participate since it does not impact them; and there is on-going discussion with the businesses along Hill. In response to questions, Bob Minix stated that the bridge may be beyond its useful life and might have to be rebuilt. Chief Norton explained how various traffic studies are conducted. The Village Board discussed the understanding that the bridge was not in the Village and the Village of Glen Ellyn did not have an obligation to participate. It was agreed that preliminary funds could be added to the coming fiscal year's budget, but specific action could be deferred.

- b) **Contingency Plan:** The Village Board was reminded that the State of Illinois was considering reduction of that portion of the income tax to municipalities from 10% to 7%. This could happen as early as November 2010, but the Village does not know when it would actually happen. The 3% reduction could cost the Village of Glen Ellyn \$630,000. The Village Board will agree: 1) Money will not be spent until the money is available and 2) prioritize as the money becomes available; that is items will be shown in the budget, but that money will not be spent until the money becomes available. This is a plan that allows for flexibility as the fiscal year progresses.
- c) **Glen Ellyn Historical Society Payment:** Jon Batek gave a background regarding the agreement between the Historical Society and the Village. The agreement detailing the annual payment and the 5% interest rate was signed between the parties in 2002. \$57,410 is due as agreed in the original agreement. Of that amount, \$45,868 is in interest. This year's payment from the Historical Society was due in 2009. Staff recommends the 2009 payment should be made under the current agreement until a new agreement is in place. Jan Langford, Executive Director of the Historical Society, responded by asking that the interest rate be tied to the Illinois Funds rate and be reduced to \$21,282. The Finance Commission has been meeting regarding the Historical Society and it is the Historical Society's understanding that they will make a recommendation to the Village Board for FY 10/11. The proposal the Historical Society is making tonight is for the FY 09/10 payment distribution. Attorney Diamond reminded all parties that legally the money should be paid in full immediately and that any adjustment to the 5% interest rate is an amendment to the current agreement. A change in the interest rate would be a modification of the agreement. The Finance Commission is going to present a recommendation to the Village Board regarding the Village's agreement with the Historical Society, hopefully soon. The Village Board discussed the presentations and agreed to collect the FY2009/10 payment and discuss modification of interest after the Finance Commission recommendation is received.
- d) **Special Programs Fund:** President Pfefferman explained that balancing the budget was a priority. Saying that, he read various organization's funding requests from the Village for the coming fiscal year and the amounts that were actually going to be allocated. Most organization's requests were reduced due to the Village's budget constraints and the necessity to balance the budget. The Village Board was in agreement with the amounts as allocated.

4. Other Items?

None

5. Adjournment

At 7:58 p.m. the meeting was adjourned to the Regular Village Board Meeting in the Galligan Board Room.

Submitted by:

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Village Clerk