

Minutes
Regular Village Board Workshop
Glen Ellyn Village Board of Trustees
March 26, 2012

Time of Meeting: 7:05 p.m.

Present: President Pfefferman; Trustees Hartweg, Cooper, and Henninger; Village Clerk Connors. Village Attorney Diamond. Staff present: Village Manager Franz, Assistant to the Village Manager Schrader, Public Works Director Hansen, Police Chief Norton, Village Planner Stegall, Finance Director Wachtel, Professional Engineer Minix at 7:15 p.m., and Assistant Finance Director Coyle.

1. Call to Order

President Pfefferman called the Board Workshop to order at 7:05 p.m. with a roll call. Trustees Hartweg, Cooper, and Henninger responded "Present." Trustees Ladesic, Friedberg and McGinley were excused.

President Pfefferman announced that the first official Public Hearing for FY12/13 Village budget will be held at the first Village Board meeting in April. If anyone has any budget questions, please contact any Village Board member or the Finance Department. He expressed the Village Board's sincere gratitude for the work that staff has done on the budget.

2. Final Budget Review

Finance Director Kevin Wachtel began by providing an update that incorporated changes using the comments and feedback recently received. This has resulted in a surplus in parts of the budget mostly in an adjustment in expenses. Updates in insurance and other operating funds also helped. The General Fund has a surplus for the time being. The Capital Improvements Fund has the largest deficit due to the Hawthorne Boulevard project. The Parking Fund also shows a deficit because of the planned parking lot projects. Director Wachtel briefly mentioned other funds and reported on open items. He fielded specific questions from the Village Board concerning adjustments, policies and open items. There was a general discussion regarding the use of the Home Rule Sale Tax for general expenses.

President Pfefferman asked about combining activities among Village departments and with other governmental units. Village Manager Franz mentioned a few possible ways this could be done such as in the area of landscaping to reduce costs. He asked for other suggestions.

Discussion ensued concerning Police Pension, open items, and keeping the budget balanced. Director Wachtel explained the accounting procedure involved for Keep Pace coupons at the Village Links. Since everyone is comfortable with the amount of the General Fund surplus, the question arose as to what should be done with it. All agreed to leave it as it was. It was explained that the budget can be amended as the year progresses and some items are not completed.

3. Other Items?

There will be a Public Hearing at the April 9, 2012 Village Board meeting and the FY12/13 budget will be adopted at the Regular Village Board meeting on April 23, 2012.

4. Adjournment

At 7:55p.m., Trustee Henninger moved and Trustee Cooper seconded a motion to adjourn the meeting. All voted “Aye.” Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully Submitted,

Suzanne R. Connors,
Village Clerk