

**Minutes
Special Workshop Meeting
Glen Ellyn Village Board of Trustees
Monday, October 24, 2016**

Call to Order

President Pro Tem Senak called the meeting to order at 6:02 p.m.

Roll Call

Upon roll call by Village Clerk Galvin, President Pro Tem Senak and Trustees Clark, Kenwood Ladesic and O'Shea answered "Present." Trustee Elliott entered the meeting at 6:11 p.m. President Demos was excused.

In Attendance: Recording Secretary Solomon, Village Manager Franz, Village Attorney Mathews, Finance Director Coyle, Public Works Director Hansen, Police Chief Norton, Senior Civil Engineer Daubert and Village Links/Reserve 22 General Manager Vesevick.

Pledge of Allegiance

President Pro Tem Senak asked Library Board Trustee Molly McGinnis Knapke to lead the Pledge of Allegiance.

Audience Participation

Erik Petersen, who resides at 237 Lorraine Street and is an 18-year resident of the Village, stated he is a local artist who feels the Arts are a missing component in the Village. Mr. Petersen thanked the Village for supporting his art as this art is hanging in the Civic Center. Mr. Petersen stated the Elevate Studio and Gallery at 535 Pennsylvania Avenue is closing; however, he and other artists in the community would like to transition this space into a place where all the Arts would be welcome. He stated he and the other artists would like to use this as a retail space for art as well as a possible studio, a place for art classes and a place to exhibit and show art among other things. He stated they are running into issues with some ordinances and would really like to move forward with this project.

Trustee Ladesic stated the Village's ordinances are fluid and can be changed. Mr. Petersen stated they have met with Planning and Development Director Hulseberg and are working with her on this project. Village Manager Franz stated the biggest issue may be an access issue that he will dig into. Trustee Clark stated he encouraged the Village to help with this possible project as the Arts are always welcomed and encouraged in the Village.

Agenda Item E. – Glen Ellyn Public Library

Glen Ellyn Public Library Director Dawn Bussey introduced Library Trustees Kelli Christiansen, Jill Clouse, Molly McGinnis Knapke and Barbara Rundell. Ms. Bussey reviewed the library's highlights from 2016 which included the re-opening of the renovated Children's section, an author event, a Science, Technology, Electronics and Mathematics (STEAM) event, the Read to Build Program and community conversations. Ms. Bussey stated in 2017, the library will become a passport center where you can get a new or renewed passport, and there will be a new library webpage. She stated they will do another special author event as well as the STEAM event. She stated they will also take steps to plan the last phase of the library renovation which is to be done in 2018.

Trustee Ladesic stated he would like to see the library do more fundraising and seek more public and private partnerships so the levy could possibly stay down. Ms. Bussey stated they continuously look for grants as well as new revenue streams such as the passport program. Ms. Bussey stated they do start the budget from scratch and go through line by line to ensure everything is included, and they will be asking for a 1.5% increase for the levy.

Agenda Item F. – Revenues

Finance Director Coyle passed around a page showing the updated changes to the 2017 Draft Budget. Finance Director Coyle stated they are budgeting a 3.9% increase in revenues, and the largest revenues for the Village are sales tax, home rule sales tax, income tax and property tax.

Trustee O'Shea asked about the possible change in vehicle-sticker program. Village Manager Franz stated this topic has been discussed at the Finance Commission, and this topic and the Fire Services fee will come to a Village Board Workshop in early 2017.

Village Manager Franz passed around updated budget memos on some of the topics that were discussed and the Board had questions on.

Agenda Item G. – Other Budget Items

Finance Director Coyle stated the Police Pension Board met last week, and the pension assumption will be down to 6.5% from the current 6.75%. Finance Director Coyle stated the police pension contribution would decrease by about \$300,000 in 2017. She stated if they keep the current investment allocation, the Finance Commission's recommendation is 6.0 to 6.25%, and every 25 basis points is a little over \$100,000 in increased contribution. Trustee Kenwood stated he is concerned about these numbers, and they should be more aggressive in getting the assumption down.

Trustee Elliott stated he does have some thoughts and suggestions for the draft budget, and the other Board Trustees said they do as well. Village Manager Franz stated they could do another workshop on Monday, November 7, 2016 to discuss these concerns before the November 14, 2016 public hearing on the budget.

Corporate Reserve Fund

Village Manager Franz stated the Corporate Reserve Fund is a static fund that was used in the past to purchase property. Village Manager Franz stated the one thing added to this budget is \$19,000 in the Professional Services line item so the Village can do a new community survey as the last one was done 15 years ago. Village Manager Franz stated the Village would hire a reputable municipal survey company to conduct this survey. Trustee Ladesic stated he is opposed to spending \$19,000 on this possible survey. Village Manager Franz stated there are many options they can do for this survey, and he would like the Board's support on this.

Elected Officials' Compensation

Village Manager Franz stated Village Attorney Mathews did research on this topic, and there is information on this in the packets. Village Attorney Mathews stated any changes in elected official's compensation need to be done 180 days before the newly-elected officials take office. Trustee Elliott stated he is fine with not being paid and asked if there is an insurance issue with this. Village Attorney Mathews stated he is with this and has confirmed it would not affect the Village's insurance coverage. Trustee Elliott stated he is fine with taking this compensation away, and the other Village Board Trustees agreed. Trustee Elliott stated he has talked to President Demos about this, and President Demos is fine with taking away this compensation as well. Trustee Ladesic stated he did want to ensure the Village President would still have some type of expense account or reimbursement to which Village Manager Franz stated the administration would need to handle these items. Trustee Elliott asked if this item needed to be removed from the Consent Agenda to which Village Attorney Mathews stated they can pass the newly-worded ordinance pending attorney review. Village Attorney Mathews stated this would only affect the newly-elected officials going forward and would not affect the current Trustees that are staying on the Board after the election. Village Manager Franz recommended that a recording secretary handle the Village Board meeting minutes going forward as of May 2017.

Environmental Commission Request

Environmental Commission Chairman Adam Kreuzer introduced several Commissioners from the Environmental Commission; Andrew Van Gorp, Mike Malone, Tom Pulver, Jennifer Umlauf, Renae Frigo and Dave Meehan. Chairman Kreuzer stated the Environmental Commission did write a personal letter to the Village Board which is in the packets. Chairman Kreuzer stated for the first time, the Environmental Commission has submitted a formal budget request for 2017, and the purposed for the requested budget is to finance events and initiatives that will promote and enhance the environmental and economic vitality of the Village. He stated he knows that this request seems like a lot of money, but it is just a small amount that could have lots of return on investment. Trustee O'Shea stated they could do an in-depth discussion of this request on November 7, 2016, and Chairman Kreuzer agreed to this.

G. Adjournment

At 6:57 p.m., a motion was made by Trustee Kenwood and seconded by Trustee O'Shea to adjourn. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Debbie Solomon
Recording Secretary