



Minutes
Village of Glen Ellyn
Village Board Special Meeting
Monday, November 7, 2022
7:00 PM
Glen Ellyn Civic Center, Galligan Board Room

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- A. **Call to Order – 7:02 PM**
B. **Pledge of Allegiance**
C. **Roll Call**

Upon roll call by Clerk Cosby, President Senak, and Trustees Christiansen, Fasules, Payne, and Gould answered “Present.”

A vote was taken to allow Trustee Kalinich to attend via phone.

Mover: Trustee Christiansen; Seconder: Trustee Gould; Unanimous vote to allow.

Also in attendance: Village Manager Franz, Assistant Village Manager Rodman, Village Attorney Mathews, Public Works Director Buckley, Finance Director Noller, Assistant Finance Director Brankin, Economic Development Coordinator Hannah, HR Director Vonachen, Accounts Manager Backhaus, and Police Commander Webber.

- D. **Audience Participation**

No Audience Participation.

- E. **Public Hearing and First Reading of the Proposed Fiscal Year 2023 Budget (Presented by Finance Director Noller) (Trustee Payne)**

- 1) Motion to open a public hearing to receive comment on the proposed annual budget for the Village of Glen Ellyn in the net amount of \$81,764,194 for the fiscal year beginning January 1, 2023, and ending December 31, 2023.

RESULTS:	APPROVED [5 to 0]
MOVER:	Trustee Payne
SECONDER:	Trustee Christiansen
AYES:	Gould, Fasules, Christiansen, Payne, Kalinich
NAYS:	

Finance Director Noller presented the public hearing and the first reading of the budget.

Finance Director Noller reviewed some of the services provided by the Village and then gave the total budget amount. He then gave a definition of Operating Expenditures and Capital Expenditures, breaking them down further as the 2023 budget specifies.

Finance Director Noller reviewed the estimated additional cost to residents for 2023, including property taxes, water, and sewer rates, and refuse rates.

President Senak asked about the total amount of revenue for the Water & Sewer increase. President Senak also wanted confirmation that these fees can only be used for Water & Sewer, which Finance Director Noller confirmed.

President Senak wanted to know details on how the Capital projects fund is affected by Water & Sewer. Finance Director Noller gave explained that the Water and Sewer Fund was a separate fund.

Trustee Payne asked if an increase is assumed or does budgeting always go conservative based on the current year. Finance Director Noller replied citing sales tax and economic conditions. Village Manager Franz added other data and information that is taken into consideration to create the budget for the next year including Illinois Municipal League (IML) projections.

President Senak asked about the conservative assumption of sales tax. Finance Director Noller replied with reasoning behind the approach taken for the 2023 budget.

President Senak pointed out that revenue is up and wanted to know what would happen to the budget if the property tax increase was taken out. Finance Director Noller replied in regard to transfers to general fund and that it's difficult to assume that the sales tax is always going to increase. President Senak replied that the expenditures are the issue, and the gap is filled by the property tax increase. He wondered what would happen if expenditures were limited to the rate of inflation. He continued his idea to balance the budget using the cash reserve, since it is so high at this point in time. Finance Director Noller replied with his opinion of this idea, stating that these funds could be used to fill a gap in the long-term capital budget.

President Senak commended the Village staff for a strong financial standing that allows him to even suggest using the cash reserve to eliminate the property tax increase. Trustee Payne gave his thoughts on this approach. Village Manager Franz gave a history of past Board actions and the tax levy increases.

Trustee Christiansen stated that unbudgeted purchases would require a conservative approach for the future.

President Senak talked about the history of the tax levy. Then he asked if there has been a decline in Village services. Village Manager Franz replied. President Senak expressed his concern that older residents must pay the property tax whereas sales tax is a choice.

Trustee Christiansen stated that the Village has been struggling to keep up with the demand for services and that it's hard to say there were no negative effects of zeroing out the tax. President Senak replied that the Village staff has been increased every year. Trustee Christiansen countered with her opinion.

Trustee Gould stated she would like to see the 4.9% come down but that there should be further discussion at another time to explore how to do that.

Trustee Payne added that the Board had agreed to look at hiring last year at the mid-point in the year... and things went well. His opinion is that continued growth is the future of the Village.

Trustee Fasules added that he believes the cash reserve is a one-time expense, not to balance budgets, and there are other ways to balance the budget. He believes that we need to be cognitive about not falling behind on the tax levy and the Board will need to come up with a solution so that the staff can run the Village.

President Senak and Trustee Fasules debated the cash reserve issue and what might need to be postponed. Trustee Fasules reiterated his opinion that cash reserves not be used in this way.

Trustee Christiansen added that her concern in using the cash reserve is that it could be a dangerous precedent and caution should be used in taking this approach because it could become part of the budget which would drain the fund.

Trustee Fasules thought that the next increase for food and beverage could be given to the General fund and that the cash reserve shouldn't be so large, if money is being used correctly. Attorney Mathews corrected numbers that Trustee Fasules gave, as they were lower.

Trustee Gould asked if some of the cash reserve should be transferred to the capital fund. Village Manager Franz replied why a robust cash reserve benefits the Village by providing flexibility to meet the needs of the community while protecting the AAA rating. Trustee Gould wanted to know if the AAA rating would still be given to the Village if the cash reserve was half as much.

Trustee Kalinich said that she is in support of the budget as presented by the staff, including the 4.9% Levy. She added that she was not in favor of using cash reserves for the budget, especially without the Board having discussed considerations for the surplus reserves.

Finance Director Noller commented that over the past few years, the Village has gotten many outside funds for myriad reasons and that in the future these will not be part of the landscape. President Senak gave his thought on this and that this might be a good year for tax relief for the Village residents. Trustee Fasules disagreed and suggested there were many options to keep the tax levy increase zero.

Trustee Payne thanks Finance Director Noller for the hard work from him and his team.

- 2) Motion to close a public hearing to receive comment on the proposed annual budget for the Village of Glen Ellyn in the net amount of \$81,764,194 for the fiscal year beginning January 1, 2023 and ending December 31, 2023.

RESULTS:	APPROVED [5 to 0]
MOVER:	Trustee Payne
SECONDER:	Trustee Christiansen
AYES:	Gould, Fasules, Christiansen, Payne, Kalinich
NAYS:	

- 3) Motion to approve on first reading an Ordinance adopting the annual Village of Glen Ellyn expenditure budget in the net amount of \$81,764,194, including the compensation plan, for the fiscal year beginning January 1, 2023, and ending December 31, 2023.

RESULTS:	APPROVED [5 to 0]
MOVER:	Trustee Payne
SECONDER:	Trustee Christiansen
AYES:	Gould, Fasules, Christiansen, Payne, Kalinich
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F. Reminders

Village Board Meeting November 14, 2022 at 7 pm.

President Senak noted that Election Day was tomorrow and encouraged all to vote.

President Senak also acknowledged poll workers, and everyone involved in early voting and their great work in this endeavor.

President Senak read a note from a resident that commended the police on visiting her grandchildren on their birthdays and that it was an outstanding action above and beyond the call of duty.

G. Adjourn – 8:02 PM

Mover: Trustee Christiansen; Secunder: Trustee Payne; Unanimous vote to adjourn.