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MINUTES OF A PUBLIC MEETING of the
PRESIDENT AND FINANCE COMMITTEE of the
VILLAGE OF EVERGREEN PARK, COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS
Monday, December 7, 2015

CALL TO ORDER The meeting was called to order by Chairman of the Finance Committee, Trustee Mark Marzullo at 6:00 P.M. in the Village of Evergreen Park Council Chambers, 9418 S. Kedzie Avenue, Evergreen Park, Il. The meeting was open to the public.

ROLL CALL Mayor Sexton asked Clerk Aparo to call the roll with the following results:

PRESENT:

- Mayor James Sexton
- Chairman, Finance Committee Trustee Mark Marzullo
- Trustee/Member Carol Kyle
- Village Treasurer, John Sawyers
- Village Clerk/Secretary Cathy Aparo
- Trustee Keane was absent with notice.
- Audience: None.

PUBLIC MEETING

Chairman Marzullo thanked everyone and called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. He stated this is a meeting of the Finance Committee and proper notification for this meeting was published. The purpose of this meeting is to discuss the proposed Village budget for 2015-2016. He then asked Treasurer John Sawyers to conduct the meeting.

Treasurer Sawyers distributed hand outs and explained this preliminary budget. 2016 revenues for 2016 are at \$ 24,992,008.00 and expenses at 25,144,000 leaving a deficit of \$ 152,187.00

General Fund: Mr. Sawyers stated sales tax revenues had a moderate increase. The State of Illinois has not been paying the use tax which is \$437,000 per year. He feels the State will be trying to take a portion of this tax. Property tax has not increased and its portion is going toward pensions. Gas Tax has been increased due to Meijer's gasoline station. Permits have been increased in 2015 due to the new Carson's store at the Plaza. The E-911 surcharge is going away and will be directed to the Emergency Telephone Board. Fines have leveled out and continue to level out in 2016. Motor Fuel taxes will be inflated in 2016 because the State of Illinois is not sending the money and only 9 months have been received in 2015.

Expenses: Items included in the expenses are a forestry truck at \$192,000 for PW Department, (8) eight vehicles for the Police Department (\$252,000 less trade-ins of \$ 96,000) and Fire Department safety equipment (\$ 14,200) for self-contained breathing apparatus and a new ambulance (\$155,000 less a 10,000 trade-in). The Park fund has \$28,000 for additional cameras at the dog park. Citizens Services have a new 12 seat mini bus at \$55,000. The Building Department has \$25,000 for demolition costs. Property maintenance has a \$9,000 item for fence repairs on west side of storage lot. There has been 0% increase in health insurance costs. There

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was a 5% increase on property and casualty. The Mayor thanked Clerk Aparo and Deputy Clerk Kim Cericola for their tremendous efforts on behalf of the Village.

Water Management Expenses include a 2015 Ford F-59 box van (\$115,000) and a 2016 Backhoe (\$116,100) and a hydraulic breaker for the backhoe (\$9,000) and the first full year water meter loan payment (\$110,550). There are no increases in the water or sewer rate for 2016. Treasurer Sawyers noted this as good as we have been in a very long time. The Mayor stated there were a lot of items that were turned down in previous meetings.

Mr. Sawyers stated there is a forecast of \$ 300,000 to \$350,000 surplus in 2015. Most of the departments came in under budget in 2015. He suggested we add a fund accounting policy to the budget ordinance and a five year capital plan. Mr. Sawyers stated due to financial issues in Cook County and the State of Illinois; the Village needs to initiate these policies to continue our excellent bond rating.

Mr. Sawyers gave an overview of the budget expenses by Departments. The Administration has no changes at \$22,000 under budget at \$ 1,032,730. Adjudication is at \$ 316,856 at \$9,000 under budget. The Street Department was \$70,000 under budget and the Parks Department has been combined for payroll purposes only. Totals for Street Department are \$2,496,348. Police Department remains the largest Village department and contributes \$300,000 in federal forfeiture funds to the overtime account. Police budget is at \$ 8,685,870 this is without any deductions of the forfeiture funds.

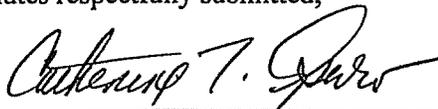
Fire Department budget is \$2,763,278 including the new ambulance. Office of Citizens Services is at \$284,949 for 2016 due to the new mini bus. The Park Department is at \$259,000 for 2016. Recreation Department is stable in their budget with \$ 605,291. The Youth Commission is up a little due to updates and improvements and will be \$38,899 for 2016.

The Building Department is at \$418,000 including the \$25,000 for building demolition fees. Property Maintenance account for 2016 is at \$163,000. Last year the number was larger due to \$150,000 repairs made at the Fire House.

Mr. Sawyers noted the contingency fund of \$250,000. He added Sewer and Water is also \$10,000 out of balance. He noted the fund revenues are \$24,992,000 and the fund expenses are \$25,144,195 causing the \$152,187 deficit. He stated these are just preliminary numbers and the deficit should be resolved for the actual budget. The Chair directed Clerk Aparo and Mr. Sawyers and to survey surrounding communities for the liquor license fees and tobacco license fees. Mayor Sexton stated he continues to get calls regarding expanding the video gaming licenses. Currently only the American Legion holds a license for gaming. A short discussion took place regarding the vacant Walgreen's property.

With nothing further to come before this Committee, motion by Trustee Marzullo second by Trustee Kyle that the Finance Committee of the Village of Evergreen Park accepts the budget as presented for Board approval and adjourns. Upon roll call voting YES: Mayor Sexton, Trustee Kyle and Chairman Mark Marzullo voting NO: NONE. The motion was passed and so ordered by the Chair to adjourn at 6:45 p.m.

Minutes respectfully submitted,



Catherine T. Aparo, MMC, Village Clerk