

MINUTES OF A PUBLIC MEETING of the  
PRESIDENT AND FINANCE COMMITTEE of the  
VILLAGE OF EVERGREEN PARK, COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS  
MONDAY, JANUARY 10, 2011

**CALL TO ORDER** The meeting was called to order by Chairman of the Finance Committee, Trustee Mark Marzullo at 4:00 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** Chairman Marzullo asked Clerk Aparo to call the roll with the following results:

**PRESENT:**

Mayor James Sexton  
Trustee Carol Kyle  
Trustee Jim McQuillan  
Clerk Catherine Aparo  
Chairman, Finance Committee Trustee Mark Marzullo  
Village Treasurer, John Sawyers

Audience: Reporter from internet paper and one resident.

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Chairman Marzullo thanked everyone for their attendance and announced the purpose of the meeting is to discuss the proposed Village budget for 2010-2011. Motion by Trustee Kyle second by Trustee McQuillan to open discussion of the general budget.

Treasurer Sawyers distributed hand outs and explained the budget.

Treasurer Sawyers stated TIF (Tax Increment Finance) funds are budgeted and would be used for capital outlay items; the total amount is \$1,150,000. He noted the budgeted column comparison headings.

Sewer and Water Budget were reviewed. Mr. Sawyers stated there is no increase coming from Chicago therefore, no increase in He added this is a labor intensive fund and repairs and maintenance are budgeted. There is a current project for the pump lift station which went to bid. Chairman Marzullo questioned the line item regarding salaries. Treasurer Sawyers noted retro increased will be due May 1, 2011 and this does include prior year retro pay. The Mayor noted there is 1 year of back pay this year. Mr. Sawyers stated there is a fund surplus of \$41,579.00

A brief discussion took place regarding the replacement of old water meters which are at their estimated life cycle of twenty years. The Chair noted grant monies are being looked into for replacement meters.

The Chair noted increases will be coming from the waste hauler all else should stay at the current rate.

The General Fund was reviewed. Mr. Sawyers noted the Police are the largest with 32.9%, Fire Department at 11.5%, Public Works at 12% and Insurance and Benefits at 15%. Revenues (taxes) are very conservative figures; including sales tax, per capita tax and property tax which was increased 3% by the Board. Fees, license and permits were big in 2010 with LCM campus renovation and Pete's Market. The forecasted amount is \$385,000 for 2011. Garbage collection has a 5% increase which is passed along and not absorbed by the Village. Fines and forfeitures are trending toward the same amount approximately \$1m.

Expenditures were reviewed. The Treasurer detailed each Village Department as noted on the documentation sheets attached. Special events account has been reduced to \$24,000. The Administration Department is at \$836,500 which is comparable to the 2008 budget figures. Mr. Sawyers added the majority of departments are operating at 2008 figures. The Inspection department is at \$50,000 less than last year's figure. The Street Department budget has an increased salt line item of \$200,000. A discussion took place regarding the purchase and use of salt during the winter months. There is a budgeted item for a sweeper and a large truck. Total budget for Street Department is \$2,429,985.

Police Department budget is at \$6,800,000. The Treasurer commended the department for their lean budget and their efficiency. Squads will be purchased out of federal forfeiture funds which helps the Village budget. Personnel are the largest category with 66 employees.

Mr. Sawyers commended the Fire Department for a lean budget at approximately \$2.3M. He added there are no requests for large equipment purchases.

Mr. Sawyers stated the Citizens Services and the Recreation Department remains consistent with last years budget. The Park Department shares some of its personnel with the Street Department thus no significant variance in their budget. There are line items for new playground equipment at \$150,000 and parks at \$120,000 for landscaping; which have not been done over the past few years.

Recreation Department is budgeted at \$456,051 with the majority of program monies collected almost equal to expenditures. Youth Commission has had a reduction in personnel and operates at \$46,514 budget. Community Center budget is at \$107,580 comparable to that of 2008 budgets. Property Maintenance is \$115,000 for the maintenance and repairs of the Community Center. In the past insurance has covered most of the damages incurred to the building.

The Mayor stated we are conservative with revenue predictions and expenditures are calculated to reflect real numbers. There is no fudging of numbers to create a false surplus amount. He added Evergreen Park has 65 police officers for a town with an approximate population of 20,000. Mr. Sawyers noted the EP Police Pension is funded at 89%, noting the average is 20%. The Mayor stated it is an illogical practice to take pension funds to pay other debts. Treasurer Sawyers noted the contingency item has been restored to \$250,000 which was reduced to \$100,000 due to constraints last year. He noted total fund revenues are \$20,808,444 and total fund expenses are \$20,805,950 with a surplus of \$2,494.00

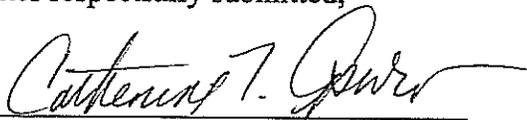
Questions from the audience were taken regarding state distributed monies and if any are owed to the Village. Mr. Sawyers said state income tax is four months in arrears; 18 months ago it would have been only 1 month in arrears. He recently read three months is the new common. Sales tax has always been (90) ninety days in arrears.

The audience member asked if the legal fees from the golf course lawsuit are still outstanding. The Mayor answered the legal fees were paid last year from capital improvement funds. A brief discussion took place regarding possible new developments of the golf course property and the 95<sup>th</sup> & Kedzie property. A question from the audience was if a house in foreclosure do real estate taxes still get paid. Mr. Sawyers answered the taxes are paid by the bank.

Chairman Marzullo thanked Mayor Sexton and Treasurer Sawyers and all the departments for their dedication to a balanced budget. Mayor Sexton thanked Mr. Sawyers and all the department heads for their cooperation. Motion by Trustee Kyle second by Trustee McQuillan to accept the documentation and recommendations from the Treasurer for the 2010-11 Budget. The motion was passed by unanimous voice vote and so ordered by the Chair.

With nothing further to come before this Committee, motion by Chairman Marzullo second by Trustee Kyle that the Finance Committee of the Village of Evergreen Park adjourns. The motion was passed by unanimous voice vote to adjourn at 4:50 p.m.

Minutes respectfully submitted,



Catherine T. Aparo, CMC, Village Clerk

