

Village of Woodridge, March 27, 2014 Regular and Workshop Board Meetings

Present: All board members. Mayor Cunningham was absent and Trustee Beavers acted as Mayor Pro Temp. Three Benedictine University students observed the meeting.

The meeting convened at 7:30 p.m.

The first order of business was the presentation of service awards Finance Director Alletto awarded Debbie Hoogland, Fiscal Assistant II, with a 15 year service award. Chief Grady presented a 15 year service award to Holly Kucharski, Investigative Aide, Police Department.

There were no statements from the public. The Board approved all items on the consent agenda without comment. Mayor Pro Temp Beavers announced and requested a vote on several appointments to Village boards and commissions. The Board approved the appointments without discussion.

Trustees Blair and Martinez commented on Resolution 2014-17 presented under the Administrator's Report. The resolution authorizes the Village to extend the lease with Affiliated Realty for the Community Resource Center's (CRC) Janes Avenue location on terms no less favorable than the limits directed by the Board. Board members favored an eight month lease from May 1, 2014 to December 31, 2014 with a month to month lease after December 31, 2014. Trustees Blair and Martinez requested that the five service organizations that use the CRC sign a Memorandum of Understanding with the Village stating that the organizations, not the Village, are responsible for liability at the CRC. The Board approved the resolution.

Board members also discussed child care subsidies for eligible students who will transition from the CRC's childcare programs to the Park District's programs. Staff recommended a parent co-pay of \$50, and a budget amount of \$50,000 to cover the CRC families and other qualifying families from School District 68. A trustee asked that the subsidy be expanded to students in School Districts 58 and 68. The Village will administer the child care subsidies and the reimbursement will go directly to the Park District. Trustee Abbott asked whether or not the Park District would help share the costs of providing the subsidies. Administrator Rush said that the Park District was unwilling to participate in the subsidies since it is already providing the overhead costs of the childcare programs. The Board approved the resolution.

The meeting adjourned at 8:07 p.m. and the Board moved immediately into the Budget Workshop Meeting.

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Finance Director Alletto presented follow-up information that trustees had requested in the March 1, 2014 budget workshop meeting on: street rating standards used by other communities, local gas tax information, a summary of surrounding community tax rates, background

information on amusement taxes, ways to commemorate the Village's anniversary next year, and crime statistics for apartment complexes in the Village.

Staff requested additional feedback on items discussed at the first budget workshop. The first item for consideration was whether or not the Board would support a one cent increase in the two and one-half cents local motor fuel tax to help fund road projects beginning in 2016. Administrator Rush noted that the increase is already included in the 2016 budget based on direction that the Board had provided for the March 2013 budget. Trustee Abbott opposed the increase and felt that staff had not demonstrated any creativity on how to control labor costs. Administrator Rush explained that the tax is for funding road improvements and not for personnel costs. Trustee Beavers stated that the Village had used alternatives to keep the road costs down. Administrator Rush suggested leaving the one cent increase in the motor fuel tax in the 2016 budget. The increase will have to be adopted by a resolution in 2015.

Board members reviewed the amusement tax background information that staff provided. Based on the trustees' comments, staff will not pursue an amusement tax to support the general fund.

The Board did not support a .25% increase in the home rules sales tax to fund the \$19.9 million space needs project. The space needs project includes a new public works building, a rehab and new roof for the police building, a new generator, and a new salt dome. Administrator Rush reminded the Board that without the .25% increase in the home rule sales tax there is not enough money to pay down the debt on the project. Trustee Beavers acknowledged that without the .25% increase a big piece of the funding was missing. Administrator Rush eliminated the new public works building from the capital improvements plan. A budget amendment will be needed to provide for the roof improvements, and a new generator. In late summer staff will come back with a re-worked plan that eliminates the new public works building from the CIP.

Before the meeting adjourned, Finance Director Alletto showed a new financial transparency tool that was added to the Village website <http://Woodridge.OpenGov.com>. The software allows users to access past and current Village revenues and expenses through different charts and graphs.

The meeting adjourned and the Board went into Executive Session for the purposes of discussing Acquisition of Real Estate, Personnel, and Collective Bargaining.

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