

BUDGET HEARING AND VILLAGE BOARD MEETING – November 21, 2011

Public Hearing

Notice of the Public Hearing for the purpose of receiving comments on the proposed 2012 Budget for the Village of Wales was published in the Kettle Moraine Index on November 3, 2011. The Public Hearing was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by President Flaws.

Members Present: Jeffery Flaws, David Lang, Eugene Mayernick, Ken Mace and Risa Kuhlman

Excused: Wolfgang Hemschik

Also Present: Clerk Tamez; Acting Fire Chief, Jim Moon; and Fire Board Member John Reinbold

Clerk Tamez noted that proper notice of this meeting had been posted in accordance with the open meeting laws of the State of Wisconsin.

Public Comments:

No comments were received. Trustee Lang presented the proposed 2012 budget for the Village of Wales. The total operating budget is \$1,568,870.00, which reflects a 7% decrease over the 2011 amount, and a levy of \$1,128,442.00 is being proposed. The tax rate for the Village will be \$3.286 per thousand, a reduction of \$0.54 over last year's rate. A State-mandated revaluation of the Village occurred in 2011, which brought property values up to 100%.

The public hearing closed at 7:05 p.m.

Board Meeting

Village President, Jeff Flaws, called the Regular Village Board meeting to order at 7:05 p.m.

Members Present: Jeffery Flaws, David Lang, Eugene Mayernick, Ken Mace and Risa Kuhlman

Excused: Wolfgang Hemschik

Also Present: Clerk Tamez; Acting Fire Chief, Jim Moon; and Fire Board Member John Reinbold

Clerk Tamez noted that proper notice of this meeting had been posted in accordance with the open meeting laws of the State of Wisconsin.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

No comments were received.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

On a motion by Trustee Lang, second by Trustee Mayernick, Board members approved the Village Board minutes of the November 7, 2011, meeting and acknowledged receipt

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of the October 11, 2011, Park Commission meeting minutes and waived reading of both.

FIRE CHIEF MONTHLY UPDATE

Acting Chief Moon presented his monthly report. Board members reviewed the monthly memo. There were 41 calls for October 2011. Total runs for 2011—258. There were 2 fire calls (0 in the Village, 2 in Genesee), 9 motor vehicle accidents (1 in the Village, 8 in Genesee), 23 EMS calls and 7 mutual aid calls given.

Other items discussed included the changing of the fee structure for fire inspections. Current inspections are a flat rate fee. The new fee will be based on a square footage scale.

ADOPTION OF 2012 BUDGET FOR THE VILLAGE

Trustee Lang presented the final budget to the Board. The proposed 2012 operating budget for the Village of Wales is \$1,568,870.00. A levy of \$1,128,442.00 is being proposed along with a decrease in the Village's tax rate of \$0.54. The new rate is \$3.286 per thousand for 2012. The budget also includes a 6% increase for the Fire Department.

Motion by Trustee Lang to approve the 2012 budget for the Village of Wales in the amount of \$1,568,870.00, second by Trustee Mayernick, passed.

ORDINANCE APPROPRIATING FUNDS FOR THE OPERATION OF THE GOVERNMENT AND ADMINISTRATION OF THE VILLAGE OF WALES FOR 2012

Motion by Trustee Mayernick to adopt an ordinance appropriating funds in the amount of \$1,568,870.00 and levying a tax in the amount of \$1,128,442.00 upon all the taxable property within the Village of Wales as returned by the assessor in the year 2011 for the use and purposes as set forth in said budget for the operation of the government and administration of the Village of Wales for 2012, second by Trustee Lang, passed.

The tax rate for the 2012 Budget for the Village of Wales is set at \$3.286 per thousand.

AUTHORIZE YEARLY PAYMENT TO WALES MEMBERS OF THE JOINT FIRE BOARD

Motion by Trustee Lang to pay the Wales members of the Joint Fire Board \$45 per regular monthly meeting attended and, in addition, \$45 for each additional meeting that was held during the process of hiring a new fire chief, second by Trustee Mace, passed.

2011-2012 OPERATOR'S LICENSE APPLICATIONS

Motion by Trustee Mace to approve granting operator's licenses to Steven James, Daniel Kelm, Nicole Raduechel, Nina Lahdenpera and Maggie Vaughn contingent upon receiving completed background checks on each applicant showing nothing that would prohibit them from receiving a license under Wisconsin State law, second by Trustee Kuhlman, passed.

HARDWARE MAINTENANCE AGREEMENT WITH COMMAND CENTRAL (EAGLE VOTING MACHINE)

Motion by Trustee Lang to approve the annual hardware maintenance agreement with Command Central in the amount of \$805.00 for the IIIPE (Eagle), Edge and Insight voting machines, second by Trustee Mace, passed. The Village has decided to continue maintenance on the Eagle machine for the 2012 season in case it would be needed as a backup due to the number of elections anticipated to be held this coming year.

PROPOSED PARKING RESTRICTIONS AND ENFORCEMENT PROCEDURES FOR MAIN STREET PUBLIC PARKING LOT

The Village would like to move forward with restricting parking in the municipal lot on the corner of Main and Genesee Streets. An ordinance will be drafted by the Village's attorney that will include a 2-hour parking limit Monday through Friday, from 7:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., an initial fine of \$25.00, and a provision for an increased fine which will include court costs and possible attorney fees if the citation is not paid at the Village Hall within the number of days allowed (yet to be determined). This agenda item will be readdressed when an ordinance has been received.

BILLS APPROVED FOR PAYMENT

Bills submitted for 2011 expenses were approved on a motion by Trustee Mace, second by Trustee Kuhlman, passed.

Correspondence, Sheriff Department reports and miscellaneous files were submitted.

ADJOURNMENT

The Board adjourned at 8:14 p.m. on a motion by Trustee Mayernick, second by Trustee Mace, passed.

Submitted by:
Gail E. Tamez, Clerk