

BUDGET HEARING AND VILLAGE BOARD MEETING – November 17, 2014

Public Hearing

Notice of the Public Hearing for the purpose of receiving comments on the proposed 2015 Budget for the Village of Wales was published in the Kettle Moraine Index on October 30, 2014. The Public Hearing was called to order at 7:04 p.m. by President Flaws.

Members Present: Jeffery Flaws, David Lang, Eugene Mayernick and John Reinbold via Facetime

Excused: Wolfgang Henschik, Ken Mace and Risa Kuhlman

Also Present: Clerk Tamez; John Meyer, Plan Commission Chair; Brian Walsh, 201 Breck Road; Diana Markus, 104 W. Main Street; Peggy Brown Kruck and Dave Kruck, 118 E. Main Street and Dee Nierzwicki, 101 James Street

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 final budget to the Board and explained the multi-step process the Board went through to create the 2015 budget for the operation of the Village. The proposed 2015 operating budget for the Village of Wales is \$1,620,493.00. A levy of \$1,170,469.00 is being proposed along with an increase in the Village's tax rate of .2%. The new rate is \$3.386 per thousand for 2015 pre-TIF and \$3.502 Total (including TIF). No major changes or purchases included in the 2015 budget. President Flaws thanked Trustee Lang for doing his usual great job and making the budget process so streamlined.

The public hearing closed at 7:09 p.m.

Board Meeting

Village President, Jeffery Flaws, called the Regular Village Board meeting to order at 7:09 p.m.

Members Present: Jeffery Flaws, David Lang, Eugene Mayernick, John Reinbold via Facetime

Excused: Wolfgang Henschik, Ken Mace and Risa Kuhlman

Also Present: : Clerk Tamez; John Meyer, Plan Commission Chair; Brian Walsh, 201 Breck Road; Diana Markus, 104 W. Main Street; Peggy Brown Kruck and Dave Kruck, 118 E. Main Street and Dee Nierzwicki, 101 James Street

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PUBLIC COMMENTS

Plan Commission Chair, John Meyer, addressed the Board to discuss the Village Center Design Guidelines that they have been working on for a number of years. Mr.

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Meyer went over the background, prior hearings held and modifications made to the document. A public informational meeting was held on October 28, 2014, wherein about 15 residents from the downtown area attended. There was a 50/50 split among the residents. Half for, half against. Mr. Meyer was unsure what other residents of the Village who do not live in the downtown area would think of the guidelines. The Plan Commission hopes it would encourage growth and developments, but it comes down to economics vs. aesthetics. A number of questions were raised by the public in attendance including the possible financial hardships it would cause them and the possibility that creating a zoning district that encompassed the design guidelines that placed restrictions on the district would make the sale and marketing of the properties less easy. Mr. Meyers replied that technically all properties in the Village were under some type of restriction. Board members raised questions about enforcement. While they do not mind the suggestions listed in the document, they feel the guidelines are so suggestive it would be impossible to enforce and while the current Plan Commission and Village Board are open to working with residents, a future one may not be. One resident stated that they felt we may have missed the opportunity to do some guidelines because if you look at the proposed area there are already too many different home and business styles to create one uniform look. The question of financial assistance was also raised. Trustee Mayernick didn't think the Village would be able to offer anything. President Flaws offered a suggestion of low cost loans, but Trustee Mayernick felt the Village should not be in the banking business and opening up the possibility that the Village could get stuck owning homes that went into foreclosure. Overall the residents in attendance and the Board were generally in favor of some sort of standards and/or personality connected to downtown Wales, but a number of issues will still need to be addressed including creating an ordinance that would encompass the guidelines, describe penalties, list specific standards and create an appeal process, etc. The Plan Commission will be holding a public meeting before the January 2015 regularly scheduled meeting to determine if there is enough support to continue on with the implementation of the guidelines or abandon the project.

Members of the public addressed the issue of some sort of yard waste program being provided to residents of Wales. Trustee Lang stated that the new contract for waste and recycling with Advanced Disposal Services will include a number of scheduled yard waste pickups in the spring and fall. Trustee Lang also stated that residents would be able to pick up mulch at the facility at no charge. More information will be provided to residents after the final terms of the contract have been approved.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

On a motion by Trustee Lang, second by Trustee Mayernick, Board members approved the Village Board minutes of the November 3, 2014, meeting and waived reading thereof.

FIRE CHIEF MONTHLY UPDATE

Chief Moon was unable to attend. Board members reviewed the monthly report. There were 32 calls for October 2014. Total runs for 2014—307. There were 7 fire calls (1 in the Village, 6 in Genesee), 3 motor vehicle accidents (2 in the Village, 1 in Genesee), 19 EMS calls (8 in the Village, 11 in Genesee) and 3 mutual aid calls given.

ADOPTION OF 2015 BUDGET FOR THE VILLAGE

Motion by Trustee Reinbold to approve the 2015 budget for the Village of Wales in the amount of \$1,620,493.00 second by Trustee Lang, passed.

ORDINANCE APPROPRIATING FUNDS FOR THE OPERATION OF THE GOVERNMENT AND ADMINISTRATION OF THE VILLAGE OF WALES FOR 2015

Motion by Trustee Reinbold to adopt an ordinance appropriating funds in the amount of \$1,620,493.00 and levying a tax in the amount of \$1,170,469.00 upon all the taxable property within the Village of Wales as returned by the assessor in the year 2014 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 2015, second by Trustee Lang, passed.

The tax rate for the 2015 Budget for the Village of Wales is set at \$3.386 per thousand pre-TIF, including TIF \$3.502.

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 in an amount not to exceed \$540.00 each, second by Trustee Reinbold, passed.

HARDWARE MAINTENANCE AGREEMENT WITH COMMAND CENTRAL (EDGE AND INSIGHT VOTING MACHINES)

Motion by Trustee Lang to approve the annual hardware maintenance agreement with Command Central in the amount of \$550.00 for the Edge and Insight voting machines, second by Trustee Mayernick, passed

SOLID WASTE/RECYCLING/YARD WASTE COLLECTION CONTRACT WITH ADVANCED DISPOSAL

Motion by Trustee Lang to enter into a contract with Advance Disposal Services to provide the Village of Wales with waste, recycling and yard waste services, subject to the final written agreement being received and approved to as form by the Village's attorney, for a term of seven (7) years with a three (3) year possible renewal, second by Trustee Mayernick, passed.

ARTICLES OF AGREEMENT FOR ASSESSMENT SERVICES FOR THE VILLAGE OF WALES WITH THE SCHULTZ APPRAISAL AGENCY, LLC

Tabled until next meeting.

RECOGNITION FOR VILLAGE VOLUNTEERS

The Board discussed purchasing gift cards for coaches, commission members and others who volunteer their time for the Village again this year.

Motion by Trustee Lang to send Culver's gift cards in the amount of \$25.00 or more depending on the number of volunteers for 2014, in an amount not to exceed the current budget of \$2000.00, to all volunteer coaches and unpaid commission and board members, second by Trustee Mayernick, passed.

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BILLS APPROVED FOR PAYMENT

Bills submitted for 2014 expenses were approved on a motion by Trustee Mayernick, second by Trustee Lang, passed.

Correspondence and miscellaneous files were submitted.

ADJOURNMENT

The Board adjourned at 8:56 p.m. on a motion by Trustee Lang, second by Trustee Mayernick, passed.

Submitted by:
Gail E. Tamez, Clerk