

VILLAGE BOARD MEETING – December 21, 2009

Village President Jeff Flaws called the Regular Village Board meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

Members Present: Jeff Flaws, David Lang, Lyle Orwig, Eugene Mayernick, Ken Mace and Tom Hardin

Excused: Wolfgang Hemschik

Also Present: Clerk Tamez; Joe Deklotz, 601 Genesee Street, Delafield; Brian Unterweger, 219 Somerset Glen; Richard Kwiatkowski, 225 Somerset Glen and Chief Jezak and Jim Moon, Wales/Genesee Fire Department.

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

Brian Unterweger, 219 Sommerset Glen, addressed the Board regarding the 20% Village tax increase. Mr. Unterweger asked for an explanation and stated that the Board needs to budget better or cut expenses deeper. President Flaws addressed Mr. Unterweger's concerns and stated that the increase in the 2010 levy is for debt service to fund a roads repair program the Village adopted early last spring. Because of state-imposed levy limits the Village found itself no longer able to maintain our most basic infrastructure through our operating budget. In addition to paving those roads most in need of attention, the program budgets for increased maintenance of existing roads and shouldering, which will actually decrease paving and repair costs in the long run. The program will run on a three-year cycle. As a side note, the actual operating expenses for the Village this year decreased about 9% from last year. He also stated that one of the reasons the Village currently found itself in this position is because the Village had always been so careful and frugal in its spending in the past and now is being penalized because of the levy cap. Mr. Unterweger stated that he understood but does not want to live in a "tax hell" and maybe more cuts to staff would need to be done and other things would have to be sacrificed that the staff would not like, but need to be cut. The Village currently has three employees.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

On a motion by Trustee Lang, second by Trustee Mayernick, Board members approved the Village Board minutes of the December 7, 2009 meeting and waived reading thereof. Trustee Orwig abstained.

FIRE CHIEF MONTHLY UPDATE

Chief Jezak presented his monthly report. There were 30 calls for November 2009. Total runs for 2009—308. There were 5 fire calls (1 in the Village, 4 in Genesee), 7 motor vehicle accidents (3 in the Village, 4 in Genesee), 15 EMS calls (5 in the Village, 10 in Genesee) and 3 mutual aid calls given and no mutual aid received.

PURCHASE OF 2009 PIERCE DIESEL ENGINE

Motion by Trustee Orwig to purchase a 2009 Pierce Diesel Engine at a cost of \$32,878.00, with the Village's portion to be determined on the Equalized Value percentage split for 2009

(estimated 40%) and conditioned on a performance bond in the amount of the engine being issued, second by Trustee Hardin, passed.

2010 CAUCUS DATE

Motion by Trustee Mayernick to set the 2010 Caucus date as Monday, January 18, 2010, second by Trustee Mace, passed.

APPOINTMENT OF NEW PARK COMMISSION MEMBER—SCOTT FERGUSON, 220 S. HIGHLAND

Motion by Trustee Hardin to appoint resident Scott Ferguson as a member on the Village's Park Commission, second by Trustee Mace, passed.

BILLS APPROVED FOR PAYMENT

Bills submitted for 2009 expenses were approved on a motion by Trustee Lang, second by Trustee Orwig, passed.

Correspondence, Sheriff's Department reports and miscellaneous files were submitted.

ADJOURNMENT

The Board adjourned at 8:43 p.m. on a motion by Trustee Mace, second by Trustee Orwig, passed.

Submitted by:
Gail E. Tamez, Clerk