

VILLAGE OF ORLAND PARK

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Meeting Minutes

Monday, October 19, 2009

7:45 PM

SPECIAL MEETING

Village Hall

Board of Trustees

Village President Daniel J. McLaughlin

Village Clerk David P. Maher

*Trustees Bernard A. Murphy, Kathleen M. Fenton, Brad S. O'Halloran,
James V. Dodge, Jr., Edward G. Schussler, and Patricia Gira*

CALL TO ORDER/ROLL CALL

The meeting was called to order at 8:03 PM.

Staff Present: Village Manager Paul Grimes, Interim Assistant Village Manager and Finance Director Annmarie Mampe, Assistant Finance Director Sarah Schueler.

Present: 6 - Trustee Murphy, Trustee Fenton, Trustee O'Halloran, Trustee Dodge, Trustee Schussler and Village President McLaughlin

Absent: 1 - Trustee Gira

DISCUSSION

2009-0438 Discussion of 2010 Budget

Village Manager Grimes gave a brief update to the Board on the budget workshop meetings. September 19, 2009 was the first budget workshop; at that meeting the operating budget deficit for FY2010 was outlined to be \$2.5 Million. Operating cuts were identified during that meeting, which then brought the FY2010 deficit to approximately \$1.3 Million.

The \$1.2 Million reduction was effectively through reducing various operating items; the Village offered a voluntary retirement program that was approximately \$532,000; and a vacation purchase program of approximately \$34,000 to date.

At the September 19, 2009 workshop the general consensus of the Board that was present, was to utilize a portion of the Home Rule Sales Tax that would basically reduce the tax rebate from \$4.5 Million for the next two cycles to \$2.25 Million in order to reconcile the remaining operating budget short fall.

The next budget workshop meeting was October 12, 2009 and at that workshop staff was directed by the Board to prepare some additional scenarios in order to reduce the remaining \$1.3 Million deficit.

President McLaughlin added that discussion also took place to possibly use a portion of the Home Rule Sales Tax to reconcile the operating budget. The Board believed that the Home Rule Sales Tax should be used for capital projects only, which is designated as a policy of the Board by Ordinance.

Village Manager Grimes stated that several scenarios have been prepared to review with the Board tonight, some can be discussed publically whereas others will need to be discussed in executive session.

Options to be discussed is to utilize Home Rule Sales Tax funds to reconcile all or a portion of the \$1.3 Million Dollar shortfall. Another option is to raise revenues by

raising taxes, which was not a direction that the Board wanted to pursue. If revenues are not increased, or the Tax Rebate is not reduced, the Village will then need to reduce its costs.

Village Manager Grimes stated the target budget amounts have been reduced and he does not believe that these target amounts can be reduced any further by the departments without seriously effecting services. There are two options with respect to labor employment costs. The Village can either pay the same amount of employees less or the Village can pay fewer employees. This is a very difficult decision. As directed by the Board, staff had prepared different scenarios that can be presented.

President McLaughlin reminded the Board the only budget that is being discussed is the Village's operating budget short fall of \$2.5 Million, which is the day-to-day operations of the Village. The capital budget is for projects that the Village is committed to or just beginning. The capital budget is short \$7.5 Million but will be discussed at a later date.

President McLaughlin stated that if the Tax Rebate Program is suspended for two years all of that money will be placed into the capital project budget.

President McLaughlin requested to go into executive session at this time.

This matter was for discussion only, NO ACTION was taken.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

I move to recess to a Closed Executive Session for the purpose of discussion of a) collective negotiating matters between the village and its employees, or their representatives, or deliberations concerning salary schedules for one or more classes of employees.

A motion was made by Trustee Bernard Murphy, seconded by Trustee Brad O'Halloran, that this matter be RECESS. The motion CARRIED by the following vote:

Aye: 6 - Trustee Murphy, Trustee Fenton, Trustee O'Halloran, Trustee Dodge, Trustee Schussler, and Village President McLaughlin

Nay: 0

Absent: 1 - Trustee Gira

RECONVENE BOARD MEETING

The roll was called to reconvene the Special Meeting and Trustees Fenton, Murphy, O'Halloran, Dodge, Schussler, and President McLaughlin were present. Trustee Gira was absent.

Report on Executive Session and Action as a Result of, if any.

Village Manager Grimes reported the purpose of the Executive Session was for

the presentation and discussion of different scenarios in order to reduce the remaining \$1.3 Million deficit from the FY2010 Budget.

Collective Negotiating Matters Between The Village And Its Employees, Or Their Representatives, Or Deliberations Concerning Salary Schedules For One Or More Classes Of Employees

I move to authorize the Village Manager to make preparations for a reduction in force of full time and part time Village employees to the extent necessary to eliminate the 2010 operating shortfall;

And

I move to authorize suspending the Village property tax rebate program effective immediately.

A motion was made by Trustee Edward Schussler, seconded by Trustee Bernard Murphy, that this matter be APPROVED. The motion CARRIED by the following vote:

Aye: 6 - Trustee Murphy, Trustee Fenton, Trustee O'Halloran, Trustee Dodge, Trustee Schussler, and Village President McLaughlin

Nay: 0

Absent: 1 - Trustee Gira

ADJOURNMENT - 9:15 PM

A motion was made by Trustee Edward Schussler, seconded by Trustee Bernard Murphy, that this matter be ADJOURNED. The motion CARRIED by the following vote:

Aye: 6 - Trustee Murphy, Trustee Fenton, Trustee O'Halloran, Trustee Dodge, Trustee Schussler, and Village President McLaughlin

Nay: 0

Absent: 1 - Trustee Gira

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APPROVED:

Respectfully Submitted,

David P. Maher, Village Clerk