Village of Hoffman Estates

SPECIAL FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES   October 7, 2013

I.   **Roll Call**

Members in Attendance:	**Gary Pilafas, Chairperson**
	Anna Newell, Vice Chairperson
	Trustee Michael Gaeta
	Trustee Karen Mills
	Trustee Gary Stanton
	Trustee Gayle Vandenbergh
	Village President William D. McLeod

Management Team Members	
in Attendance:	**Jim Norris, Village Manager**
	Art Janura, Corporation Counsel
	Dan O'Malley, Deputy Village Manager
	Mark Koplin, Asst. Vlg. Mgr, Dev. Services
	Gary Salavitch, Director of Engineering
	Mike Hankey, Dir. Of Trans. & Engineering
	Jeff Jorian, Fire Chief
	Michael Hish, Police Chief
	Algean Garner, Dir. of Health & Human Svcs.
	Joe Nebel, Director of Public Works
	Rachel Musiala, Finance Director
	Bruce Anderson, Cable TV Coordinator
	Bev Romanoff, Village Clerk
	Patricia Cross, Asst. Corp. Counsel

Others in Attendance:	**Reporter from the *Daily Herald***

The Special Finance Committee meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m.

Motion by Trustee Mills, seconded by Trustee Newell, to recess meeting for the Village Board Meeting. Voice vote taken. All ayes. Motion carried.

The Special Finance Committee meeting was called back to order at 7:10 p.m.

NEW BUSINESS

1. **Consideration of the establishment of new revenues to fund the street improvement program and capital needs.**

An item summary sheet from James Norris, Daniel O'Malley, Rachel Musiala, Mark Koplin, Michael Hankey and Gary Salavitch was presented to the Committee.

Trustee Pilafas provided additional background for the request. Mr. Norris shared a presentation with details of the revenue options and staff recommendation.

Mayor McLeod explained that the goal was to not raise property taxes because other taxing districts rely on property taxes.

Mr. Norris explained that there would not be any growth in the Village's corporate tax levy, which is different than the pension levy. Mayor McLeod explained the Village is currently 12% of the property tax bill.

Mayor McLeod and Mr. Norris discussed that a fire truck would cost approximately $1.2 million and that the Village has extended the life of their fire trucks by an extra five to eight years.   Mr. Norris also explained that roads constantly deteriorate and the need to invest in neighborhoods.

Trustee Stanton shared that during the 2011 election that roads were a major concern for residents.

Trustee Pilafas shared that residents seemed to be most concerned first with roads, followed by the Sears Centre Arena and then taxes. Trustee Pilafas explained the Village held the line on taxes as long as possible and the Capital Improvements Board noted improvements were needed.

Trustee Newell shared that she represents very vulnerable people in the Village and that she could not say yes to the new revenues.

Trustee Stanton explained that the new revenues would cost $9-$10 per month.

Trustee Vandenbergh explained that the revenues were a matter of public safety.

Trustee Mills explained the need for the improvements and the history behind the request.

Mayor McLeod explained that at one time the Village previously had a utility tax for the purpose of road improvements.

Mr. Norris explained that most mature communities had these revenue sources in place out of necessity for infrastructure improvements. Mr. Norris also explained that electrical aggregation savings offset the incremental costs of the new revenue sources.

Mr. Norris shared resident requests for road improvements throughout the Village and the current budget constraints.

Trustee Mills and Mr. Norris discussed pushing the State of Illinois for an aggregate on gas.

Motion by Mayor McLeod, seconded by Trustee Stanton, to approve the staff recommended new revenues to fund the street improvement program and capital needs. Voice vote taken. Trustee Newell voted nay. Motion carried.

II.   Adjournment

Motion by Trustee Gaeta, seconded by Trustee Stanton, to adjourn the meeting at 7:50 p.m. Voice vote taken. All ayes. Motion carried.

Minutes submitted by:

Emily Kerous, Dir. of Ops/Outreach -	Date
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