

## COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MEETING

August 27, 2012

President Kaltenberg called the Committee of the Whole meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

In attendance: President Kaltenberg, Trustees: Fred Albertz, David Blend, Barry Hemphill, Rory Holland, Greg Schopp, Tim Semo. Also in attendance: Village Administrator Mark Johnsrud, Library Director Luci Bledsoe, Utility Supervisor Pete Hartz, Police Chief Gary Bleecker and Village and Clerk-Treasurer Joan Dykstra.

**Statement of Public Notice** – This meeting was posted and noticed according to law.

**Public Comment** - none

### **Approve February 27, 2012 Committee of the Whole minutes**

A Semo/Schopp motion carried unanimously to approve February 27<sup>th</sup> Committee of the Whole minutes.

### **Presentation/Discussion of Village Administrator's 2013 Budget**

Administrator Johnsrud presented a budget history which included:

- Johnson Creek has the lowest municipal property tax mill rate of any incorporated municipality in Jefferson County for tax years 2009, 2010, 2011.
- We are the fastest growing community in Jefferson County with the most net new construction growth of any incorporated municipality for tax years 2009, 2010 and 2011.
- Johnson Creek residents have the highest adjusted gross income per return of any incorporated municipality in Jefferson County at \$54,395
- Only municipality in Jefferson County which covers the cost of garbage collection, recycling and fire protection hydrant fees within a General Fund operating budget paid by the tax levy for tax years 2010, 2011 and 2012.
- League of Wisconsin Municipalities identifies “lean” municipalities as those with 6 full-time employees per thousand population.
- Johnson Creek serves a population of 2,806 with 15 full time employees or 5.3 full time employees per thousand population.
- The Village eliminated two full time positions, one part time position and re-organized two positions in 2012.
- General fund budgeted expenditures have been reduced by a total of 11% from 2010 through 2012.
- State Shared Revenue to the Village fell by \$33,188 and State Transportation Aids fell by \$26,888 in 2012.
- Wisconsin provides levy limits which limit the amount of property tax levy that a municipality can levy on an annual basis.
- Act 32 passed by the legislature and signed by Governor Walker eliminated any excess levy that a municipality may have and limited all municipalities to net new construction growth only.
- In the last decade...
  - Johnson Creek never levied to its limit
  - In 2012 Johnson Creek levied \$888,000 below its levy limit.
  - Village has funded the capital budget through the use of reserves: 2009 \$523,482, 2010 \$242,447, 2011 \$160,987 and 2012 \$255,400
  - Actual reserve amount to budget used in 2011 was \$75,224 according to Johnson Block
  - Restricted Reserves total \$182,265 or less than one month of operations for 2012.

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The 2013 budget presented as follows:

- Residential net new construction growth, outside of TID, was \$2,461,800 for a maximum levy increase of \$13,170.
- 2012 Equalized Value decreased by \$10,547,000 to \$298,525,600 from \$308,281,300.
- 2012 Equalized Value not within the TID decreased from \$198,651,888 to \$177,672,700
- Ambulance revenues have declined by \$22,000 through August 2012
- Interest revenue is declining due to reduced reserves and interest rates of less than .20% on fund balances
- Plan Commission fees for both General and TID have declined due to lack of development.

2013 Budget Goals:

- Maintain Village core services
- Maintain Village department staffing.
- Balance budget without the use of reserves except for bond funds previously issued.

Administrators recommended 2013 budget include the following:

- No wage increases
- Health Insurance estimated increase 5%
- State Retirement employer/employee contribution estimated increase 1%
- All employees will realize a decrease in net pay.
- New expenditures include Street Sweeping and Joint Recreation Program.
- Elimination of “Run for the Parks” and Senior Citizen Nutrition program.
- Reduce Fire Ambulance revenues by \$30,000 and expenditures by \$31,317.
- Levy to the maximum of net new construction growth estimated at \$13,170 raising levy to \$1,076,189.
- Reserve use limited to \$45,000 for park improvements from 2006 General Obligation Bonds.
- Fire Protection Hydrant Rental is reduced by \$60,000 and will be placed on user billing at an estimated cost of approximately \$5.00 per month beginning January 2013.
- General Fund:  
Revenues \$2,346,140  
Expenditures \$2,346,140  
Revenues and Expenditures are reduced by 10% from 2012 budget.

The next meeting of the Committee of the Whole is September 10<sup>th</sup> at 5:30 p.m.

### **Adjourn**

An Albertz/Holland motion carried to adjourn at 7:44 p.m.

Joan Dykstra  
Village Clerk - Treasurer