



President Swisher called the special Committee of the Whole meeting to order at 5:17 p.m.

In attendance: President John L. Swisher, Trustees: Tim Semo, Donald Smith, Dale Theder and Steve Wollin. Absent and excused: Trustees Laurie Adams and Fred Albertz. Also in attendance: Administrator Kyle Ellefson, Library Director Luci Bledsoe, WWTP Superintendent Aric Mindemann, Street Superintendent Lee Trumpf, Fire/EMS Chief Jim Wolf, Police Chief Gary Bleecker, Attorney James Hammes and Clerk-Treasurer Joan Dykstra.

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

Presentation and Discussion of Village Administrator's 2017 Budget

Ellefson said the full budget is not complete yet as we are waiting for more figures from the State. Looking at the tax levy and if we use all new net construction the levy would increase approximately \$30 a year for a \$170,000 home or \$2.51 a month. If we only use part of the net new construction and when the TIF closes we cannot recoup from previous years net new construction that we did not use. If the board wishes not to increase the mill rate then general expenses will need to be cut. We can make the budget work with no increase but there would not be any extra in case of expenses not planned for.

Administrator Ellefson said he included a 1.8% wage increase for all employees within the budget using inflation, regional wage increase data, the County and Unions. Gail's position percentage of her wages in the police department was increased by 5% and the Fire side of her wages was decreased by 5%. The Fire Department is also adding an eight hour a week part time office person at \$12 an hour. The EMS on call was raised to \$2.50 from \$2.00 for on call. The original request was from \$2.00 to \$3.00 for on call. This can be looked at again next year. The Fire Department has new debt for the building along with the ambulance debt. There has been no new revenues within the Fire/EMS budget. The amount coming from the general fund to the Fire/EMS budget increased by \$57,000.

Items included in the Fire/EMS capital outlay totaled \$81,500 all from GO Debt which include:
Fire Fund: Computers \$5,000, protective equipment supply \$2,500, foam \$5,000, auto-crib \$2,500, radios \$15,000 and turnout gear \$15,000 totaling \$45,000.

EMS/Ambulance Fund: Mobile computer \$4,500, a cot upgrade \$2,000, repairs to the ready house \$25,000, and equipment replacement \$5,000, totaling \$36,500 for the ambulance fund.

Smith questioned the 1.8% wage increase. Ellefson said this amount was calculated by using inflation, regional wage increases, the County and Unions. This wage increase for the Fire/EMS side would include the Fire/EMS Chief, Gail, the clerk, the deputy clerk and the administrator. Swisher felt this would be in-line with other communities. Smith asked if there is room in the budget to increase the wages to 2%. Ellefson said a 2% wage increase could be accommodated.

Swisher asked the board the direction for the mill rate to give to Ellefson. If we wanted to stay flat and not increase, is fine, but if we don't take the increase now we will fall behind in the future and could be in a tough situation. Semo said is best to take a small increase now instead of a large increase later. Ellefson said last year the fire budget spent \$26,000 from reserves so trying to maintain their budget as there are no reserves for them.

SPECIAL COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE
September 26, 2016

Discussion and Recommendation – Resolution 106-16 2017 Johnson Creek Fire/EMS Department Budget

A Wollin/Semo motion carried on a 5-0 roll call vote to recommend to the Village Board to approve Resolution 10-16 the 2017 Johnson Creek Fire/EMS Department budget but to include a 2% wage increase within the budget.

Adjourn

A Smith/Semo motion carried to adjourn at 5:40 p.m.

Joan Dykstra
Village Clerk - Treasurer

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