

**VILLAGE OF CHERRY VALLEY, IL
MINUTES FOR THE
BUDGET HEARING
APRIL 1, 2014**

PRESIDENT JIM E. CLAEYSSEN CALLED THE BUDGET HEARING MEETING TO ORDER AT 6:47 P.M AND LED THE PLEDGE OF ALLIANCE. A Roll Call was taken by Village Clerk, Dana Ward.

STEPHEN APPELL	PRESENT	JOANN HUDSON	ABSENT
NANCY BELT	PRESENT	GARY MAITLAND	PRESENT
SALLY HOLLEMBEAK	PRESENT	DAVID SCHROEDER	PRESENT

Also present: President Jim E. Claeysen, Village Administrator Jim Wise, Treasurer Karen Melloch, Public Works Director Chuck Freeman, and Interim Chief of Police Larry “Mike” Neville, Attorney Jim Stevens and Village Clerk Dana Ward.

NEW BUSINESS: A Public Hearing for the Village’s Fiscal Year 2014-2015 Budget. President Jim E. Claeysen noted that the Board members have received a draft copy of the proposed budget for review. This was updated by Treasurer Karen Melloch on 3/31/14. Items to consider while reviewing the draft of the 2014-15 Village Budget are: revenue projections are presented as “flat” from the FY 2013-2014 to the FY Budget 2014-15. This Budget currently indicates salary increases only for the Police patrol officers covered under the FOP contract. The Public Works Director has an additional employee (listed for hire) under the Water Department, which needs further discussion. As a side note, 51% of the total expenditures in the General Fund are police related; this also includes the annual police pension plan payment. Also, 17% percent of total expenditures in the General Fund are for Administration, which includes the Village wide property insurance and liability costs for IMLRMA. Two items in the Building and Grounds budget need consideration for moving to the Capital Improvement Plan schedule, which will be covered in a later meeting. The Capital Improvement program schedule is based on spending at a 65% level rather than the 77% level the Village collects in additional sales tax dollars. President Claeysen noted that the trustees have another memo from him and Karen Melloch regarding “carry overs”. President Claeysen opened the floor to the Board members for their input on the latest draft of the Budget.

Nancy Belt asked that the Board consider adding more money to the Budget for Training so that all Trustees and President can attend the IML Conference in the fall. Sally Hollembeak added that she agreed with Trustee Belt that all trustees and the President should go to this conference and more money need to be added to that line item. She also suggested that, since there have been many changes in the OMA and FOIA laws, she would also recommend that the Treasurer attend the IML conference in the Fall too. This is a good place to get information and develop contacts.

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NEW BUSINESS (cont.)

Nancy Belt stated that she has concerns with contributing \$10,000 to the Rockford Park District when our own parks have been neglected. The Public Works Department is removing dozens of Ash trees and would recommend that the Board setup a program to replace these trees. Also, Baumann Park needs extended maintenance improvements around the lake and many of the flower beds need extra maintenance. The Board should consider looking at taking care of our parks and the downtown area before making a decision to donate \$10,000 for 20 years to the Rockford Park District. She agrees with the concept of the Reclaiming First Initiative but wants the Board to look at our budget numbers for the many improvements that need to be done throughout the village.

PUBLIC COMMENT: President Jim E. Claeysen asked if the public have any comments or questions concerning the budget. Resident Bonnie Whitmer asked if the Village has made a decision on the contribution to the Rockford Park District for the Reclaiming First initiative. (Refer to Line Item 5085A, Community Welfare and Development under Administration, \$10,000 "To Be Determined"). President Claeysen stated that this line item is up for discussion during the regular Board meeting later this evening.

Seeing there are no other questions, President Jim E. Claeysen entertained a motion to adjourn. Sally Hollembeak moved to adjourn at 6:53 PM. Stephen Appell seconded. All "Aye"; none opposed. Motion carried by majority vote.

Recorded by Village Clerk Dana Ward.

President Jim E. Claeysen approved the Minutes on April 13, 2014.

**AGENDA
BUDGET HEARING
VILLAGE OF CHERRY VALLEY, IL
VILLAGE BOARD OF TRUSTEES
TUESDAY, APRIL 1, 2014
6:45 PM**

CALL THE MEETING TO ORDER: PRESIDENT JIM E. CLAEYSSEN

ROLL CALL TAKEN BY: VILLAGE CLERK, DANA WARD

VILLAGE TRUSTEES:

STEPHEN APPELL	JOANN HUDSON
NANCY BELT	GARY MAITLAND
SALLY HOLLEMBEAK	DAVID SCHROEDER

NEW BUSINESS: Public Hearing for the Village's FY 2014-2015 Village Budget.

BOARD COMMENTS:

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

ADJOURNMENT:

JEC 3/26/14