

MEETING: SPECIAL BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING
VILLAGE OF HANOVER PARK

DATE: MARCH 9, 2009

LOCATION: MUNICIPAL BUILDING
2121 West Lake Street
Hanover Park, IL 60133

President Craig called the Meeting to Order at 7:35 P.M.

PRESENT: Trustees Toni Carter, Lori Kaiser, Robert Packham ,
Wesley Eby, William Manton, and President Rodney Craig

ABSENT: Joseph Nicolosi

ALSO PRESENT: Village Manager Marc Hummel, Mark Masciola (arrived at
8:50 pm), George Dimidik, Jim Binninger, Joan Rock, Tom
Dahl, Patrick Grill, Sandra Vincent Richard, Bill Beckman,
Ron Moser, Dave Webb, Howard Killian, Mark Gatz, Craig
Haigh, Ken Zaccard, and Kim Benedix

Mr. Hummel began with the General Fund expenditures working with the following three categories: Personal Services was 3% greater; Commodities was 2% less; and Contractual Services was 7% less. He noted this comprised an increase in the General Fund of 1% greater than in the prior year.

He encouraged elected officials to review Exhibit 4: General Corporate Fund by Department (Cost Control Centers), and Exhibit 5: Total General Fund by Account Expenditures (Salaries). He stated as a broad overview, the General Fund was comprised of Public Safety, Public Works, Community Development, and General Administration categories, noting Public Safety (Police & Fire) was about 2/3 of the budget. He stated approximately 70% of the General Fund budget was personal services, salaries, etc. He stated as part of a balanced budget for 2010 was a downsizing of three positions, from 196 to 193, resulting in a \$250,000 savings. He stated it included not filling a vacant Public Works position (a building maintenance worker), and then a reduction of one position in Community Development and a reduction of one position in Information Technology.

He stated the budget input was modified this year with three workshops: residents, elected officials, and staff. He summarized the most frequently heard comments; i.e. maintain public safety, balance the budget, limit tax increases, etc.

He stated the largest portion of the budget was the Police Department, with an increase of 4% which did not include the allocation for the MAP (Metropolitan Alliance of Police) contract which was currently under negotiations. He stated the Board was emphatic about Police staffing levels, with 54 sworn officers increased by 2 the prior year. He noted calls for service were 1.5% greater this year. He also stated in 2008 the crime rate was the lowest reported rate since statistics started being recorded in 1974. He stated there were several comments related to adding additional police officers but his budget did not

include any increase as there was no ability to pay. He did comment, however, if there were additional revenues, such as the redlight enforcement, it may provide funding for additional officers in the future. He noted he added \$100,000 revenue from the redlight enforcement program. He also noted the Board may amend the budget at any time throughout the fiscal year, but this was his recommendation at this time.

Comments from the Board were that we should apply for the grant for 3 additional police officers, noting that in three years we may be able to permanently fund those positions between the redlight camera revenues plus vehicle impounds. It was noted this would be in response to the residents' requests as well as assistance in the Police Department. Mr. Hummel responded that all his updates explained the grant and projections were based upon inflationary adjustments. He further explained his position and it did not agree with being able to fund additional police officers and maintain a balanced budget.

Chief Moser explained the grant as he understood it and it would pay for 3 new officers for 3 years including benefits but did not include any raises in those 3 years. He also explained it required maintaining the same number of positions. Further discussions revolved around the grant and the addition of police officers especially noting that when the economy is down, unemployment is up, and the crime rate escalates thereby increasing the need for more officers. It was also noted it took approximately 2-4 months to hire a new police officer. President Craig stated his goal was to have 61 officers and the addition of 3 officers increased that number to 57, 4 short of the goal. It was noted there were four shifts and to add one officer per shift. President Craig called the question to apply for the grant to hire 4 police officers. Roll call:

AYES: Kaiser, Manton
NAYS: Packham, Eby, Carter
ABSENT: Nicolosi

There was not a majority.

The Board was polled again to pursue the grant to hire 3 police officers. Roll call:

AYES: Kaiser, Manton, Carter, Craig
NAYS: Packham, Eby
ABSENT: Nicolosi

It passed that we pursue the grant to hire 3 police officers.

Mr. Hummel continued with the Police Department. It was noted that School District U-46 might be able to assist in funding portions of police presence in their schools. Chief Moser stated he was not aware of that but he would look into that program with the school districts. Mr. Hummel stated another program used to defray costs were drug forfeitures and DUI programs. Further discussions ensued regarding the sinking fund and the purchase of a drug surveillance vehicle.

President Craig asked the Board be polled to purchase a surveillance vehicle when funds become available per Chief Moser's recommendation. Roll call:

AYES: Kaiser, Eby, Manton, Carter, Craig
NAYS: Packham
ABSENT: Nicolosi

It was passed that a surveillance vehicle be added to the budget to purchase when funds become available per Chief Moser's recommendation.

Mr. Hummel continued with monies allocated for tuition reimbursement in the Police Department and discussion took place on that as well as the hiring of an Investigative Aide at \$42,000-45,000. He also noted DuComm increased 7% due to the hiring of two more police officers.

He continued with the capital items within the Police Department. He stated the mobile dates computers (MDC's) would be replaced at \$40,000. A comment made was the rapid response time due to the MDC's in the vehicles. The Code Enforcement Division had an increase of \$4,500 due to the Church Street Station monies allocated for contractual mowing.

Mr. Hummel stated that 4 tablet PC's were requested due to the Rental Residential program for \$10,800.

Mark Masciola arrived at 8:50 p.m.

There was one final comment made on the Police surveillance vehicle which was to work with surrounding Villages to perhaps utilize and swap with their surveillance vehicles.

Mr. Hummel continued noting the Fire Department budget was 5% greater than last year. He noted the shift was funded by the property tax levy and revenues generated from Operations as there was a need to allocate the General Fund portion toward Fire Department. He also noted not included was the addition of the 11th position, \$34,000 being incorporated. He stated they were phasing out the SAFER grant with was being done with \$43,000 being paid in 2010, and \$10,000 in 2011. He noted the SAFER grant was gradually being weaned whereas Police Department had 100% funding. He stated he tried to reduce as many operating costs as possible. He noted there was \$4,000 for educational materials for fire prevention programs, and \$3,600 for wireless cards for four vehicles. He noted there was a grant for 75% installation of exhaust system at South station and the Village cost would be \$10,000.

He continued that the replacement of turnout gear purchased in 2006 with 6 sets each year being funded out of capital, and eventually into the operating budget. It was noted that the Pumper 361 replacement was received earlier than anticipated and was not incorporated into the Central Equipment Fund this year. It was questioned when the engine would be received and answered by the end of this month.

President Craig noted there was a need for a lift for ambulances and they

should be added to this budget from the reserve fund to avoid back injuries. He suggested we purchase one this year and add the 2nd one when the new ambulance was purchased in 2011. It was questioned what the cost was for this and answered approximately \$13,000 for each. Discussions followed on which fund this should come from.

President Craig polled the Board to purchase one lift cot for the ambulance in 2010 to be funded by the General Capital Projects fund. Roll call:

AYES:	Kaiser, Packham, Eby, Manton, Carter, Craig
NAYS:	None
ABSENT:	Nicolosi

It was passed to add the purchase of one lift cot for the ambulance in 2010 funded by the General Capital Projects fund.

President Craig noted the hour was late and it was agreed to continue this meeting to Monday, March 16, 2009 at 7:30 p.m. Motion by Trustee Manton and seconded to continue the meeting to March 16, 2009 at 7:30 p.m. VOICE Vote: All AYES.

Mr. Hummel then requested to move the April Board meetings to the 9th and the 23rd so he would have more time to prepare the budget. The Board agreed.

President Craig adjourned the meeting at 9:40 p.m.

Recorded and transcribed by,

Sherry L. Craig
Village Clerk

Minutes approved by President and Board of Trustees on this 9th day of April, 2009.

Village President