

MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL MEETING OF THE MUNICIPAL
SERVICES COMMITTEE OF THE VILLAGE OF WILLOWBROOK HELD ON MONDAY,
JANUARY 25, 2010 IN THE VILLAGE HALL, 7760 QUINCY STREET, IN THE
VILLAGE OF WILLOWBROOK, DUPAGE COUNTY, ILLINOIS

1. CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Mistele called the meeting to order at 6:10 PM.

2. ROLL CALL

Those present at roll call were Chairman Mike Mistele, Trustee Terrence Kelly, Interim Village Administrator Larry Maholland, Director of Finance Sue Stanish, and Director of Municipal Services Tim Halik. Park Commissioner Carol Lazarski entered the meeting at 7:20 PM.

3. REVIEW – Fiscal Year 2010-11 Budget

Finance Director Stanish provided budget highlights within the General Fund as outlined within the agenda packet. She advised that each department has reviewed their individual budgets to reduce expenses, but without a reduction in core services. Chairman Mistele inquired about the patrol officer union negotiations and employee salary increases. Director Stanish advised that no employee salary increases have been included within the proposed budget. Chairman Mistele inquired why the second police deputy chief position was included within the budget. He advised that he thought it was our intent not to fill this position. Director Stanish advised that staff thought it would be presumptuous to eliminate the position prior to final Board consideration. Chairman Mistele requested that staff provide salary costs to the Village for 2% raises, 3% raises, and 5% raises. Director Stanish advised that she would do so. Chairman Mistele inquired about pension increases. Director Stanish provided an overview of projected pension increases assumed in the budget. She advised that at this time there does not appear to be any legislative relief on the horizon for the escalating police pension costs. However, with regard to IMRF pensions for other Village employees, that fund may recover from the large previous fund loses. As Director Stanish continued to provide an overview of the budget, Chairman Mistele requested that staff add information on total sales tax revenue expected along with the other information provided. Director Stanish provided the requested figures. Chairman Mistele then requested an update of the red light camera issue at the legislative level. Director Halik advised that although there was much talk about ending the program, or limiting the fine amounts, or right turn on red provisions, none of the proposed bills were called for a vote last Fall. Halik was unaware whether such legislation could be added in the Spring session, but with regard to the right turn on red issue, Halik advised that our current red light program does not include right turn on red violations. However, Halik advised that the Midway Drive cameras will include a right turn on red violation. Therefore, we could be impacted by any such legislation that would limit that provision in any program. Chairman Mistele generally mentioned the Village's ability to obtain a new revenue source. He stated that consideration of any approach should include a substantial public awareness program so that the community is well aware of our issue. Trustee Kelly asked if there was any statutorily imposed limit on the amount we can raise water rates. Director Halik advised there is not, but typically given the sensitivity of any rate increase, the rate of increase should be justifiable by the Village. Director Halik provided a general overview of the various budgets

that make up the Municipal Services Department. With regard to the Motor Fuel Tax Fund and the 2010 Roadway Maintenance Program, Halik advised that given the rising asphalt prices and declining MFT revenues, our 12 year program database must be somewhat amended from year to year to ensure that the scope of work of the annual road program will not exceed our available funds. Chairman Mistele asked what percentage of our expenditures are attributable to salaries. Staff advised that was difficult to differentiate, but that is was a large portion of our total expenditures. Trustee Mistele inquired what number of operating days in reserve is appropriate for the Village. Interim Administrator Maholland advised that the question in also discussed in the Sikich Organization Evaluation Report, but that given our reliance on sales tax, which is very volatile, he would recommend the number be increased to perhaps 360 days over the next 5 years. Interim Administrator Maholland advised that if the Village were to acquire home rule status, perhaps that number could be dropped to 270 days. Chairman Mistele then asked about home rule status. Staff provided a very general description of the process and what additional revenue sources could be available to the Village if it were obtained.

4. VISITOR'S BUSINESS

(none)

5. ADJOURNMENT

Motion to adjourn made by Chairman Mistele, and seconded by Trustee Kelly. The meeting was adjourned at 7:30 PM.

(Minutes transcribed by: Tim Halik 02/05/10)