

The special Village Board meeting was called to order on October 17, 2011 at 6:43 pm by President Walsten. Trustees present were Todd Klahn, Steve Lust, Mark Bruner, Jessica Hawkey, Dorothy Frandy, Dean Van Den Eng. Others present were Clerk Strause, Police Chief Barger, Public Works Director Langer.

President Walsten referenced her Feb 16, 2011 President's letter regarding economic development. Walsten also announced the Village of Oregon's declaration of having Thyse Printing relocate to their business park. Van Den Eng reiterated the need for EDC to meet with the Board to communicate in detail the needs and plan for a business park and business growth.

2012 Budget discussion: Trustee Van Den Eng asked for the UBT lease for the clerk's office to be debated as the annual lease would be \$6,000 for five years. The 7% increase in the 2012 budget presented includes the \$6,000 for the annual lease and \$47,547 for a new loan, CWF#4, to cover \$850,000 of the \$2,015,000 2008 Sewer BAN that is being refinanced next year. Total general obligation debt payment in 2012 is \$195,385.82. All agreed a 7% increase was too much with 5.5% much more tolerable and a goal to meet. The need for a replacement plow truck and the need to increase police patrol hours was discussed. The budget includes increasing the hours for Officer Engelhart from 28 to 40 hours a week. As much as there is support for these extra hours, it was felt adding an extra four hours a week, total 32 hours per week, would be best at this time. If we don't lease space for the Clerk's office, we continue to violate fire codes and jeopardize the loss of records if there is a fire. If we don't use the \$6,000 for the lease, plow truck reserves could be increased. Langer stated he would need between \$15,000-\$30,000 for a replacement plow truck. Purchasing a new patrol truck next summer may be possible using funds from equipment reserves, reserves for the GMC, and funds from the sale of the old Bobcat. Space issues for the Municipal Judge is a concern as we are currently in violation as the new law to segregate police departments and municipal courts was effective Jan 1, 2011. Fireworks expense of \$2500 is also in the budget but nothing on the revenue side. It was felt that the revenue through donations should be balanced and \$2500 was to be added to the revenues. Costs for new base radios and portables to be narrow band compliant by 1-1-2013 was discussed. Using \$6,000 for the UBT lease is a big commitment and would possibly limit other use of these funds for wages or truck reserves. ADA compliance at both UBT and the Community Buildings was discussed. Using restitution funds to pay for one time expenses, i.e., moving expense, could be possible.

Trustee Klahn moved, second Hawkey, carried to approve a five year lease with Union Bank and & Trust to relocate the Clerk's Office. Trustees Van Den Eng and Bruner voted NAY.

Further work on the budget to reduce to a 5.5% levy increase is as follows:

a/c#	Name	Amount+/-
100-48510	July 4th Donations-revenue	+2500.00
100-52150-110	Permanent Part-Time Police Wage	-8320.00
100-52150-150	Fringe for above	-1222.40
100-52150-330	Police continuing education	- 300.00
100-51410-331	Website	- 250.00
100-52150-330	Police continuing education	- 300.00
100-53635-211	Recycling committee	-500.00
100-55300-340	Recreation July 4th misc	- 250.00

100-55510-120	Seasonal worker wages	+ 660.00
100-55510-150	Fringe for above	+ 50.49
600-57580-681-002	Water-telephone	- 100.00

General Fund budget proposal is \$1,068,719.00 which is a 3.51% increase over last year. The proposed levy is \$672,748.00, an increase of 5.46% over last year. Budgets for Mt. Hope Cemetery, Special Revenue, Debt, Capital Projects, TID, Water and Sewer Utilities were all reviewed. Van Den Eng moved, second Bruner, carried to set the public hearing for the budgets at 6:30 p.m. on Monday, Nov 14th.

Bruner moved, second, Hawkey, carried to adjourn at 9:30 p.m.

Carol A. Strause, MMC