

VILLAGE OF BROOKLYN
SPECIAL BUDGET MEETING
OCTOBER 19, 2009

A special budget meeting for the Village of Brooklyn was called to order on 10-19-09 at 6:37 pm in the lower level of the Brooklyn Community Building by Village President Nadine Walsten. Trustees present: Helen McCord, Tim Belter, Mark Bruner. Trustees Layton and Klahn were absent. Others present: Carol Strause, Clerk, Public Works Director, Bob Anderson, Police Chief, Harry Barger, and Roland Arndt.

Roland Arndt presented the 2010 EMS budget showing \$54 less than last year at \$22,950. The ambulance was paid off in 2009 with \$12,000 now in the budget for a replacement fund for a future new ambulance. Fire dept budget was also presented at \$78,067 which is \$1081 (1.4%) higher than last year. New radio equipment could cost \$80-\$100,000 in 2013 when the entire Dane County system is changed.

The Department of Revenue will allow municipalities that did not use their full levy in 2007 to now add the amount to the current levy limit. This is new this year and a one time event. The full levy in 2007 was not used because of an error made by the Village's accountant. The amount of the unused 2007 levy was \$19,265. **The general fund currently is out of balance by \$193,286.02.** Items discussed: using debt to pay for \$180,000 of storm water outlay; removing \$10,000 for alley surveying; possible Village obligations that may be determined when the floodwater study being done by DOT is completed (DOT is paying \$17,000 for the study); business park for the Village; debt service compromising other outlay costs is a concern; business park expense for infrastructure would be TIF debt; however, payment of TIF debt would need to be paid with the increment from growth in the district. Public Works has applied for 2010 LRIP funds for asphalt costing \$26,000.

Discussion on surveying the **alley** continued. In 2006 Rob Wright worked on the legal descriptions for the alley, creating a detailed map. A certified survey map was not done at that time. Some of the property owners in the alley are willing to pay their share of improvements of the alley while others are not willing to pay their share. PW Director Anderson feels the map put together by Wright is accurate with no need to do further surveying. Alley pavement costs are not included in the 2010 budget.

Youth Center budget at \$3800 was discussed. Trustee McCord recommended removing funding as there is no back up on data of what programs exist or how many youth are involved. The Village does not see any detail on services provided. Trustee Bruner suggested the Village leave the \$3800 in the budget but hold half the funds until it is demonstrated what programs are offered and what support there is for our youth.

Intent of the Board is to use the **full levy at \$622,806.00**. In order to balance the general fund, **\$180,000 was moved to capital projects loan proceeds, \$10,000 was removed from the budget for surveying, \$1286 was removed from the attorney fee account, \$1000 removed from clerk's computer outlay, and \$1000 removed from PW engineering.** Trustee Bruner moved, second Belter, carried to set the Budget hearing date for Nov 9th, at 6:30 p.m.

Resolution #2009-08 to establish **2010 wages and fringe benefits** was approved per motion by Trustee McCord, second Bruner, carried.

Water utility: Mass Unit Manager software that maintains inventory and maintenance of the utility has crashed and needs to be replaced as soon as possible.

Seasonal sewer consumption credits have been discussed in Finance Committee meetings. Credits have been given for many years; however, Village ordinance does not specify credits being allowed. The sewer revenue loss from these credits is estimated at \$20,000 annually. If the credits are not given, outside sewer deduct meters could be used for temporary water usage. Trustee McCord moved, second Belter, carried to

discontinue seasonal consumption credits. Trustee McCord moved, second Belter, carried to create an ordinance to allow for sewer deduct meters to be utilized for temporary outside water usage. Trustee McCord moved, second Belter, carried to refer to the Ordinance Committee the creation of this ordinance.

Three options were reviewed for proposed **sewer rate increases.** Rate increases adopted in 2008 have not allowed enough revenue to pay for debt service due to lack of growth in the Village. Option #1 has debt service in the base fees lowering the volume charge; however, there still would not be enough revenue generated until 2011 to fully pay for debt service. Option #2 also has debt service in the base fee and increases the rate per 100 c.f. allowing for enough revenue to pay for debt service and fund the equipment replacement fund which is mandated by the Village's bond requirements. Option #3 lowers the base fee and increases the rate per 100 c.f. but does not allow enough revenue until 2011 to pay for debt. Trustee McCord moved, second Bruner, carried to offer **option #2 for 2010 and 2011 rate increases with a public hearing on Nov 9th at 6:30 p.m.** 2012 rates would be considered at a later time.

Trustee Bruner moved, second McCord, carried to adjourn at 9:37 pm.

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