

VILLAGE OF BROOKLYN

October 18, 2010 SPECIAL BUDGET SESSION

The Village Board meeting was called to order on October 18, 2010, at 7 pm by President Walsten. Trustees present were Todd Klahn, Steve Lust, Mark Bruner, David Natzke, and Dean Van Den Eng. Others present were Clerk Strause, Public Works Director Anderson, and Police Chief Barger, and Roland Arndt. Trustee Belter was absent.

2011 BUDGET discussion for all funds continued. Fire-EMS Representative, Roland Arndt, reported on the budgets with EMS increasing \$535 from last year. The per capita rate is \$18 x the Village's population estimate of 1274 equals a levy of \$22,932. The Fire Department 2010 levy is down \$2993.72 from 2009 and will be \$75,073.44. The Village is 30.17% of the equalized value of the Fire District.

Clerk Strause presented pie charts for proposed 2011 budget categories and wages/fringes. What the Village's 2011 budgets should look like, the equipment issues for public works, and the need to start reserve funds was discussed. Trustee Bruner reported Public Works' goals that were established will be accomplished by year end with some costs lower and some higher. Larger projects planned this year are under budget. The 2011 goals the committee would like to see is no major road const, need some maintenance for roads to try and hold infrastructure together, a need for either maintenance money for the old patrol truck or a capital expenditure for replacement. Bruner continued he would like to see PW Director Anderson continue to develop more administrative skills and spend more time on administration rather than as an operator. There would be no way to cut personnel unless cut to 32 hours a week and then there would be a need to hire someone else part time to get the work done. The department's work goes beyond the treatment plant with work done in the cemetery, parks, and streets. Summertime requires 35-40 hours a week by part time help to take care of all the mowing. The cemetery mowing is contracted out as it would take two mowers for a total of 12-16 hours a week to complete the task to mow and trim.

Police Chief Barger stated his department goals are to continue to work on departmental policies. Several have been adopted but many are not completed yet. The organization and structure of the department has moved a long way. Trustee Klahn stated he would like to see more coverage with a full time officer and a chief.

Trustee Natzke reported on the goals carried out by the Recreation Committee with the summer recreation program, free movie nights, get fit program, summer music series, and dime a dip. The committee will be looking at getting involved with the July 4th celebration for a possible fundraiser. Trustee Van Den Eng stated the biggest challenge right now is getting more

committee members as there are only seven currently. Two more members need to be recruited to take some of the load off those members doing the work. The committee would like more direction from the Board. Are their expenses to be funded by the taxpayers or does the committee need to have fundraisers to support their activities? There is not enough revenue from current fundraising to support quality of life programs. The "Get Fit" program cost was supported by participation fees, but free movie nights and the music programs are not funded with the expenses in the Special Revenue Fund. Clerk Strause was directed to move these expense accounts to the General Fund. The Recreation fundraiser account in the Special Revenue Fund would then be used only for special projects designated by the committee.

Account changes made during review are as follows:

			Proposed
200-54910-312	Cemetery Flag Pole	-\$300	\$ 300
100-55300-110	Summer Recreation Wages	-\$1690	\$ 5,500
100-53311-310	PW-shop/office supplies	-\$1000	\$ 5,000
100-53311-326	Loader maintenance	-\$3000	\$ 5,000
100-53420-220	Street Lights	+\$2023	\$14,500
100-53620-330	PW-dumpster	-\$500	\$ 2,500

Trustee Klahn moved, second Bruner, carried to adjourn at 10:30 p.m. The Board will continue with budget review, tomorrow night, Tues, October 19th at 7 p.m.

Carol A. Strause, MMC