

SPECIAL VILLAGE OF EAGLE BOARD MEETING
HELD JOINTLY WITH THE TOWN OF EAGLE BOARD
UNAPPROVED MINUTES – NOVEMBER 6, 2014

Village President Rich Spurrell and Town Chairman Bob Kwiatkowski called their respective special Board meetings to order at 7:00 p.m. President Spurrell confirmed Open Meeting Law requirements. Roll was taken: (Town) Supervisors Davis, Malek, Rasmussen, West – all present; Chairman Kwiatkowski – present. (Village) Trustees Block, Neuburg, Scheff, Schoessow – all present. President Spurrell – present. Also present were: Town Treasurer Pasterski, Library Board President Pinekenstein, Recreation Director Blonien, Assistant Fire Chief Hein, Captain Kugel and Deputy Chief Wilton.

Town Chairman Kwiatkowski and Village President Spurrell led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Public Comment.

Tom Day, W350 S10115 Highview Road asked if he could save his public comment until the items were being discussed. Resident Spurrell explained that both the Town and Village are here tonight to come to an agreement on how much to fund each joint department. President Spurrell explained that the budget will not be finalized until the Village has their public hearing. Chairman Kwiatkowski explained that a public hearing is held and the Town Elector's meet to approve the levy. Chairman Kwiatkowski stated that now would be the time for public comments.

Annie Rapacz, 430 Clover Court stated that she is here in support of the proposed library budget 5A.

Mimi Feye, S79 W35841 Timber Court stated that she is here in support of the proposed library budget 5A.

Steve Atkinson, 511 Clover Lane stated that he is here in support of the proposed library budget 5A.

Jim Fritsch, 817 Sutton Avenue stated that he is here in support of the Recreation Department, who kept the numbers the same as last year. He also supports the Fire Department.

Diane Williams, 201 N. Parkview stated that she is here in support of the proposed library budget 5A.

Maria Hinners, S93 W35181 Westwind Drive explained that as a Town resident and a fifteen (15) year employee, she also is here in support of the proposed library budget 5A. Ms. Hinners explained that the Alice Baker Library is the fourth library she has worked at. The Town and Village are getting a bargain with the services that this library provides.

Pat Whiteside, 403 Meadow Lane stated that she is here in support of the proposed library budget 5A.

Tom Day, W350 S10115 Highview Road questioned if the proposed budget that was published in the newspaper matches the figures that are being presented tonight. In response, President Spurrell explained that they did not have the library budget numbers when they published their notice. The Fire Department split is based on equalized value; the library split is based on equalized value and by usage; and the Recreation Department and Municipal Building budgets are split 50/50. Chairman Kwiatkowski explained that the Town's proposed budget is a little bit higher than what was published. The Town did not have the library's proposed budget so the Town used the same budget figure from last year. The Fire Department budget increased 1% from last year. The Recreation Department budget number remained the same. The Municipal Building budget increased over last year because the Historical Society building was added to the budget. Mr. Day questioned if whatever is heard tonight will be within the realm of approval or disapproval at next week's budget hearing. Chairman Kwiatkowski responded that the Town Elector's approve the tax levy; the Town Board sets the budget. President Spurrell added that the budget numbers that the Town and Village published are relatively close to what will be presented at our respective upcoming meetings.

Library Budget.

Library Board President Barb Pinekenstein presented the library's proposed budget. She explained that the Library Board approved budget is rather conservative and they tried to stay within the means. Library Board President Pinekenstein reported that the usage for the Town was 52%; the Village was 48%. Library Board President Pinekenstein reported that the projected county reimbursement number is down because it is based on usage, fines have decreased slightly, and retirement numbers increased. Library Board President Pinekenstein stated that the proposed budget does not include anything for expansion. The Library Board is hoping to meet in March or April to discuss possible expansion and if any impact fees are available. President Spurrell stated that the Village first needs to determine if any of the impact fees need to be refunded. President Spurrell added that it is his understanding that some impact fees may be used on the design of the building.

Chairman Kwiatkowski questioned if the new health insurance figures have been factored into the proposed budget. President Spurrell explained that the figures should be reflected in the budget because the rates were given out to all departments in the second week of October.

Supervisor Malek commented that the increase in the Town's portion of the library budget is due to equalization and then on usage.

Motion: A motion was made by Trustee Scheff, seconded by Trustee Schoessow to approve the Village's portion of the Library Budget. Upon voice vote, motion carried 5-0.

Motion: A motion was made by Supervisor Davis, seconded by Supervisor Rasmussen to approve the Town's portion of the Library Budget. Upon voice vote, motion carried 5-0.

Trustee Neuburg questioned if the Town is trying to limit library employees' hours in order to limit retirement. Library Board President Pinekenstein explained that the Library tries to manage

the budget, including benefit costs. President Spurrell added that workers prior to July 1, 2011 only had to work 600 before he/she must be included in retirement. Now, anyone hired on or after July 1, 2011 must work 1,200 before he/she must be included in retirement.

Recreation Department Budget.

Recreation Director Blonien explained that the requested amount for the Recreation Department Budget is the same as last year. Some programs that were not beneficial have been eliminated. Recreation Director Blonien reported that some classes have been eliminated due to low enrollment. President Spurrell added that some programs may still be good for the community, even if they don't make money.

Director Blonien explained that this year was a rough year for the Recreation Department. Apparently there is rift going on between parents that open enroll their children to Mukwonago and the parents whose children remain in the Palmyra-Eagle School District. Due to this rift, children open enrolling to Mukwonago schools are now registering their children in the Mukwonago Recreation Program; children who attend Palmyra-Eagle are being enrolled in the Palmyra Recreation Program. Parents are not registering their children in Eagle Recreation because parents do not want their children playing with kids who will eventually be on opposing sides. This rift is having a direct impact on the Eagle Recreation Department. The department is suffering. Chairman Kwiatkowski added that the unintended consequences are severe. Trustee Neuburg suggested that someone talk to the Palmyra School Board regarding the impact.

Supervisor Davis explained that the budget spreadsheet shows which programs/activities will be discontinued. If anyone feels that a program is warranted, please let the Recreation Committee know. Supervisor Davis added that the Recreation Committee would like to see the senior program participation increase but transportation is a huge issue. Director Blonien stated that the program needs at least fifteen (15) seniors attending to cover the cost of the bus. Senior program numbers used to be higher when the Recreation Department shared senior programs with Mukwonago and East Troy.

Motion: A motion was made by Supervisor Rasmussen, seconded by Supervisor West to approve the Town's portion of the Recreation Department Budget. Upon voice vote, motion carried 5-0.

Motion: A motion was made by Trustee Schoessow, seconded by Trustee Block to approve the Village's portion of the Recreation Department Budget. Upon voice vote, motion carried 5-0.

Municipal Building.

President Spurrell explained that the proposed budget shows a \$1,000 increase from last year, which would result in a cost of \$12,405 for both the Town and the Village. In regards to the Historical Society, the building itself is owned jointly by the Town and the Village. The operations are funded by donations.

Motion: A motion was made by Trustee Scheff, seconded by Trustee Schoessow to approve the Municipal Building budget as presented. Upon voice vote, motion carried 5-0.

Motion: A motion was made by Supervisor Davis, seconded by Supervisor Malek to approve the Municipal Building Budget as presented. Upon voice vote, motion carried 5-0.

Fire Department.

Assistant Fire Chief Hein and Captain Scott Kugel presented the proposed Fire Department budget. The proposed budget reflects a 1% increase to the Town, with the equalized assessments numbers for the Town increasing and the Village decreasing. In regards to the building, the proposed budget reflects an 11% increase due to issues with the septic system. Other changes in the budget include a \$2,400 increase in utilities and the compressor maintenance costs increased slightly. The overall operating budget for the Town is \$200,869.13; the Village is \$74,983.29.

In response to Supervisor West, Captain Kugel explained that the \$40,000 transfer from the building fund into revenue derives from the fire department putting \$5,000 each year into a building fund savings account. These saved funds are transferred to revenue when the need arises for a building repair. This \$40,000 transfer is to fund the cost for a new roof.

In response to Trustee Schoessow, Captain Kugel explained that the department is trying to push out engine/vehicle replacements as far as they can. The current engine has been certified for this year. Discussion followed on vehicle maintenance. President Spurrell pointed out that there is a capital equipment fund for these types of expenses. Funds are added to the account every year.

In response to Trustee Neuburg's question regarding replacements for the equipment lost in the traffic accident, Captain Kugel explained that only the grass rig will be replaced. Both insurance payments are needed just for the new rig. Assistant Chief Hein explained that the department obtained pricing from three (3) different manufacturers. Pricing has gone up considerably since 2006. The estimates given are six (6) figures. One thing to keep in mind is that when the old rig was purchased, part of the cost was offset by the membership, who paid for the chassis. Deputy Chief Wilton added that the old grass rig was piecemealed together. The new rig will be purchased turnkey, from one (1) company with a warranty.

In response to Supervisor West, Assistant Chief Hein explained that the grass rig is used for wild land fires and rescues. Supervisor West questioned why the Department of Natural Resources (DNR) only has to have a water pumper on the back of their vehicle. Captain Kugel responded that the fire department is governed by the National Fire Protection Association or N.F.P.A. standards; the DNR is not. The department could be held liable if the standards are not met. One such standard is the requirement to have red seatbelts in the rig. Red seatbelts cost \$3,000.

Captain Kugel reported that the department did go over budget this year. A lot of it was due to high acuity calls that needed paramedic intercept. The department gets charged \$475 for each occurrence. Also, the department went over budget in supplies. There were a number of supplies that had to be replaced because they expired. Captain Kugel explained that the department has

acquired an inventory gun so everything is being scanned in therefore resulting in a better tracking system.

In response to Chairman Kwiatkowski, Captain Kugel reported that the department has been told by Waukesha County that it is mandatory that the radio systems be upgraded. The cost for one (1) radio is \$3,800; the department needs to purchase six (6). Waukesha County is offering the department a two (2) year loan at 1.5% interest. The immediate cost will be \$11,400. Captain Kugel added that the cost to upgrade portables is \$60 per radio.

Discussion ensued regarding paramedic intercept and mutual aid costs. Captain Kugel explained that the Eagle Fire/Rescue is an advanced service department; there are no paramedics. Deputy Chief Wilton added that patients do get billed for the paramedic services so in the long run, the costs do come back to the department. Assistant Chief Hein added that Medicare does not cover the cost for a paramedic.

Motion: A motion was made by Trustee Schoessow, seconded by Trustee Block to approve the Fire Department Budget as presented. Upon voice vote, motion carried 5-0.

Motion: A motion was made by Supervisor Rasmussen, seconded by Supervisor Davis to approve the Fire Department Budget as presented. Upon voice vote, motion carried 5-0.

A motion was made by Trustee Scheff, seconded by Trustee Schoessow to adjourn the meeting at 8:19 P.M. Upon voice vote, motion carried.

Lynn M. Pepper
Eagle Town Clerk