

SPECIAL VILLAGE OF EAGLE BOARD MEETING HELD JOINTLY
WITH THE TOWN OF EAGLE BOARD MINUTES

June 30, 2016

Unapproved

Call to Order/Open Meeting Law Requirements:

Village President R. Spurrell called the Village of Eagle Special Board Meeting to order at 7:01p.m.

Town Chairman B. Kwiatkowski called the Town of Eagle Special Board meeting to order at 7:01p.m.

Roll Call:

Village Board: M. Rice, P. Jones, L. Neuburg and R. Spurrell all present, G. Scheff was excused. G. Hein and J. Hoefakker were absent for roll call, but entered the meeting shortly after the presentation from the Library Board began.

Town Board: B. Kwiatkowski, D. Malek, D. West, J. Davis, A. Rasmussen, all present.

Pledge of Allegiance:

R. Spurrell and B. Kwiatkowski led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Presentation by Library Board on future needs, options, costs and funding of the Alice Baker Memorial Library expansion.

Discussion/Action on recommendation from the Library Board on Library expansion

Discussion/Action on referendum for funding of Library expansion

B. Pinekenstein gave a slide show presentation outlining needs of the library, explaining that in 2011/2012 a needs analysis had recommended a 12,000 sq. ft. expansion. Based on that analysis, a plan had been drawn up to expand the library from its existing location in 3 phases. The first phase would add the entire 12,000 sq ft shell, with 6,000 sq ft finished space. Phase 2 would remodel the existing library space and finish the remaining 6,000 sq ft shell space. Phase 3 would incorporate new furniture. She explained that the Phase 1 cost was estimated at \$2,512,302, Phase 2 at \$989,430, and Phase 3 at \$106,567, making a total project cost of \$3,608,299. B. Pinekenstein continued, outlining the proposed funding plan, where the funding for Phase 1 is split in half between private funding and donations and the remaining \$1,256,151, when split 50/50 between the Village and Town, funds needed from each municipality would be \$628,000. She also included an approximate additional operations and maintenance cost of \$32,000 total. If Phase 1 is financed for 20 years at a rate of 3.5%, approximate annual payments for each municipality would be \$47,742.35. She summarized her presentation and requested that the Boards approve a timeline for a fall referendum question. Chairman B. Kwiatkowski pointed out that according to the presentation, another referendum would be needed to fund Phase 2, so he expressed the opinion that a referendum should be proposed for the full funding amount right away. Trustee M. Rice asked whether the additional operating costs were included in the presentation. A. Chase stated that they were included, and that she had worked with WE Energies on approximating those costs. Chairman B. Kwiatkowski asked whether there would be increased staffing, A. Chase replied that she would be able to maintain the high level of

service the library provides without additional staff. Chairman B. Kwiatkowski expressed concern over the potential in declining physical visits to the library by residents because of the increase in online services. Trustee L. Neuburg remarked that the existing library was inadequate and did not provide access for wheelchairs. She also expressed her opinion on the need for the expansion, commenting that the Delafield Library was already under-sized when it completed its expansion. Trustee M. Rice expressed his concern over the increase in taxes to residents, stating that the Board was elected to do what was in the best interest of the residents. He followed by commenting that he didn't see a referendum necessary and would vote against. President R. Spurrell stated that a referendum would provide an accurate opinion from the residents. Chairman B. Kwiatkowski and Trustee M. Rice outlined future needs and costs of other departments including the schools and the Fire Department. Motion made by Trustee L. Neuburg to approve an advisory referendum on the expansion of Alice Baker Memorial Library based on the recommendation from the Library Board with language for the referendum to be approved after drafting. Seconded by President R. Spurrell. Motion failed (2-4) P. Jones, J. Hoefakker, G. Hein, and M. Rice opposed. Motion made by M. Rice to table discussion and approval of recommendation from the Library Board on Library expansion. Seconded by P. Jones. Motion carried unanimously. No action was taken by the Town Board.

Discussion/Action for approval of the Intermunicipal Agreement Concerning the Eagle Fire Department, Eagle Fire Board, and Eagle Fire Commission:

President R. Spurrell and Chairman B. Kwiatkowski explained the separation of the existing Fire Commission into a separate Fire Board, in charge of day to day operations, and a Fire Commission, in charge of personnel. They explained that a separation needed to be done in accordance with State Statutes, however, it was permissible for members to be on both the Board and the Commission. Supervisor J. Davis stated that he thought allowing the same members on both should be included in the agreement. He also questioned wording in the agreement – Fire District vs. Fire Department, and inquired as to what the difference was. After a brief discussion and review of the agreement, it was determined that the terms were interchangeable. Motion made by Trustee L. Neuburg to approve the agreement, to include an amendment regarding the same members allowed to be on both the Fire Board and Fire Commission. Seconded by Trustee M. Rice. Motion carried unanimously. A. Rasmussen and the Town Board had a discussion regarding changes made to voting in the agreement and also the financing formula. Motion made by Supervisor A. Rasmussen to approve the agreement, to include an amendment regarding the same members allowed to be on both the Fire Board and Fire Commission. Seconded by Supervisor J. Davis. Motion carried unanimously.

Discussion/Action on the future of the Eagle Recreation Department:

Chairman B. Kwiatkowski explained that he wanted this item to be on the agenda so that the Town and Village could get an update on the department and so they could discuss options for the future of the Department. He continued by stating that only one application was received for the vacant Rec Department Director position, indicated he thought that the Mukwonago/Palmyra-Eagle school district dispute from last year was to blame for the initial decline in enrollment, and felt there needed to be a discussion on whether to sustain or dissolve the department. President R. Spurrell stated that he thought the department had a chance to get

back on track if they could hire the right director with the motivation to rejuvenate programs. Discussion continued between both boards about the need to discuss good/bad programs, the effect of private clubs on rec departments, past programs that were successful and the potential of bringing those back. A general consensus was drawn, that there needed to be continued monitoring and discussion between both boards, and efforts needed to be made to rejuvenate programs if the department was going to sustain.

Adjournment:

Motion to adjourn made by President R. Spurrell. Seconded by Trustee L. Neuburg. Motion carried unanimously.

President R. Spurrell adjourned at 9:05pm.

Motion to adjourn made by Supervisor D. Malek. Seconded by Supervisor D. West. Motion carried unanimously.

Chairman B. Kwiatkowski adjourned at 9:05pm.