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Administration & Finance Committee Special Meeting Minutes
Thursday, October 2, 2014
3:30 pm

Call to Order: 3:30 by Trustee Addington

Roll Call: Jim Addington, Steve Nero, Alicja Richards, Bruce Barker, Tom Mulhearn, Cathy Crane, Larry McIntyre, Jinny Szymiski, Bob Gleason, Bob Scott, Steve May, Sue Senicka, Larry Forsberg, Jill Ziegler, Jim Long, Ron Gunter, a representative from Bethel Lutheran Church, Kim Nicoll, Ruth Olsson, Dave Weiss

Pledge of Allegiance

Minutes: No minutes were presented at this special meeting.

Reports: No reports were presented at this special meeting.

Unfinished Business: Stormwater Funding Mechanism

This special meeting was called to continue the discussion of Stormwater Funding.

Trustee Addington presented a comparative analysis of stormwater utility fee vs non-home rule sales tax of (0.5%). The figures were drafted by Finance Director Parker. Trustee Addington pointed out that Director Parker stated that if the non-home rule sales tax was adopted, personnel costs cannot be funded by this tax after the year 2020. If you hire someone to review/maintain stormwater issues this would have to be adopted into the general fund after 2020.

Various options were discussed, Trustee Senicka suggested a gasoline tax.

The Committee, staff and guests further discussed the pros/cons of a utility tax vs sales tax. Issues discussed involved having residents, although stormwater contributors, be saddled with paying for issues that concern only a small area of the Village by having a utility. Suggesting that allowing a sales tax would be transferring the burden to non-residents who purchase general goods in town.

While using sales tax was favored by the general attendance of trustees, Trustee Barry didn't like the idea of the sales tax, but he didn't really like the idea of placing the burden on the residents either; he cited the difficulty that Downers Grove experienced in implementing the

utility.

Larry McIntyre again reviewed the deadlines for notifying the public and for the filing to be included in the referendum. Director May stated that the consensus directs that public education plan will go forward as scheduled with the emphasis to be on the sales tax not the utility fee.

A vote of the Board was called: Majority was called in favor of non home-rule sales tax:

Vote: Utility Fee - 2 yes (Barry & Barker) Tax Option - 6 yes (Gunter, Addington, Nero, Scott, Senicka, Szymiski)

Finance needs to prepare more analyses on the best way to implement this tax option, the effects of the tax on various businesses in town.

New Business was not discussed as the Building and Zoning meeting had already begun.

Adjourn: 4:08