

Village of Wind Point Board of Trustees Minutes – December 1, 2011

December 1, 2011 at 5:30 pm

President Bill Bensman led the pledge of allegiance and called the roll.

Present were President Bill Bensman; Trustees Ann Brodek, Pete Christensen, Jay Hammes, Casey Jones, and Marty Meissner; Trustee Jerry Wishau was excused. Also present were Administrator Barbara Grant and Engineer Mark Madsen.

President Bensman introduced the 2012 Budget by reviewing its development and the sensitivities it was designed to address. He asked Trustee Christensen to provide highlights.

Christensen pointed out that the proposed \$1,089,476 levy is a ½ % increase in the levy from 2011. In 2011, property taxes included both general fund and capital improvement project (CIP) fund revenue; the 2012 budget does not show CIP revenue but shows that the Village expects to draw some funding from reserves as previously anticipated for two projects: a vehicle storage and some of the proposed changes at the Lighthouse to address ADA accessibility into Village Hall. There is no street and street-related drainage project planned for 2012. The change in conservation and development is due to inclusion of a larger amount of funding for EAB tree removal and management costs that will be grant-eligible to offset much of the costs. In Capital Outlay, the reduction is due to no equipment being scheduled for purchase in 2012. The general payroll section is up from 2011 and represents a change in accounting for wages, rather than a significant increase in expenses. In summary, there is a great deal of conservatism in the budget; for example, it does not include income from the cell tower that is expected to be built during 2012. It shows a deficit to come from to the Village's reserve funds.

Bensman pointed out that the budget includes the savings that the Village is gaining with 5.8% of employees' retirement coming from the employees rather than from the village, no pay increases, and sharing of health insurance premiums at 12% as required.

Trustee Jones asked and Bensman answered a question about the money set aside for equipment replacement in the future.

Trustee Brodek pointed out that the figure for Refuse and Garbage should \$118,579 by her calculations. She asked, and Grant confirmed that the snow removal expenses include the \$500 for walking trail snow removal during the fiscal year.

Bensman opened the public hearing on the 2012 budget. Karen VanLone asked about levy. Ken Hall pointed out that although the budget is conservative, the deficit of \$78,542 is a bit disturbing; the present site is totally built out, and additional buildings should not be added for both fiscal as well site compliance issues previously raised during the cell tower discussion and decision. VanLone expressed caution about sharing services when Wind Point residents expect higher levels of service than expected in Caledonia or Racine.

Bensman asked two more times if anyone wished to speak; hearing none, he closed the hearing at 6:12 pm.

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Christensen made a motion to approve the Resolution to set the 2011 Tax Year Levy to Fund the 2012 Budget as attached; second by Jones. Discussion – none. Motion approved unanimously.

Christensen made a motion to designate reserves as attached; second by Jones. Discussion – none. Motion approved unanimously.

Bensman reported that the Republican Party, in accordance with Wisconsin State Statutes, submitted four nominations for the position of poll workers (election officials). He therefore nominated the list of Republican submittals in addition to the existing poll workers for a total of eleven appointees; second by Hammes. Motion to appoint the slate was approved unanimously.

Christensen reported that the November financials look solid and complimented staff on producing the reports in such a timely manner. He reported that the League of Wisconsin Municipalities insurance group proposed insurance and made a lengthy presentation to him, Bensman, and Grant; it was a persuasive presentation and is expected to save the Village \$5-6,000 dollars and provide appropriate support that is clearly experienced in municipal insurance. Bensman and Grant added their supportive comments. Christensen moved to select insurance from the League of Municipalities not to exceed our existing premium; second by Meissner. Motion passed unanimously.

Bensman reported that the City of Racine has proposed a single year of service at the same cost as in 2011 with the cost of EMT services rising. Motion to approve the City of Racine contract for fire and emergency services by Bensman; second Brodek. Motion passed unanimously.

Motion to accept the Countryside contract by Brodek; second by Jones. Motion passed unanimously.

Motion to retain Gordon J. Maier agreement by Christensen; Hammes.

Village Engineer Mark Madsen commented that his firm is moving to 1458 Horizon Blvd. just off of Highway 31 and just north of 16th Street.

Brodek reported that Johns Disposal will be starting in January and she recommended that trustees direct questions directly to Johns Disposal.

Grant reported that Caledonia was raising its wholesale water rates. After discussion, Christensen moved that Grant submit to PSC a purchased water rate increase; second by Jones. Motion passed unanimously.

Jones moved to approve private well at 5227 Wind Point Rd, 6 Raven Turn, 4021 Lighthouse Drive, and 210 White Sand Lane; second by Christensen. Motion was approved unanimously.

Marty Meissner reported that he had been working with the owner of a private well at 5320 Wind Point Road (Budlow) and that it appears that he is more than 100 feet from

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center line of road and thus be exempt from being required to hook up to the public water system. It was the consensus of the Board that each property owner must meet the requirements of the DNR and our ordinance and that Meissner should continue his research and report back.

Motion by Bensman to approve consent and receive and file items including the financial and solid waste report; second by Brodek. Motion passed unanimously.

Motion by Christensen to adjourn at 7:14 pm; second by Brodek. Motion passed unanimously.