

Minutes Special Meeting, Budget Workshop November 4, 2017

Present; Mary Jo Mullen, Michael Tams, Michael Riedy, Kathleen Chatman, Sean Allen, John Trowbridge, Ed Young, Bill Green (assistant Clerk).

Meeting called to order at 9:05 AM

Highway (Road & Bridge)

Commissioner Young provided information on R&B employee overall benefits package. This report shows all expenses to employees including wages, benefits and matching funds.

Trustee Tams asked Young about employee morale, etc. Young advised morale was good. Crew works well with each other.

Trustee Riedy asked Young about employee Tomsovic health issue. Young advised that Tomsovic is still undergoing treatment and has a hard time sitting over a period of time (less than 30 minutes) and is still on leave.

Commissioner Young advised that his 2018 budget would increase by \$50,000 due to some rising costs based on previous usage and spending. He further noted that his crew was prepared for winter but he was seeking a winter seasonal employee.

Trustee Tams noted that fuel costs were down. Confirmed by Young, based on previous year.

Trustee Tams inquired about Emerald Ash Borer, Young identified this as an issue and thus the increase in funding for trees. Young working together with Morton Arboretum on types of trees for replacement, etc.

Trustee Riedy mentioned he had heard that Maples were the next trees to be attacked by invasive species. Young restated the Morton Arboretum assistance.

Supervisor Mullen mentioned flooding and sewer issues. Commissioner Young stated that there are County / Township partnerships going on.

End of Commissioner Young Report

Assessor

Assessor Trowbridge reported on the building so far selected for a new temporary home, one of them had a fire, the current one has recently flooded from the new roof and has found a new possible location on Iroquois in Naperville.

Assessor Trowbridge reported on a FOIA issue where the requestor Warren Garlic, asked for information on code that would lead to a release of trade secrets from a software supplier.

Trustee Riedy asked, "What is he really looking for?". Trowbridge responded, "Not sure really" seems to be a hobby.

Trowbridge denying the FOIA response could cause legal fees, Legal has been notified and requested to comment.

Supervisor

Supervisor Mullen remarked that we need to amend the 2017 budget to move line item surplus to cover legal line item.

Chatman, Tams, Riedy, Allen all agree and should be covered in 11/8/2017 regular meeting

Commissioner Young brought up Comptroller issue pertaining to letter and response that affects the audit line item amount. Assistant Clerk Green (Finance Director) advised that a sub-line item could be used under the audit to cover these expenses.

Trowbridge stated items depend on level of effort.

Mullen stated should have limit of itemized items over \$1000 only

Tams suggested an increase of line 10-1650 from 10000 to 25000

Tams asked about Mullen Counseling Effort

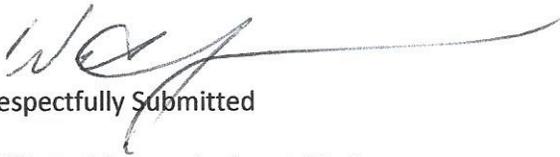
Chatman, Question, does approval of budget constitute an approval to purchase (ie. New Van)

Mullen proposed three scenarios of a 2017/2018 levy, Council to advise on current State legislation (levy freeze) to better able Board to make a decision.

Mullen to seek a policy on threshold holdings (Low dollar point allowed)

Motion to adjourn, Chatman, 2nd by Riedy, all those, Aye.

Meeting adjourned at 11:11 AM 11/4/2017



Respectfully Submitted

William F Green Assistant Clerk