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**Committee as a Whole Meeting****Wednesday, March 2, 2016****5:30 p.m.**

The Committee as a Whole meeting was called to order at 5:30 p.m. on Wednesday, March 2, 2016 by Mayor Seth Speiser. Members present were Mayor Seth Speiser, Trustee Mike Blaies, Trustee Ray Matchett, Trustee Lisa Meehling, Trustee Denise Albers, Trustee Dean Pruett, Trustee Matt Trout, Public Works Director John Tolan, Village Clerk Jerry Menard (absent), Village Administrator Tony Funderburg and Office Manager Julie Polson.

**A. Old Business:**

1. Approval of October 14, 2015 minutes: *Trustee Ray Matchett motioned to approve the October 14, 2015 minutes and Trustee Matt Trout seconded the motion. All voting yea, the motion carried.*

**B. New Business:**

1. FY2016 Budget: Administrator Funderburg advised in order to balance this year's budget, we need to borrow in some areas from reserves. Tony stated we will only use money from reserves if needed. He advised we can't afford to hire an additional public works employee in this budget. He forgot to budget the \$50,000 for the Safe Routes to School Project over the Railroad.

Tony advised he tried to be as conservative as he could on the revenues and pulled money from reserves. Currently, we have about \$500,000 in reserves that could be used for any department. Tony again stated we need to be fiscally responsible this year and only do what projects are needed.

Tony stated we will need an increase in sewer rates this year which will include both the sewer plant and line so we only have to raise rates one time. In the garbage fund, Tony added a piece of equipment that is going to help with the leaf/limb pickup. It hooks onto the back of a dump truck and can pick up everything. It is done by remote control and is a safer operation for our employees. We would only need 3 part-time workers on leaves instead of 4. John confirmed Shane Reinneck will take our leaves and believes this will be the case for many years to come. We renewed our agreement with Waste Management. As we normally do, those price increases will be passed along to the residents. He would also like to find a way to budget to landscape Village Hall and plant flowers in the Village Park.

Tony said the MFT numbers are not correct. We are in the process of getting those firmed up. Trustee Trout asked why the zoning numbers are so much lower, and Tony stated everything has slowed down. Tony said we have added a line item to each fund that we are going to try to start funding so that we have money put aside for when an

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employee retires. Our employees can cash in any unused vacation or compensatory time and that can be a significant amount, and we would like to start budgeting for that. Tony stated on the pool pavilion, the work will be done in this budget but we probably won't get reimbursed until next year. With respect to the ESDA sirens, there is a meeting scheduled for next week to have those looked at. We will try to see if there are any grants available. The cost for the security system for Village Hall is approximately \$19,000, and Tony is working to get three quotes on it. Julie advised the committee that we have a \$7800 safety grant from our insurance company and that can be used towards the purchase of a security system. Tony was advised by our IT company, Computron, to hold off on Clearwave for the moment. They would like to verify some stuff before we move forward on that project.

Tony would like for everyone to review the budget before we present it at the second board meeting in March for approval. Tony passed out lists of our new, ongoing, annual and completed projects and asked for the board to pick out their top three projects that they would like to see done, and we can compare what our priorities are. He also asked for the trustees to let him know if they felt like any of the projects should be taken off the list or suggestions for ones that we should be doing. Tony spoke to Attorney Manion today about the employee handbook and asked for it to be one of his priorities to complete. He also asked the trustees what projects Brian should be focusing on.

The IML Conference is September 22 – 24 in Chicago. Tony budgeted for 8 people to attend, and asked for the trustees to let him know if they are interested in attending. Trustee Trout spoke with Chief Donald, Officer Boeving and Tony regarding Joel and Duke's training in Springfield. Duke has an injury that can be likened to growing pains and cannot continue with the training. He will be re-evaluated by the vet in a couple of weeks.

**C. General Concerns:** None.

**D. Public Participation:** None.

**E. Adjourn:** *Trustee Matt Trout motioned to adjourn the meeting at 6:15 p.m. and Trustee Lisa Meehling seconded the motion. All voting yea, the motion carried.*



Julie Polson  
Office Manager