

MEETING: BUDGET LAW HEARING
VILLAGE OF HANOVER PARK

DATE: April 23, 2009

LOCATION: MUNICIPAL BUILDING
2121 West Lake Street
Hanover Park, IL 60133

PRESENT: Trustees Joseph Nicolosi, Robert Packham, William Manton, Wesley Eby (arrived at 7:23 p.m.), Toni Carter (arrived at 7:24 p.m.) and President Rodney Craig

ALSO PRESENT: Marc Hummel, Patrick Grill, Bill Beckman, Ron Moser, Jim Binninger, George Dimidik, Tom Dahl, Joan Rock, Craig Haigh, Mark Masciola, and Howard Killian

ABSENT: Trustees Lori Kaiser

The Budget Law Hearing was called to order by Village President Craig at 7:15 p.m.

Mr. Hummel began that as part of the statutory requirements for a municipal corporation who was under the Budget Law, there was a requirement for a public hearing in advance of consideration of that annual budget document. He stated notice of this hearing was published in the *Daily Herald* on April 13, 2009.

He stated this related to the fiscal year 2010 budget. Mr. Hummel stated this budget provided revenues and expenditures for the May 1, 2009 to April 30, 2010 time period. He encouraged elected officials and residents to review the document and after approval, it would be posted on the Village's website, www.hpil.org. He stated the budget message on page 9 provided a comprehensive summary of the booklet.

He noted the 2010 budget responded to Board goals and the softening of the economy. Overall, he stated the budget was 2% or \$814,000 less than the prior year in the amount of \$48,502,985. He continued that in order to present a balanced budget a combination of revenue enhancement

and expenditure cuts were pursued. He stated the General Fund property tax levy increased within the Truth In Taxation guidelines, that being 4.5%, and the second year of a four-year water and sewer rate adjustment was incorporated. He noted that the water rate adjustment was requested since the City of Chicago increased the cost of Lake Michigan water. He stated the Village remained somewhat recession resistant due to successful economic development projects including a sales tax sharing agreement with an industrial business and the prior year completion of the Menard's business retention project.

He noted there were pending Police and Fire labor contract negotiations, and greater costs for pensions and insurance coverage and that the expense of providing essential municipal services continued to increase. Therefore, he stated the 2010 budget included a downsizing initiative in which three full-time positions were eliminated and headcount was reduced from 196 to 193 resulting in a \$250,000 savings.

He summarized some of the 2010 highlights: Pursuit of Redlight enforcement cameras; Increased community policing programs; Increased part-time paid-on-call firefighters to achieve minimum staffing of 11; Construct a grant-funded bike path between Ranger and Atcher Parks; Complete the Comprehensive Master Plan update; Support committee and volunteer activities; Seek property redevelopment via TIF incentives; Construct flood mitigation projects including installation of residential overhead plumbing; Installation of storm sewers; Reconstruction of improved drainage swales; Replaced deteriorated water mains; Implement an Enterprise Resource Planning (ERP) system to replace the Village's aging computer software; Implement energy conservation initiatives; and Fund the new Pace bus route 554.

Mr. Hummel stated that presenting a balanced budget continued the Village's history of prudent financial management and that it was a difficult task this year. He stated he was pleased to present this budget to the Board. He stated this balanced budget was achieved with the help of the Department Heads and he expressed his appreciation to them and their respective staffs.

There were no comments from the audience or the Board.

President Craig adjourned the Budget Law public hearing at 7:25 P.M.

Recorded and transcribed by,

Sherry L. Craig
Village Clerk

Minutes approved by President and Board of Trustees on this 7th day of May, 2009.

Village President
