

**Special Village Board
2012 Budget Review
October 27, 2011**

President Coutts called the meeting to order at 5:03 p.m. in the Courtroom of the Safety Building, 6922 Nicholson Road, Caledonia, Wisconsin.

Board Present: Trustee Burton, Trustee Griswold, Trustee Wanggaard, Trustee Weatherston, Trustee Bradley, Trustee Wishau and President Coutts

Absent: None

Dept. Managers: Village Administrator Tom Lebak, Finance Manager Larry Borchert, and Finance Accountant Xenia Ramos

1. Finalize 2012 Budget

\$20,000 was added for extra postage for the elections in 2012 and the notifications that need to be mailed regarding changes in polling places due to redistricting. Borchert gave a list of the changes that were made since the last meeting.

Trustee Dobbs moved, seconded by Trustee Wanggaard to put \$30,000 back in the budget for road stripping. **Motion carried.**

Trustee Weatherston moved, seconded by Trustee Wanggaard to approve the budget with the added \$30,000. **Motion carried, 6/1 (Griswold).**

Trustee Griswold gave various reasons why he did not agree with the budget as proposed. He felt the difference between the two health insurance plans should have been drastic to encourage the unions to agree to pay their share. He also talked about the Storm Sewer Utility District Commission being fiscally irresponsible. He felt the building and engineering departments are overstaffed and one or two of those employees should be let go. He felt the money saved could be used to hire a full time planner. He accused the board of brown nosing and being afraid of the employees.

Trustee Burton – yes
Trustee Griswold – no
Trustee Wanggaard – yes
Trustee Weatherston - yes

Trustee Dobbs – yes
Trustee Wishau – yes
President Coutts - yes

Motion carried, 6/1

Trustee Weatherston did not like the idea of contracting with someone else for planning and zoning services. He wondered about coverage during vacations, etc. Trustee Dobbs asked about the savings and wondered about other options such as bidding it out or possibly hiring someone on staff and if there is a liability involved. He also did not want to cut ties with the county. President Coutts stated that he felt John was qualified and his first priority is to the village budget, not the counties budget. Trustee Wanggaard said that the \$100,000 that the county quoted is not a drop dead number. Further discussion took place regarding the issue. Village Engineer Hayek told the board that his staff would be able to help with the routine zoning issues. Trustee Wishau felt Schattner would do an excellent job for the village. He explained that the village would have

control over his hours. He felt that the village did not need coverage for those services 5 days a week, 8 hours a day. He also thought the board could go back to the county to try and get a lower contract price. Trustee Griswold felt the village should act as a village and start standing on its own two feet. He was in favor of hiring a consultant who could also train current staff on zoning issues. A bigger firm may need to be brought in for larger planning issues. Further discussion was held regarding staying with the county for one more year due to limited timing, but start working on a plan for the future. They discussed going back to the county to negotiate their fee.

Trustee Burton moved, seconded by Trustee Dobbs to adjourn. **Motion carried unanimously.**

Meeting adjourned at 6:50 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Karie Torkilsen, Village Clerk