

Special Village Board Meeting
October 6, 2010

President Coutts called the meeting to order at 6:03 p.m. at the East Side Community Center, 6156 Douglas Avenue, Racine, 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, Village Treasurer Xenia Ramos. Also present was Fire Chief Dick Roeder and Interim Police Chief John Barnes.

1. Revenues

If the board approves the total levy increase allowed by the state the total revenue would be \$387,000.

\$9,408,014 total draft levy for 2011.

Total 2009 was \$12,257,248.24

Total 2010 is 13,106,213.00

2. Police Department

Chief Barnes explained the change to salary line item to \$229,149.

He explained both of his options:

Option 1 consists of 32 sworn positions and 1 non-sworn position total increase expense of 7.29%.

Option 2 consists of 31 sworn positions and 1 non-sworn position total increase expenses of 5.2%.

If the Assistant Chief position is not filled, 2 lieutenant positions would step in, 1 administrative and 1 operations.

3. Police Support

Option 1- 9 positions total expense \$638,842.00 (Joint dispatch not included)

- Option 2- 3 most junior dispatchers \$521,160.00 (minus joint dispatch) \$203,826.00
(w/o Joint dispatch)
- Option 3 - 2 most junior dispatchers as support \$521,160.00 (minus joint dispatch)
\$134,819.00(w/o joint dispatch)
- Option 4 - 2 most senior dispatchers as support staff \$774,907.002 (minus joint dispatch)
\$253,747 (w/o joint dispatch)

Discussion was held regarding the wages of those dispatchers/support staff that stay.

4. Fire Department

The budget is minus the Assistant Chief position and minus the firefighter that retired on disability. Roeder explained that is important and cost effective to keep the shifts filled. It costs time in a half to have someone fill in during an absence. Roeder felt he could function without the assistant chief position but it would cost more in the long run to not fill the firefighter position. They also discussed fees and paid-on-call employees. President Coutts stated that the board back in the day felt it was not cost effective to work as a paid-on-call department. They were not reliable and had to be trained.

The next scheduled meeting will be Monday, October 11 at 6:00 p.m.

5. Adjournment

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

Meeting adjourned at 7:25 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Karie Torkilsen
Village Clerk