

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE OF THE KIMBERLY VILLAGE BOARD

SEPTEMBER 28, 2009

Chairman Kuen called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. Members present for roll call were Trustees Gaffney, Hammen, Hruzek, Opsteen, Trentlage, Weber and President Kuen. Also present were Chief of Police Misselt and two residents.

The Board reviewed the request of Chief Misselt to purchase a card printer to produce ID cards for several departments, including Operators licenses and other ID cards which may be appropriate for the two communities. The software is already installed, as it was part of a larger software purchase previously. It was noted that the printer can also print reader cards, but the stock blanks are about \$5 each. After a short discussion, the Board authorized Chief Misselt to proceed, with the cost taken from the Metro Trust Fund. Administrator Hermus noted that the Kimberly portion of this acquisition is \$1,300.

The Board reviewed the recommendation of Chief Misselt to resolve the issue regarding dogs molesting passersby. The consensus of the Board was that the Chief's recommendation did address the concerns regarding electronic fences without complicating existing code, or owners who do a good job controlling their animals. Chief also noted that he would like to have some leeway regarding enforcement as this new ordinance is brought forward.

The Board reviewed the proposal to increase the Operator's License fees. This is the first increase in over five years, and will keep us in line with our neighbors. As an aside, it is our intention to use the new printer to produce photo ID's for Operators licenses. After a short discussion, the Board was in favor of the fee increase.

Administrator Hermus reviewed his letter to the Board regarding the 2010 Operating Budget. He requested additional clarification regarding the intention of the Board. Our two options are finding inventive ways to increase fees, or reducing services. Before service delivery is reduced, administrator Hermus wanted additional direction from the Board regarding possible fee increases. The conversion of Hydrant Rental from the tax roll to the utility bill was one example given. After a short discussion, the Board was not in favor of switching from a tax to a fee at this time, not knowing the final impact on the Budget. Administrator Hermus was asking if the Board would even consider such a change. If the answer is a blanket "NO", then research will not be conducted. After a short conversation, the Board was willing to look at the fees, but also made it clear that they are not excited about the switch, and its use would be dependent upon service cuts needed to meet the levy cap.

It was made clear that leisure services were considered the most vulnerable service, and conversely, high profile safety services (snow plowing, etc.) should be considered last. Parks and Recreation, Library, Community Band and even Valley Transit are all services that should be explored. The maintenance of effort for the Library, and the new MOE for police and fire, irk the Village Board. They discussed the fact that reducing these services to test the states resolve

in controlling local expenditures should not deter our decision making process. However, streets, sewers and safety remain the focus of the Kimberly Village Board in this budget process.

Administrator Hermus shared the news release from New Page regarding the sale of the hydro facilities at the Kimberly Mill. Also, the mill has announced that it will keep the mill warm for another winter, which is great news to protect the assets at the facility. President Kuen shared that he felt very positive after the conference call a few weeks ago in that New Page is refilling their ITC case regarding the alleged illegal dumping of paper in the U.S.

Trustee Trentlage noted the recycling program being done at the Amphitheater on October 17th.

Trustee Weber questioned the ordinance regarding POD storage on residential property. She alerted the chief that there is one in their neighborhood that she has received complaints on. It has been there for quite some time. Chief Misselt will look into it.

Administrator Hermus noted that next Monday's Regular Business Meeting will begin at 5:30 instead of 6:00, and the Joint Meeting with Little Chute will begin at about 6:00. President Kuen noted that a social will follow the joint meeting, as has been customary.

President Kuen read the thank you note from the Van Oss family, who recently lost their mother.

Trustee Hammen moved, Trentlage seconded the motion to adjourn into closed session per the posted Agenda. The motion carried by unanimous vote of the Board.

Trustee Hammen moved, Gaffney seconded the motion to reconvene into open session per the posted Agenda. The motion carried by unanimous vote of the Board.

Trustee Hammen moved, Weber seconded the motion to adjourn. The motion carried by unanimous vote of the Board.

Rick J. Hermus
Administrator/Clerk