

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE OF THE KIMBERLY VILLAGE BOARD

SEPTEMBER 29, 2008

Chairman Kuen called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. Present for roll call were Trustees Gaffney, Hammen, Hruzek, Opsteen, Trentlage, Weber and President Kuen. Also present were Street Commissioner Vanden Boogaard, C.E.D. Schaefer and 8 citizens.

The 2009 administrator's recommendations for the Operating Budget were reviewed. The letter from Administrator Hermus was reviewed, with changes noted. The concern remaining is that the \$150,000 for the CE Underpass was transferred to the TIF Fund, thus reducing capital spending. This means all future capital funding has been reduced based on the new tax rate. Unless we increase the capital budget and tax rate back up next year, this will create an unrealistic low threshold for all future years.

We have met the expenditure restraint with this budget, but not the levy cap. There will be further adjustments to the budget as final numbers arrive for shared revenue and highway aids.

The peripheral items regarding the budget, like the purchase of the air tanks, will be on the agenda with the budget adoption.

Trustee Opsteen questioned the tax rate. He remembered something from last year where the numbers were different. Administrator Hermus noted that the difference is the TIF, where there are actually additional taxes, but they are levied against the TIF properties. All other taxes are included in the levy, and the tax rate.

The Board discussed the proposed storm water detention pond for TIF #5 in Opportunity Business Park. It would be paid for by the TIF, and used to promote development. There was a sample Developer's Agreement also in the packets which would guarantee payment in lieu of taxes should development not occur once the pond is built. After discussing the proposed project, the Village Board authorized Administrator Hermus to proceed with negotiations and design of the project within the scope of TIF #5.

Administrator Hermus explained his proposal to change staffing levels in the Central Office, and the financial justification for the same. Rather than have one part-time Secretary Receptionist position at 30 hours, and a summer helper for 14 weeks, we can have two permanent part-time employees share the position with each working 20 hours per week. This will provide much better coverage for the community at the same cost. Administrator Hermus also requested permission to hire both positions this fall and train them at the same time. The request is further complicated by the Presidential Election on November 4th. We will be short handed until that time. The Board agreed with the proposal to hire two 20-hour per week positions, and early hire time for the positions.

Administrator Hermus announced that President Kuen received a letter from Governor Doyle awarding the DOT Grant of \$480,000 for the CE Underpass Project. This is terrific news for the

community. There is a meeting in a couple of weeks of the Safe Routes to School Committee, prior to which Mr. Hermus, Angela Gorall the Buchanan Administrator and School Superintendent Bob Mayfield will meet to discuss financing the local share. We hope to move forward in 2009 with the project.

Trustee Opsteen noted a concern with Gold Cross Ambulance and their mapping of local roads. Last Saturday he experienced a problem with response time, as they could not find Villa Drive. His concern is how many other new roads are they not aware of. He is working with Assistant Chief Recker on this issue. It was noted that the County has the data base, but Gold Cross uses another system.

A resident questioned the work at Sunset Park. She was concerned with the removal of some wooded area, and the curbing. She was wondering who was watching over this project. President Kuen noted that the entire Board looked at this entire project in detail to insure the right thing was being done. He also noted that the final project will be a tremendous addition to this jewel. The rail fence along the trail was also questioned. C.E.D. Schaefer noted that it has been inspected and will continue to be monitored for safety.

Street Commissioner Vanden Boogaard noted the information in the packets regarding the salting agent. We are going to try it this year. While they anticipate a 25% savings in salt use, some communities, like Grand Chute, experienced a 50% savings in salt use. Employees will be trained on its use and application.

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

Rick J. Hermus
Administrator/Clerk