

VILLAGE OF FONTANA ON GENEVA LAKE
WALWORTH COUNTY, WISCONSIN
(Official Minutes)

SPECIAL MEETING of the VILLAGE BOARD OF TRUSTEES
and the
PUBLIC HEARING on the 2015 MUNICIPAL BUDGET
Monday, November 24, 2014

Village President Arvid Petersen called the monthly meeting of the Village Board to order at 6:00 pm in the Village Hall, 175 Valley View Drive, Fontana, Wisconsin.

Trustees Present: Roll call vote: President Petersen, Tom McGreevy, Pat Kenny, Rick Pappas, Dave Prudden, George Spadoni

Trustee Absent: Bill Gage

Also Present: Jade Bolack, Merilee Holst, Al Kaminski, Library Director Nancy Krei, Clerk Theresa Linneman, Administrator Dennis Martin, Fire Chief Wolfgang Nitsch, Building Inspector/Zoning Administrator Ron Nyman, Micki O'Connell, Police Chief Steve Olson, Duane Ratay, Village Attorney Dale Thorpe (arrived at 6:04 pm), Treasurer Scott Vilona

General Business – President Petersen

Accept Resignation of Trustee William Gage

Martin presented a letter submitted by Bill Gage resigning from his position as Village Trustee. The letter is dated November 12, 2014. In the letter submitted by Gage, he writes it has been an honor and privilege to serve the Village; however, he and his family will be moving to Williams Bay and feels it is appropriate to resign. President Petersen thanked Gage for his service to the community. Petersen/McGreevy 2nd made a MOTION to accept the resignation of Trustee William Gage, and the MOTION carried without negative vote.

Approve Geneva Lake Use Committee Appointment

Trustee Gage had been the Village Board representative on the Geneva Lake Use Committee; however, due to his resignation President Petersen stated he was nominating himself to serve on the Geneva Lake Use Committee as Gage's replacement.

McGreevy/Spadoni 2nd made a MOTION to approve the appointment of President Petersen to replace former Trustee Gage on the Geneva Lake Use Committee, and the MOTION carried without a negative vote.

Public Hearing – 2015 Village of Fontana Municipal Budget

President Petersen stated that the public hearing was open at 6:04 pm. Treasurer Vilona prepared a comparison of the 2014 and 2015 operating budgets and tax rate information. The comparison was distributed to the board members along with the tax worksheet for 2014 taxes to be collected in 2015. Martin stated the market revaluation completed this year by the village assessment firm caused a significant drop in the overall property value of the municipality, which is a large reason for the tax rate increase. No other comments were made during the hearing, which was closed at 6:04 pm.

Resolution No. 11-24-14-01 Adopting the Tax Rate for 2014 and Collected in 2015

Spadoni/McGreevy 2nd made a MOTION to approve the 2015 Village of Fontana Municipal Budget Resolution 11-24-14-01 adopting the tax rate for 2014 and collected in 2015, and the MOTION carried without negative vote.

Resolution No. 11-24-14-02 Recognizing the 2014 Tax Levies

Spadoni/McGreevy 2nd made a MOTION to approve resolution 11-24-14-02 recognizing the 2014 tax levies, and the MOTION carried without negative vote.

Ordinance No. 11-24-14-01, An Ordinance to Adopt the 2014 Village of Fontana Municipal Budget and Tax Levy, and to appropriate the Necessary Funds for the Governmental and Administrative Operations of the Village of Fontana on Geneva Lake for the 2015 Fiscal Year

Trustee Pappas asked if any cost cutting or savings was included from last year's budget. Vilona replied there was a general mandate to not have any increases across the board. Pappas said there was over \$200,000 designated for the contract with Paratech and asked if other bids were solicited or comparisons made of what other municipalities are being charged. Martin stated three companies bid last year when the initial Paratech contract was approved by the Village Board, and the current contract was renewed by the Village Board at a meeting held October 23, 2014. The board members were reminded the contract contains a 90-day out termination clause in case the alternatives currently being studied yield any other viable options that the village may want to put into action. Petersen stated it has been an ongoing effort to figure out a better way to provide the service and there are currently only two providers in the area that provide the services and personnel that are needed. Prudden indicated Fire Chief Wolfgang Nitsch is looking at worthwhile alternatives for the village right now and suggested letting him pursue the options. Pappas asked again if it has been cost compared to see if what Fontana is paying is in line with what other communities are paying. Pappas stated he saw the original bid but nothing for this year prior to the budget. Kenny stated having Fontana provide its own rescue services is an option the village is looking at and reminded Pappas he has been at all of the meetings so he should be aware of what is going on.

Spadoni/Prudden 2nd made a MOTION to approve Ordinance 11-24-14-01 to adopt the 2014 Village of Fontana Municipal Budget and Tax Levy, and to appropriate the Necessary funds for the governmental and administrative operations of the Village of Fontana on Geneva Lake for the 2015 fiscal year, and the MOTION was approved on a 5-1 vote, with Trustee Pappas opposed.

Approval of Conditional Employment Offer for DPW Manager Position Finalist

Martin stated the interviewing committee consisting of Trustee McGreevy, Al Kaminski and himself, are recommending Brett McCollum for the DPW Manager Position contingent on McCollum's background check and Village Attorney Dale Thorpe drafting an employment agreement. The starting salary is recommended at \$55,000 and Martin indicated he would like a starting date of December 1, 2014. Martin stated that McCollum will have to provide notice for his current employer and his starting date availability is contingent on when he will be able to terminate his current employment. Kaminski said they narrowed the candidate pool down to 10 candidates and interviewed five of the most qualified contenders. He said McCollum quickly rose above the rest and is a great fit for the village. Prudden suggested implementing a performance review after six months with a \$5,000 salary increase at that time, and another performance review after one year with another \$5,000 increase attached. He said after doing some research, he found that \$55,000 is rather low for the DPW Manager position and he would hate to see McCollum leave after a short period of time and use the position as a stepping stone. Kaminski agreed and recommended creating inducements in order to keep McCollum employed with the village.

Spadoni/McGreevy 2nd made a MOTION to approve a conditional employment offer to Brett McCollum for the DPW Manager position, with a starting salary of \$55,000, with the condition he passes his background check and Village Attorney Dale Thorpe drafts an employment agreement, and the MOTION carried without a negative vote.

Closed Session

Trustee Spadoni/Trustee McGreevy 2nd made a MOTION at 6:13 pm to adjourn into closed session pursuant to Wis. Stats. Chapter 19.85 (1)(e), "deliberating or negotiating the purchase of public properties, the investing of public funds, or conducting other specified public business, whenever competitive or bargaining reasons require," specifically Offer Received to Purchase Village Owned Lots on Shabbona Drive. The roll call vote was as follows:

Trustee McGreevy – Aye

Trustee Kenny – Aye

Trustee Pappas – Aye

Trustee Prudden – Aye

Trustee Spadoni – Aye

President Petersen – Aye

The MOTION carried on a 6-0 vote.

Adjourn Closed Session

President Petersen/Trustee McGreevy 2nd made a MOTION at 6:19 to adjourn the Closed Session and reconvene in Open Session, and the MOTION carried without a negative vote.

Adjournment

President Petersen/Trustee Spadoni 2nd made a MOTION at 6:19 pm to adjourn the meeting, and the MOTION carried without negative vote.

Minutes prepared by: Theresa Linneman, Village Clerk.

Note: These minutes are subject to further editing. Once approved by the Village Board, the official minutes will be kept on file at the Village Hall.

APPROVED: _____