

**VILLAGE OF WESTON
5500 SCHOFIELD AVENUE
WESTON, WI 54476
2009 BUDGET PUBLIC HEARING MINUTES**

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 24th, 2008

I. CALL TO ORDER - VILLAGE PRESIDENT

President Schuster called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. Trustees present were Maloney, Jaeger, Schmutzler, Ermeling, White, and Ziegler. Administrator Zuleger, Public Works Director Donner, Finance Director Jacobs, Deputy Finance Director Trautman, Director of Information Services Crowe, Parks Superintendent Osterbrink, Community Development Director Higgins, Fire Chief Meilahn, and Police Chief Vergin were also present. There were 2 people present in the audience.

II. OPENING INSTRUCTIONS ON BUDGET PROCESS - FINANCE DIRECTOR

Jacobs explained the budget process, and noted it began in July .

III. 2009 BUDGET SUMMARY COMMENTS & 2008 TAX RATE RECAP - ADMINISTRATOR and FINANCE DIRECTOR

- **2009 Budget Recap – Operating Budget, Capital Improvements Program Budget, and Capital Borrowing Program**
Zuleger said with this budget the equalized rate is at \$4.97. The assessed rate is \$5.08. The total assessed tax rate is \$20.77. Zuleger stated this year’s budget requires a 3.46% increase in the tax rate which is 1.24% lower than the consumer price index. Things that helped this year were the human resources salaries, wages and benefits went up only 3%.
- **2008 Budget Surplus**
Jacobs said the budget Surplus is about \$150,000 as long as there are no significant winter storms within the month of December.
- **2008 Proposed Village Tax Rate for 2009 Budget Year**
The village’s share of the tax rate went up 17 cents.
- **2008 Estimated Combined Tax Rate, including all taxing jurisdictions**
The combined tax rate went from \$19.87 to \$20.77 which is a 90-cent increase. The biggest increase of 54 cents went to the school district. Jacobs does not have the lottery credit information yet, which he feels should be lower. He explained about a New First Dollar credit, which could be about \$30.00 and is unsure of that. Jacobs had received corrected information from Marathon County that resulted in the 2008 County assessed tax rate increasing to \$5.26, instead of decreasing to \$4.97.
- **Preview of 2010 Budget**
Jacobs explained they will start the 2010 budget in the first quarter of 2009 and what changes they would need to make. Zuleger mentioned what staffing cuts might be needed in 2010, if the state’s funding to the Village is frozen or reduced in the next 2009-2011 State Biennium Budget.

IV. OPEN 2009 BUDGET PUBLIC HEARING

Schuster read the Budget Public Hearing notice and declared the meeting open at 6:17 p.m.

V. PUBLIC COMMENTS

Schuster asked for comments, and there were none.

VI. CLOSE 2009 BUDGET PUBLIC HEARING

Schuster closed the Budget Public Hearing at 6:19 p.m.

**M/S/P Ermeling/Schmutzler: to close Budget Public Hearing.*

VII. ACTION ON 2009 BUDGET:

a) Proposed Adjustments to 2009 Operating Budget

Transfer \$40,000 from various departments to contingency reserve.

**M/S/P Jagler/White: to adjust 2009 Operating Budget for the Contingency Reserve increase of \$40,000.*

b) Resolution #VW-16-08 (Adopt 2009 Operating Budget and 2008 Tax Levy)

Schuster read the resolution.

**M/S/P Schmutzler/White: to adopt Resolution #VW-16-08 for a 2009 General Fund Budget of \$7,539,050 and a 2008 Tax Levy of \$4,195,709.*

c) Resolution #VW-17-08 (Adopt 2009 Other Funds Budgets)

Schuster read the resolution.

**M/S/P Jagler/White : to adopt Resolution #VW-17-08, with a total 2009 Funds Budget in the amount of \$21,573,547.*

d) Resolution #VW-18-08 (Adopt 2009 Capital Improvements Program Budget)

Schuster read the resolution.

**M/S/P Maloney/Ziegler : to adopt Resolution #VW-18-08, with a total 2009 CIP Budget in the amount of \$3,072,634.*

Q/Zuleger stated he is still looking at other funding options, which would be in our favor. He and Donner are meeting with the DOT on Tuesday on the pedestrian bridge and there might be other funding sources on that project. This is advisory because there might be ways to reduce costs.

VIII. ADJOURN

**M/S/P Jagler/Maloney : to adjourn the meeting at 6:23 p.m.*

Respectfully,

Sara Budnick, Deputy Clerk