

## GENERAL GOVERNMENT COMMITTEE MINUTES

June 27, 2016

Presidents Chambers

6:15 p.m.

### Present

General Government Committee Chair Glowiak, General Government Committee Member Gallagher, Village Manager Higgins, Director of Finance Turi, Municipal Services Coordinator Casey Biernacki, Attorney Jurusik  
Residents: President Rodeghier, Trustee Allen, Trustee Horvath and other citizens (see attached sign-in sheet)

Electronic Attendance at Meeting: There was none.

Chair Glowiak called the General Government Committee meeting to order at 6:15 p.m.

### Agenda Items

#### 1. Public Comment

Chair Glowiak asked if there were any public comment on topics other than the roadway referendum. There were not.

#### 2. Approval of Minutes

Committee Member Gallagher moved, seconded by Chair Glowiak, to approve the minutes of June 8, 2016 as read.

#### 3. Roadway Referendum

Chair Glowiak noted that many residents were in attendance regarding this agenda item. Manager Higgins suggested the terms of the referendum be discussed as the committee was charged with making a recommendation to the Board on the amount and financing terms. Chair Glowiak stated that the committee will be discussing the proposed referendum funds and how the Village will structure the bonds. There will be either a \$10 or \$12 million dollar bond issue. A 17 year repayment schedule is under review. The committee will be discussing the financing terms and not which roads will be repaired, that is not the purpose of this meeting. Chair Glowiak reiterated that the purpose of the General Government Committee meeting is to talk about whether the Village will let \$10 or \$12 million in bonds, each debt repayment schedule, the interest rate and the potential tax impact on each home.

Chair Glowiak said that the committee had discussed whether or not to include funding for a new well with the roadway referendum. Committee Member Gallagher asked if the Infrastructure Commission recommended a new well. Municipal Services Analyst said the Commission studied the well and have recommended a well location if the Village were to propose a well. Committee Member Gallagher said she felt it was premature to support a well without a recommendation from the Infrastructure Commission, however, she does support a \$12 million dollar referendum so that the Village can improve all the roads in the Village. With \$12 million from referendum funds and the motor fuel tax (MFT) funds, the Village should come close to \$16 million which is the projected cost for the next ten years for the roadway repair program. Chair Glowiak stated that all Village roads are evaluated and a roadway rankings list, which is updated each year, is available for residents to view on the Village website. This list determines which projects are included in each annual roadway repair program. The worst rated streets are prioritized first according to Municipal Services Analyst Biernacki. The street rating factor, not the specific location of the streets is the determining factor.

Attorney Jurusik noted that there are two separate bondable items: roadway and water improvements (which would be a new well). There cannot be one referendum question to cover both, two referendum questions would be required to address both items. Committee Member Gallagher said she is not comfortable with the water improvements/well funding referendum option at this point in time. Attorney Jurusik said the funding options for the proposed new well, if the Village goes to bond on that, include revenue bonds where debt service is paid by money collected by the water system revenues. This is not a direct referendum, rather a back door referendum, whereby the Village approves by ordinance the project, the purchase and installation of the well, and a dollar amount. There would be a timeframe during which the residents could file a petition to require a referendum on the new well project. If there is no referendum, the project passes. If a petition requires a referendum question, the question on the project goes to the next election. There is also a funding mechanism available through the IEPA, for a low cost loan program, with very attractive interest rate, for water system improvements which the Village has utilized in the past. The IEPA loan program would be another avenue, in lieu of issuing bonds, for the Village to finance the new well project. The new well project cannot be tied into the roadway referendum which has been moving forward for consideration.

Chair Glowiak summarized that the committee is considering either a \$10 million bond, with three issues, with a 17 year maturity or a \$12 million bond, with three issues, with a 17 year maturity for roadway. Manager Higgins asked if the committee had settled on a 17 year maturity, as proposed by Trustee Allen. The original proposal from Director Turi was for a 20 year maturity. Chair Glowiak said the potential increases to homeowners went up with the 17 versus a 20 year maturity. It was noted that the current roadway bonds mature in 2025. Chair Glowiak said the committee received an estimated impact to residents and based on that information and the needs for the roadway program, she would recommend the \$12 million bond

issue. Committee Member Gallagher said she agreed and would also entertain an increase to \$13 million which, with other roadway funds would total \$16 million, and would cover the projected \$16 million for 10 years to address all Village of Western Springs streets. Committee Member Gallagher noted that the Village has approximately \$300,000 per year in MFT revenue dedicated strictly to roadway improvements. She asked what, if any, other revenue is dedicated to roadway improvements. Manager Higgins said a portion of the utility tax also is dedicated to roadway but not until 2025, according to Director Turi. That would bring \$600,000 in 2025. Committee Member Gallagher said given that, it might be best to stick with \$12 million. Chair Glowiak recommended staying with \$12 million based on the projections, which assumed a conservative 4% interest rate. Manager Higgins stated the staff recommendation would be to issue three bond tranches, given that the total referendum funds must be issued within 5 years and spent within 8 years. Chair Glowiak said the repayment term of 17 years is recommended term of this committee.

Committee Member Gallagher moved to approve the committee's recommendation to the Board to issue \$12 million in bonds for the roadway improvements program, to be issued in 3 separate tranches, with repayment in 17 years. Chair Glowiak agreed with this recommendation.

The committee then opened the floor to citizen comments. The committee heard from many citizens on a variety of matters including how improvements identified by the Ridgewood Infrastructure Study prepared by Baxter Woodman would be funded. The method of funding infrastructure improvements identified in the Baxter Woodman report has not been determined. Although funding those improvements is not a topic for this committee, Manager Higgins explained the special assessments funding mechanism and how that was utilized to fund various projects in neighborhoods in the Village. Special assessments include a private and public funding portion. Manager Higgins said that if the referendum fails, all future roadway improvements may have to be funded through special assessments. Chair Glowiak stated that a timeline of improvements identified in the Baxter Woodman study has not yet been determined. Manager Higgins also noted that there is question of what will the public will bear in terms of a tax increase for roadway repairs.

Chair Glowiak said the Board addresses the needs and represents all neighborhoods in the Village of Western Springs. Committee Member Gallagher seconded this statement. Decisions are not made by neighborhood or area but are based on the best interests of all citizens in Western Springs.

The following citizens spoke:

Mike Vespa  
Anthony Junya  
Marybeth White  
Matt Grewell  
Al Polich

Grant Manley  
Brett Polich  
Anita Wallen  
Joe Rice  
John White  
Vicki Van Alphen  
Bob Wiegmann  
Doug Stolls

Other committee meeting agenda items were tabled as the President and Board of Trustees meeting was scheduled for 7:00 p.m. and it was time for that meeting to begin.

4. Purchase of Disaster Recovery Server
5. Resolution Authorizing Submittal of a Grant Application for Illinois Transportation Enhancement Program Funds for the Western Springs Flagg Creek Bicycle Corridor
6. Other

Due to the length of discussion on the roadway referendum, agenda items 4, 5 and 6 were tabled.

#### Adjourn

With no further business to discuss, Chair Glowiak moved, seconded by Committee Member Gallagher, to adjourn the meeting at 6:59 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Elaine Haeske  
Deputy Village Clerk

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