

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR BOARD MEETING  
OF THE PRESIDENT AND BOARD OF TRUSTEES  
Monday, January 23, 2012  
7:00 p.m.

President William T. Rodeghier, Presiding  
Call to Order, 7:00 p.m.  
Jeanine M. Jasica, Village Clerk

Board Members Present

Suzanne Glowiak  
Sheila Hansen  
James Horvath  
Deborah Lyons  
Edward Tymick

Absent: Patrick Word

Others Present

Patrick Higgins, Village Manager  
Michael Jurusik, Village Attorney  
Pamela Church, Director of Law Enforcement  
Services  
Grace Turi, Director of Finance  
Matthew Supert, Director of  
Municipal Services  
Patrick Kenny, Director of Fire & EMS

**CALL TO ORDER**

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m.

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

President Rodeghier led the audience in the Pledge of Allegiance.

**ROLL CALL**

As noted above.

Electronic attendance at meeting: None

**CITIZENS COMMENTS**

Steve Greska, 5301 Howard, asked how the Village Board viewed the recent trend of pets left unleashed in front yards with invisible, electronic pet fences and asked what the Board's position is on residents allowing aggressive dogs to run unleashed in front yards. As a commuter and jogger, he has experienced situations where aggressive dogs charge out at pedestrians barely stopping at the sidewalk. He was concerned for his safety if the dogs ignored the invisible fence. President Rodeghier asked him to share his experiences with Chief Pamela Church and said the General Government Committee would also take a look at what neighboring towns are doing to handle these types of situations.

**EXPLANATION OF OMNIBUS VOTING PROCEDURE**

President Rodeghier stated the Illinois State Statutes allow a municipality to collectively vote on a group of ordinances, resolutions, and other motions, such as awards of contract, appointments, etc. This is known as an omnibus vote. All the items contained on the omnibus vote list have been previously discussed by the President and Board of Trustees on at least one occasion, and often on several occasions. By placing them on the omnibus vote list, a single vote may be taken to approve them. Prior to the omnibus vote, a Trustee may remove any item from the list and have it discussed and voted on separately.

Trustee Horvath asked that agenda item #3, Ordinance 12-2662, be removed from the omnibus voting list. The bond sale was conducted today and Mr. Kevin McCanna of Speer Financial, Inc. was present to provide the Board with information about the particulars of the bond issuance process. President Rodeghier said the item would be considered after the omnibus.

**CONSIDERATION OF AN OMNIBUS VOTE (Trustee Lyons)**

**MOTION:**

Trustee Lyons moved that the following ordinances, resolutions and motions as contained on the meeting agenda for January 23, 2012, be adopted and/or approved under an omnibus vote:

**AGENDA ITEM NO. 1- APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF DECEMBER 19, 2011 AS AMENDED**

**AGENDA ITEM NO. 2 - ORDINANCE NO. 12-2661 AUTHORIZING THE DISPOSAL OF SURPLUS PERSONAL PROPERTY OWNED BY THE VILLAGE OF WESTERN SPRINGS (Two Vehicles: 2005 Ford Crown Victoria Vehicle and 1993 Chevy 1-Ton Dump Truck from the Department of Municipal Services)**

**AGENDA ITEM NO. 4 - ORDINANCE NO. 12-2663 PROVIDING FOR THE APPROVAL OF AN OFFICIAL ZONING MAP PURSUANT TO 65 ILCS 5/11-13-19 AND SECTION 10-5-3 OF THE WESTERN SPRINGS MUNICIPAL CODE OF 1997, AS AMENDED**

The motion was seconded by Trustee Hansen.

The motion passed on a roll call vote. Voting aye: Trustees Hansen, Horvath, Lyons, Tymick, Glowiak, and President Rodeghier. Voting nay: none. Absent: Trustee Word.

**3) ORDINANCE NO. 12-2662 AN ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR THE ISSUANCE OF \$3,250,000 GENERAL OBLIGATION BONDS, SERIES 2012, OF THE VILLAGE OF WESTERN SPRINGS, COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS, AND PROVIDING FOR THE LEVY AND COLLECTION OF A DIRECT ANNUAL TAX SUFFICIENT FOR THE PAYMENT OF THE PRINCIPAL AND INTEREST ON SAID BONDS**

Trustee Horvath asked to remove this item from the omnibus vote list to provide additional information on the sale. The bond issuance had been discussed previously by the Board. This is the second tranche of the \$6.5 million General Obligation bonds that were issued pursuant to a successful referendum held

on November 4, 2008 and authorized by a previous Board. Trustee Horvath introduced Mr. Kevin McCanna of Speer Financial and asked him to update the Board on the sale. Mr. McCanna explained that bids were received at 10:15 a.m. that morning. The winning bid provided for 2.2366% interest and was from BOSCO, Inc. of Menominee Falls, Wisconsin. There was very active bidding. The Village's bond rating was confirmed at Moody's Aa2. Communities with an Aa3 rating tend to be home rule units with high social economic status. The Village's rating is just two notches away from Aa3. The report was included for the Board's review. The report includes the Aa2 rating which incorporates the Village's mature, affluent tax base with a favorable location near Chicago, sound financial operations supported by ample reserves, and a manageable debt profile with very limited future borrowing planned. Moody was very high on the Village's management and operations. There is a penalty for being in Illinois but the rate is still attractive.

Interest rates are low and refunding of existing debt looks better. Speer Financial will work with the Finance Committee to look at refunding issues from 2003 and 2005 to save \$150,000 to \$200,000. The bond ordinance with the rates, the levies and the price were provided to the Board based on the final results from the morning. Trustee Horvath stated that the Village did very well in this sale and he thanked Mr. McCanna.

**MOTION:**

Trustee Horvath moved, seconded by Tymick, to approve Ordinance No. 12-2662 providing for the issuance of \$3,250,000 General Obligation Bonds, Series 2012, of the Village of Western Springs, Cook County, Illinois, and providing for the levy and collection of a direct annual tax sufficient for the payment of the principal and interest on said bonds.

The motion passed on a roll call vote. Voting aye: Trustees Horvath, Lyons, Tymick, Glowiak and Hansen. Voting nay: none. Absent: Trustee Word.

**REPORTS**

5) MONTHLY FINANCIAL REPORT – DECEMBER 2011(Horvath)

The December report was presented for the Board's approval. Director Turi provided the cash statements for the month of December as well as the year to date through December. The cash and investments, check register and cash flows schedules were also provided. The Village ended the year with a surplus of \$810,077. However, this surplus is on a cash basis and will change when the statements are converted to a modified accrual basis. Trustee Horvath noted that actual expenses were \$260,000 under budget thanks to effective expense control directed by Manager Higgins. President Rodeghier said it was good to see that the Village is living within its means while still providing service to residents that they have come to expect and deserve. He noted that sales tax receipts were 2% higher in 2011 than 2010. Director Turi will continue to check sales tax receipts to insure that all prior month's receipts have been received.

**MOTION:**

Trustee Horvath moved, seconded by Tymick, to approve the December monthly financial report. The motion passed on a roll call vote. Voting aye: Trustees Lyons, Tymick, Glowiak, Hansen and Horvath. Voting nay: none. Absent: Trustee Word.

6) VILLAGE PRESIDENT RODEGHIER

President Rodeghier reminded the Board members of the 2012 Recognition Event for Board and Commission members on January 29, 2012, at 4:00 p.m. at Mecenat.

7) VILLAGE MANAGER HIGGINS

A) West Central Municipal Conference (WCMC) Legislative Breakfast - February 4

Manager Higgins asked the Board members to RSVP to Ms. Haeske if they wish to attend.

B) WCMC Springfield Legislative Conference – March 28, 2012

Manager Higgins told Board members that the date for the overnigher in Springfield will be March 28, 2012. Board members who wish to attend should contact Ms. Haeske.

8) VILLAGE ATTORNEY JURUSIK

No report.

**ADJOURN**

With no further business to come before the Board, President Rodeghier asked for a motion to adjourn.

**MOTION:**

Trustee Tymick moved, seconded by Horvath, to adjourn the meeting. The motion passed on a unanimous voice vote.

The meeting adjourned at 7:27 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Jeanine M. Jasica  
Village Clerk