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COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MINUTES
APRIL 2, 2018

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Jim Holland called the Committee of the Whole meeting to order at 6:30 P.M. on Monday, April 2, 2018, at the Village Administration Building, 432 W. Nebraska Street, Frankfort, Illinois.

ROLL CALL

In attendance were Mayor Jim Holland, Village Clerk Adam Borrelli, Trustees Cindy Heath, Bob Kennedy, Keith Ogle, Dick Trevarthan, and Mike Stevens. Staff in attendance included Village Administrator Rob Piscia, Police Chief John Burica, and Administrative Assistant Theresa Cork. Trustee Clavio was absent.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES (March 22, 2018)

Trustee Trevarthan made a motion (#1), seconded by Trustee Stevens, to approve the Committee of the Whole minutes of March 22, 2018, as presented. A voice vote was taken. All were in favor. The motion carried.

LONG RANGE PLANNING DISCUSSION

Administrator Piscia reported that Village staff has been exploring the steps necessary to file a Non-Home Rule Sales Tax (NHRST) referendum as an option to provide the necessary additional revenue for the Village. Mr. Piscia provided a draft outline for a non-home sales tax referendum and asked the Village Board whether to move forward with the NHRST. He noted the Village is required to obtain voter approval to implement a local sales tax and would need to adopt a resolution in August in order to place the NHRST question on the November 6, 2018 ballot.

Following Administrator Piscia's opening remarks, Mayor Holland opened the floor for discussion. Committee members discussed whether to move forward with the NHRST. It was noted that the increase will generate approximately \$1.8 million annually. The additional revenue will help stabilize the Village's finances and allow the Village to continue to provide the services upon which residents depend. The Board further discussed sales tax rates of surrounding communities and ways the additional revenue would be used, including public safety and matching grants for capital improvements, such as bike trails and road improvements.

Following discussion, Board members opted to move forward with the NHRST, recognizing that the tax would be shared with a large non-resident population and provide the revenue necessary to

stabilize the Village's finances. No formal action was taken. Members were directed to consider the NHRST further and to notify Administrator Piscia if they had concerns moving forward.

INSURANCE POOL PARTICIPATION

Administrator Piscia provided a brief recap of the concept of the Village participating in the creation of municipal employee benefits insurance pool with six other towns, including New Lenox, Shorewood, Romeoville, Elmhurst, Westmont, and Lemont. He reported the idea is similar to our participation in SWARM, a multi-community risk management pool, to find ways of controlling rising premiums by spreading out fluctuations in costs over a much larger group of employees. He further reported Margie Swanson of Mahoney, Silverman, and Cross is drafting the Intergovernmental Agreement and bylaws for the insurance pool for future committee consideration.

OTHER BUSINESS

None.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

None.

ADJOURNMENT

Hearing no further business, Trustee Trevarthan made a motion (#2), seconded by Trustee Heath, to adjourn the Committee of the Whole meeting of Monday, April 2, 2018. A voice vote was taken. All were in favor. The motion carried. The meeting adjourned at 6:55 P.M.