

VILLAGE OF MAHOMET  
STUDY SESSION  
MAY 19, 2015

The Village of Mahomet Board of Trustees met at 6:00 p.m. Tuesday May 19, 2015 at the Village of Mahomet Administrative Offices, 503 E. Main St., Mahomet, IL.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Bruce Colravy, Vicki Cook, Andy Harpst, Donald Lynn, Bill Olinger, Brian Metzger.

OTHERS PRESENT: Village President Sean Widener, Village Administrator Patrick Brown, Village Clerk Cheryl Sproul, Village Attorney, Jim Evans, Chief of Police Mike Metzler, Community Development Director/Planner Kelly Pfeifer, Mahomet Citizen Editor Amelia Benner, and Dani Tietz Mahomet Daily, Kristina Robinson and two interested citizens.

**CALL TO ORDER/PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE/ROLL CALL**

President Widener called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. Upon Roll Call, a quorum was present.

**PUBLIC COMMENT:**

There was no public participation.

**ORDINANCES, RESOLUTION, OTHER MOTIONS:**

**FINANCE**

**TREASURER'S REPORT**

Schacht reported her last report for the fiscal year. She stated revenues were currently at 107% collected and expenditures were currently at 77% expended.

She had included a report that reflected the major revenues and expenditures for FY 2014/2015.

**Lynn moved, Harpst seconded, "TO PLACE THE TREASURER'S REPORT ON THE CONSENT AGENDA FOR THE MAY 26, 2015 BOARD MEETING." ROLL CALL: ALL YES. Motion carried.**

**BILL LIST**

Schacht stated any additional bills would be on the Bill List submitted in the Board packet next week.

**Harpst moved, Metzger seconded, "TO PLACE THE BILL LIST ON THE CONSENT AGENDA FOR THE MAY 26, 2014 BOARD MEETING." ROLL CALL: ALL YES. Motion carried.**

Schacht added that the Village received the \$177,000 reimbursement for the culvert that had been expected for some time.

**PRELIMINARY FY2015/2016 BUDGET DISCUSSION:**

This item was moved to later in the agenda under the Administrator's report.

**PARKS AND RECREATION:**

**A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE PURCHASE OF AEROBICS ROOM FLOORING FROM TSI COMMERCIAL FLOOR COVERING IN THE AMOUNT OF \$15,380.00**

Waldinger introduced Kristina Robinson, Zumba instructor offered through the Parks and Recreation Program. He stated she is very supportive of this program. Robinson stated the program is currently held in the Aerobics Room at the Field House, but they have outgrown the space. Robinson add the current facility they are using does not have the type of flooring that should be used for this type of program. She added that the proper flooring could help this program grow.

Waldinger stated the type of flooring proposed is easy to clean, multipurpose, and stands up to use. He stated it would be installed in the old showroom area at the Public Works Facility and was currently unused. He also noted he and Public Works staff are working through security issues.

Waldinger stated the area covered would be 40 x 40, not the entire area.

Waldinger stated he reached out to all the local companies, his instructors and other professionals for advice. He stated they settled on the flooring. He mentioned the TSI covering was a little bit cheaper. He added this was budgeted in the new fiscal year budget.

Waldinger stated another advantage to using the Public Works Facility is that scheduling would be much easier as the Rec programs compete for space with so many other entities. He stated they would have increased flexibility and the ability to expand the program. He stated currently they would be holding Yoga, Zumba and Zumba Gold.

Robinson stated her classes are capped at 20 and the choreography can only be small due to currently limited space.

Robinson stated they are anticipating expanding the Zumba Gold class and with the restroom location closer in proximity to the classroom, it would be easier for some of her older students and her children's programs.

Harpst questioned with the anticipated growth of the programs if there would be enough parking. Waldinger stated there was adequate parking to meet the anticipated growth of the programs.

Harpst asked if the doors were automatic for those with mobility challenges. Brown stated that can be looked at in the future. Robinson stated since there is a start time to the classes, she would greet and assist the students as they came in.

Cook asked how the material was installed and the size of the material. Waldinger stated it was provided in 5 foot lengths and was heat welded. He added there would be transitions installed on the edge.

**Harpst moved, Lynn seconded, "TO PLACE A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE PURCHASE OF AEROBICS ROOM FLOORING FROM TSI COMMERCIAL FLOOR COVERING IN THE AMOUNT OF \$15,380.00 ON THE REGULAR AGENDA FOR THE MAY 26, 2015 BOARD MEETING." ROLL CALL: ALL YES. Motion carried.**

**A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS FOR THE TAYLOR FIELD FENCE AND BACKSTOP REPLACEMENT PROJECT**

Waldinger stated this has been on the CIP for a while and now the agreement with the Taylor family had been settled it was time for updates. He stated he was asking permission to advertise for bid for fencing and backstop replacement. He stated, as mentioned in previous meeting, the updates to the facility would be done in phases. He stated the first improvements would be mostly safety issues that needed to be addressed. Metzger agreed there have been safety issues there for some time. Metzger also suggested perhaps contacting the Boy Scouts for the dugout work that needed to be done. He stated they had done this type of work in the past.

Widener asked if there was salvage value. Waldinger stated there would probably be some salvage value and that would be included in the bidding process.

**Metzger moved, Lynn seconded, "TO PLACE A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS FOR THE TAYLOR FIELD FENCE AND BACKSTOP REPLACEMENT PROJECT ON THE REGULAR AGENDA FOR THE MAY 26, 2015 BOARD MEETING." ROLL CALL: ALL YES. Motion carried.**

**A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS FOR THE TAYLOR FIELD NORTH FIELD LIGHTS REPLACEMENT PROJECT**

Waldinger stated Taylor Field was utilized 8 months out of the year and lighting had been an issue for some time. He stated it had become a liability.

Waldinger stated it is recommended to have 30 lumens on the field and Taylor lights are 5-6 lumens anywhere on the field. He stated the North field would be the initial location to be upgraded. He anticipated BCA helping with the bid specs and design. He added that the new lighting systems have 25 year warranted life. He noted the new lighting would be more efficient as well.

Harpst asked about LED lighting. Waldinger stated LED lighting currently is triple the cost.

Waldinger stated he was just requesting authorization to start the bidding process and the Board would have the final approval when the bid results are in.

**Metzger moved, Colravy seconded, "TO PLACE A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS FOR THE TAYLOR FIELD NORTH FIELD LIGHTS REPLACEMENT PROJECT TO THE REGULAR AGENDA." ROLL CALL: ALL YES. Motion carried.**

**ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT:**

**DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS:**

**PARKS AND RECREATION:**

Brown reported on the sponsorship, and stated that Waldinger did a great job and had raised \$19,500 so far toward his \$20,000 goal.

**POLICE/SEDA**

No questions or comments.

**COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT:**

No questions or comments.

**BUDGET DISCUSSION:**

Brown stated the budget had not changed since the last time the Trustees saw it. He added a public hearing would be held at the May 26<sup>th</sup> Board meeting and the Board would be asked to approve it after the hearing.

Brown stated staff was working on a document that would be easier to read and that document will be made available on the website for the public access.

Brown stated other communities have chosen not to address the potential budget cuts until later, but Staff was taking a pro-active stand and trimmed the budget by \$160,000 to anticipate the estimated percentage of reductions reported.

Brown highlighted some areas of the budget such as the Police Pension Fund and stated a transfer of \$120,000 had been implemented each year to reach the 1.2M required by the establishment of the Fund due to our population increasing over 5,000. He stated the balance in that fund was currently 941,000. Schacht stated the Village had done a good job getting this funded and had been showing good faith in doing so.

Brown mentioned the increase in fines and building permit fees would generate additional funds.

Evans asked Schacht to discuss the pass-through in the TIF fund for the benefit of newly appointed Trustee Metzger.

Schacht reviewed the expenses incurred to the TIF fund, such as pass through payment to the other taxing bodies and bond payments.

Brown stated the Transportation budget suffered due to the budget reduction in the beginning of the budget process, but a portion of it had been restored.

Widener asked Brown if the budget was approved would the Special Census happen immediately. Brown stated in order to capture the increased building that is happening, he anticipated possibly Dec. or Jan 2016. He stated it was important to capture as much as possible.

Widener asked Brown to address any new hires and/or staffing additions. Brown stated staff did not want to add any new recurring expenses with staffing at this time, but this would be addressed once the reductions by the State are known. He stated he anticipated replacing the Public Works Director with a Civil Engineer. He added that Community Development/Planning had been looking at using a planner on a contractual basis. He noted that it was possible Administration, Community Development/Planning and Building Department would be looking into utilizing interns.

Oliger asked if Staff was adhering to the Financial Policy. Brown stated this budget would be according to the Financial Policy.

He stated in spite of computer issues staff had been working on the document that will be presented next week.

**MAYOR'S REPORT:**

Widener stated it was his desire for Staff to prepare a budget brief that would be easier to read and understand.

Widener mentioned an article in the News Gazette that reflected the increase in the building permits issued.

Widener updated the Board on the Main and Franklin Project. He stated due to changes in personnel at IDOT, it was initially reported that the project did not qualify for the STU Funding that had been originally approved. After discussion and research IDOT reported this project does qualify but, due to time restraints would not be included on the June letting, but would have to be let in July. Widener stated Brown had contacted School Superintendent Johnson to notify him of the change.

Winder stated the Board meeting would be held, Tuesday, May 26, 2015 at 6:00 p.m.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

(Discussion of any items that the Trustees may have for new business not listed on the agenda. No formal action will be taken on these items during this proceeding)

Harpst asked Brown and Widener to report on their trip. Widener stated they had gone to Washington DC along with other local officials to lobby funding for local projects. He stated included in the list was the Village's Sangamon River Trail. He stated alternative transportation projects are continuing to be supported and this was good news for the Village. He reviewed the other 4 projects that were on their list.

Brown stated what he found most interesting was that the State officials were very supportive and encouraged by the way the local entities supported each other.

Brown added it is important that the Village have something to present and request to get on the list. He noted it was also a benefit having the local businesses there to support the projects.

Brown stated he also learned that the Senators and Representatives are also very willing to provide letters of endorsement for grant applications.

Widener stated he would write up a report and provide it to the Trustees.

Harpst asked if there were any commercial developments in the works that staff could talk about. Brown stated there was nothing that could be talked about, but there was potential residential targeted 55+ complex being discussed. He noted this would not be assisted living. He added this type of development would not impact the schools.

Brown stated that there would be a round table discussion including land owner, experienced development professionals, appraisers, Champaign County Economic Development and others held in the near future. He stated it would be held at Middletown Prairie School and it would be invitation only. Widener stated he anticipated a small group for the first meeting for better conversation.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

**Harpst moved, Lynn seconded, "TO ADJOURN AT 7:10 p.m." ROLL CALL: ALL YES. Motion carried.**

Respectfully submitted,

/s/Cheryl Sproul

Cheryl Sproul  
Village Clerk/FOIA Officer

approved as presented, May 26, 2015