

## MINUTES OF THE PUBLIC HEARING

### Public Hearing on the Fiscal Year 2017/2018 Proposed Budget.

#### GURNEE VILLAGE HALL APRIL 3, 2017

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**Call to Order**

Mayor Kovarik called the public hearing to order at 6:42 p.m.

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**Other Officials in Attendance**

Patrick Muetz, Village Administrator; David Ziegler, Assistant Village Administrator/Community Development Director; Bryan Winter, Village Attorney; Scott Drabicki, Village Engineer; Brian Gosnell, Finance Director; Christine Palmieri, Director of Human Resources; Chris Velkover, Information Systems Director; Tom Rigwood, Director of Public Works; Fred Friedl, Fire Chief; John Kavanagh, Deputy Fire Chief; Kevin Woodside, Police Chief; Saundra Campbell, Deputy Police Chief; Ellen Dean, Economic Development Director, Jack Linehan, Assistant to the Administrator.

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**Roll Call**

**PRESENT: 6- Wilson, Ross, Garner, Thorstenson, Balmes, Hood**  
**ABSENT: 0-None**

Mayor Kovarik Called the Public Hearing to Order at 6:41 p.m. She noted the purpose of the Public Hearing was to hear the proposed budget for Fiscal year 2017/2018 for the dates May 1, 2017 to April 30, 2018.

Mr. Muetz noted there were a few changes since the Budget workshop on March 6<sup>th</sup> and Finance Director Gosnell would note the changes and review the overall budget.

Mr. Gosnell presented a brief power point presentation noting the following;

- The process that led to the Public Hearing including the Strategic Plan, Multi-Year Financial Forecast, Multi-Year Capital Plan, individual department and trustee meetings and a budget workshop held on March 6, 2017.
- Updates since the March 6<sup>th</sup> Workshop include;
  - Building Permits
    - FY 2016/2017 Year-End +\$50k
  - Property, Liability & Workers Compensation Insurance
    - FY 2017/2018 – \$127k
  - Tuition Reimbursement – CD
    - FY 2017/2018 +\$6k
  - Police Testing
    - FY 2017/2018 +\$18k
  - Welton Plaza
    - FY 2017/2018 +\$20k
- Total Revenues including transfers totals \$70.2 million
- Total expenditures including transfers totals \$66.1 million
- Budgeted personnel totals 223.62 full-time equivalents
- The increases is the result of 6 additional tele communicators, part-time customer service and summer help, and the reassignment of a Fire inspector to the Building Department
- Debt service totals \$2.1 million
- Capital program totals \$11.1 million
  - \$4.9 million on Transportation System
  - \$2.9 million on Water & Sewer System
  - \$2.7 million on Vehicles & Equipment
  - \$505 thousand on Buildings & Improvements
  - \$203 thousand on Strom Water Management
- FY 2017/2018 projected ending fund balance of \$25 million
- General Fund Revenue totals \$38.9 million
  - Taxes make up 66.8% of General Fund
- Taxes total \$26 million
  - Sales Tax makes up 67.3% of the taxes category and has been flat over the last two fiscal years
- General Fund expenditures total \$39.8 million
  - Salaries & wages and employee benefits account for over 79% of all General Fund expenditures
  - Police and Fire departments account for 43.5% and 26.1% of the General Fund respectively

- General Fund balance has steadily increased since FY 2008/2009
- Use of projected surplus in FY 2016/2017 to fill the short term deficit in FY 2017/2018
- Conclusion
  - Flat Major Revenues
  - Great Wolf Impact
  - Gurnee Mills Contribution
  - 17th Year No Property Tax
  - Healthy Reserve Levels
  - Continued Infrastructure Spending
  - Expiring Debt Service

Mr. Gosnell concluded the presentation noting that the approval of the Budget was on the regular Village Board agenda and the fiscal year starts May 1, 2017.

Mr. Gosnell thanked the departments for their hard work on the budget and getting it input in the new financial software.

Mr. Muetz commented on the economic development initiatives due to come online in the next 1-2 years, and the FY 2017/2018 budget deficit was expected to be short-term.

Mayor Kovarik thanked staff for their effort in preparing the Annual Budget.

Trustee Garner motioned, seconded by Trustee Balmes, to recommend approving the annual budget of the Village of Gurnee, County of Lake, State of Illinois, for the Fiscal Year beginning May 1, 2017 and ending April 30, 2018.

**Roll call,**

**AYE: 6- Wilson, Ross, Garner, Thorstenson, Balmes, Hood**

**NAY: 0- None**

**ABSENT: 0- None**

**Motion Carried.**

**H. PUBLIC COMMENT**

None.

**Adjournment**

It was moved by Trustee Balmes, seconded by Trustee Garner, to adjourn the Public Hearing.

**Voice Vote: ALL AYE: Motion Carried.**

Mayor Kovarik adjourned the Public Hearing at 6:56 p.m.

**Andrew Harris,  
Village Clerk**