

MINUTES OF THE PUBLIC HEARING  
**PROPOSED BUDGET – FISCAL YEAR 2003-2004**  
HELD IN THE COUNCIL ROOM OF THE MATTESON VILLAGE HALL  
4900 VILLAGE COMMONS  
ON THIS 21st DAY OF APRIL 2003

President Stricker called the Public Hearing to order at 7:00 p.m.

CALL TO ORDER

Clerk Grisco called the roll and the following Trustees answered present:

ROLL CALL

Andre' Ashmore  
Shirley Green  
Allene Maxwell  
Allan Johnson

Also present were: Joseph Perozzi, Village Attorney; David Mekarski, Village Administrator; Hildy Kingma, Director of Community Development; Vince Laoang, Village Engineer/Interim Public Works Director; Robert Park, Police Chief; Robin Kelly, Director of Community Affairs; Bob Wilcox, Fire Chief; Jan Dinnocenzo, Recording Secretary; and the Star Newspaper.

President Stricker stated that the purpose of the public hearing was to review the proposal budget for fiscal year 2003-2004.

PRESENTATION OF  
PRELIMINARY FISCAL  
YEAR 2003-04 BUDGET

Trustee Motton arrived at 7:03 p.m.

Trustee Brown arrived at 7:08 p.m.

Mr. David Mekarski, Village Administrator, submitted recommendations for the budget for fiscal year 2003-2004, noting that included in the proposed budget were a series of cost-cutting measures reducing expenditures and a series of revenue enhancement strategies.

Ms. Lois Blume, 3716 West 216<sup>th</sup> Place, questioned whether the Matteson Historical Society would be able to keep their space in the building and pay bills due to the tight budget. Mr. Mekarski noted that while the budget does include a Museum budget cut, the Village will maintain funds for security and utilities. He added that assistance will be requested from the Historical Society to maintain access for the community through volunteers and/or other creative means outside of the Village's general fund support.

In response to a question from Trustee Motton, Mr. Mekarski stated that this was absolutely the best that could be done to tighten the budget.

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Trustee Maxwell stated that last year 51% of projected revenue was derived from sales tax, and questioned what this year's projection was. Mr. Mekarski noted that the projected sales tax is \$8,160,000, which is the same as last year's projection.

Trustee Motton questioned when the new projects currently under construction would be open and what revenues the Village anticipates deriving from those. Ms. Hildy Kingma, Director of Community Development, noted that the three anchor stores currently under construction in the Kimco Plaza are expected to open in late June or early July. That being the case, close to a full fiscal year of revenue would be realized. Ms. Kingma added that basically only those three stores' anticipated revenue was projected. More stores are expected to open in the Village in the next fiscal year; however, in order to be conservative, anticipated revenue for those was not included.

President Stricker noted that sales tax revenues are received more quickly than property tax.

Trustee Ashmore requested a breakdown of the expenditure totals under Administration - Personnel and Contract Management Services. Mr. Mekarski explained that Administration is composed of his office, an administrative assistant, and a series of divisions for general administrative services. Ms. Kathy Murray, Personnel and Operations Coordinator, noted that the figures reflect two individuals for Personnel, one individual for Contract Management Services, and under IT there are three individuals, with a portion of one being funded by Southcom.

President Stricker announced that there will be a Special Board meeting on Monday, April 28, at 7:30 p.m.

In response to a question from Trustee Motton, Mr. Mekarski noted that funding is included in the proposed budget for the Finance Director position.

Trustee Ashmore moved to adjourn the Public Hearing at 7:27 p.m. Seconded by Trustee Johnson.

AYES: (6) Ashmore, Green, Motton, Maxwell  
Johnson, and Brown

NAYS:(0)

ABSTAIN: (0)

ABSENT: (0)

ADJOURNMENT

Respectfully Submitted,

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Dorothy Grisco, Village Clerk