

MINUTES OF THE PUBLIC HEARING
PROPOSED BUDGET
FISCAL YEAR 2004-2005
HELD IN THE COUNCIL ROOM OF THE MATTESON VILLAGE HALL
4900 VILLAGE COMMONS
ON THIS 5TH DAY OF APRIL 2004

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

CALL TO ORDER

Deputy Clerk Miotti called the roll and the following Trustees answered present:

ROLL CALL

Andre Ashmore
Emmanuel Imoukhuede

Trustees Brown, Johnson, Marshall, and Motton were absent for roll call.

Also present were: David Mekarski, Village Administrator; Lafayette Linear, Finance Director; Robert Park, Police Chief; Robert Wilcox, Fire Chief; Brian Ramsey, Director of Parks & Recreation; Hildy Kingma, Director of Community Development; and Jan Dinnocenzo, Recording Secretary.

Trustee Johnson arrived at 7:03 p.m.

President Stricker noted that proper posting and notification of the public hearing was done.

PRESENTATION OF
PRELIMINARY FISCAL
YEAR 2004-05 BUDGET

Trustee Motton arrived at 7:05 p.m.

Mr. David Mekarski, Village Administrator, presented the Fiscal Year 2004/05 Budget, detailing the process used in its development.

Trustee Brown arrived at 7:09 p.m.

Trustee Marshall arrived at 7:11 p.m.

Mr. Lafayette Linear, Finance Director, summarized the revenues and expenditures projected for FY 04/05.

Discussion ensued by the Board regarding department classification and grouping. Additional sub-schedules will be provided by the Finance Director to clarify each group.

Administrator Mekarski detailed the strategies used to balance the FY 04/05 budget, noting that no additional short-term debt is being proposed to finance capital improvements.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Mr. Martin Grzesiak, 6220 Beechwood Road, requested clarification of the TIF Funds. Finance Director Linear explained how the Tax Increment Financing process works. Administrator Mekarski gave a brief history of the current TIF projects in the Village and the purpose for each. President Stricker further elaborated on the usefulness of Tax Increment Financing.

Mr. Robert Park, Police Chief, advised that Board authorization will be necessary prior to April 15 in order to guarantee participation in the acquisition of police squad cars through the State bid. It was noted that funds for this expenditure are provided for in the proposed budget.

Mr. Mike Scholefield, representing the Chicago Southland Economic Development Corporation, gave a presentation detailing the scope of work performed by the alliance and fielded questions from the Board.

In response to Trustee Imoukhuede's request, Mr. Scholefield stated he would provide information relative to the benefits that have been realized by the Village of Matteson over the last five years.

Trustee Brown suggested that the Corporation allow for more involvement by participating communities and more frequent communication be provided to those communities.

Ms. Dorothy Howard, 148 Huntingwood, requested clarification on the Quality of Life Fund and the funding of Homeland Security. Administrator Mekarski provided a synopsis of the Village's Homeland Security procedures and funding. Chief Wilcox and Chief Park provided details relative to their respective departments.

Trustee Marshall moved to adjourn the Public Hearing at 8:16 p.m. Seconded by Trustee Johnson.

ADJOURNMENT

AYES: (6) Ashmore, Brown, Imoukhuede, Johnson,
Marshall, and Motton

NAYS:(0)

ABSTAIN: (0)

ABSENT: (0)

Respectfully Submitted,

PUBLIC HEARING
April 5, 2004

04-055-04

Rita Miotti, Deputy Village Clerk