

General Government and Finance Committee- May 3, 2010

The following media were noticed relative to this meeting per the Open Meetings Law of the State of Wisconsin: The Ozaukee Press, Port Washington, WI; The Milwaukee Journal-Sentinel (Ozaukee-Washington Desk), Milwaukee, WI; The Sheboygan Press, Sheboygan, WI. In addition, a copy of the agenda was also posted at the following locations within the Village of Belgium: Belgium Village Hall, Belgium Post Office, Port Washington State Bank (Belgium Office), Harris Bank, N.A. (Belgium Office), and Belgium Hardware and Beverage.

Call to Order, Roll Call, Establishment of a Quorum:

Chairman Eric Wilkowski called the meeting to order at 8:11 p.m. Present were President Kowalkowski, and Robin Nierode. A quorum was established. Also in attendance were Daniel Birenbaum – DPW & Water Superintendent, Niel Anderson – Wastewater Superintendent and Jamie Cecil – Treasurer/Deputy Clerk.

Open Meeting Law Compliance Check:

This meeting is in compliance.

Pledge to Flag, Moment of Silence:

Approval of Minutes – April 19, 2010

President Kowalkowski made a motion and seconded the motion to approve the minutes for April 19, 2010. The General Government and Finance Committee was polled: ayes – President Kowalkowski; noes – none; abstain – Wilkowski and Nierode. Motion lost. Adoption cannot take place as a quorum of the committee present on April 19, 2010 is not in attendance.

Announcement of Closed Session:

There will be a closed session during this meeting.

Announcements/Input:

None

Action Items:

None

Miscellaneous Matters:

The following actions will be discussed and possible action taken:

- Room Tax Ordinance – There was discussion about enforcing the licenses fee ordinance. All businesses that provide room and board would pay a fee to obtain a license. The only way to obtain a license is if you are current on your room tax. Every year there after the business would be required to renew the licenses and they would have to be current on there room taxes. If the business isn't current on there room taxes the ordinance would state that the Village has the ability to shut the business down. The current room tax rate is seven percent (7%). The licenses (hotel/motel room tax) will be valid on an annual

basis starting on June 30, 2010. The fee would be \$50. The room tax rebate will be 7% but the business would get 1% back. A motion was made by President Kowalkowski and seconded by Eric Wilkowski to advise the Village Attorney to draft a hotel/motel room tax ordinance which would provide the Village the ability to be able to collect room tax. And mirror the City of Oshkosh's room tax ordinance. The General Government and Finance Committee was polled: ayes – President Kowalkowski, Wilkowski, and Nierode; noes – none; abstain – none. Motion carried.

- Discounted and preauthorized bill payments – The committee needs to come up with some groupings of bills so the ordinance can be revised. A motion was made by President Kowalkowski and seconded by Eric Wilkowski to revise the Village's ordinance Section 35-8 to incorporate the provisions required by Section 66.0609 with discounted and pre-approved bills such as: health insurance premiums (health, dental, vision, etc. Bills that offer us cash discount for early payment, utility bills (all types – electric, gas, telephone, water/sewer, internet, other invoices that are urgent in nature that the Village President authorizes, Payroll related items such as state and federal taxes, deferred compensation, retirement, AFLAC, debt payments and licenses for mandatory items such as the DPW's water and wastewater certification. The General Government and Finance Committee was polled: ayes – President Kowalkowski, Wilkowski, and Nierode; noes – none; abstain – none. Motion carried.
- Building Inspector procedure and schedule for interviews – Discussion took place about interview/hiring the new building inspector. The date for the building inspector interviews is on May 13, 2010 starting at 5 p.m.
- Process Procedure for Building Inspector and Issuance of Permits – The procedure for building inspector and issuance of permits is on hold until the next building inspector is hired.
- Fee Resolution – Discussion took place about various fees. A motion was made by President Kowalkowski and seconded by Robin Nierode to approve the fee resolution as presented with an amendment for Atty. Gerald Antoine to add the hotel/motel application fee of \$50.00. The General Government and Finance Committee was polled: ayes – President Kowalkowski, Wilkowski, and Nierode; noes – none; abstain – none. Motion carried.
- Daniel Birenbaum – DPW & Water Superintendent - stated that he got a call from Jim Sensenbrenner's office saying that the grant was denied.

Neil Anderson and Daniel Birenbaum left at 9:09 p.m.

- Closed Session – A motion was made by Kevin Kowalkowski and seconded by Eric Wilkowski to convene to closed session at 9:09 p.m. per WI stats. 19.85 (1) (f) to consider investigation of charges against a specific person. A motion was made by Kevin Kowalkowski and seconded by Eric Wilkowski to go into a closed session. The General Government and Finance Committee was polled: ayes – Kowalkowski, Wilkowski, and Nierode; noes – none; abstain – none. Motion carried.
 - The General Government and Finance Committee reconvened to open session at 10:09 p.m.

Adjourn:

A motion was made to adjourn at 10:10 p.m. by President Kowalkowski and seconded by Robin Nierode. The General Government and Finance Committee was polled: ayes – Kowalkowski, Wilkowski and Nierode; noes – none; abstain – none. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Lila M. Mueller, CMC
Village Clerk/Deputy Treasurer

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