

**Special Village Board Meeting** – November 16, 2009

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 (Belgium Office), and Belgium Hardware and Beverage.

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

President Kevin P. Kowalkowski called the meeting to order at 6:07 p.m. In attendance were Village Trustees, John Thiele, Eric Wilkowski, Ronald Weyker, Jeffery Ritter and Clem Gottsacker. A vacant seat (Dale Pfeifer) will exist until after the Spring Election in 2010. A quorum was declared established. Also in attendance were Daniel E. Birenbaum – DPW & Water Superintendent, Jamie L. Cecil – Deputy Clerk-Treasurer, and Carol Pomeday – The Ozaukee Press.

**Open Meeting Law Compliance Check**

This meeting is in compliance.

**Pledge to Flag, Moment of Silence**

**Announcement of Closed Session (if any)**

No closed session will take place this evening.

**Announcements/Input:**

The following announcements and input will be discussed and possible action taken:

None

**Action Items:**

- **Proposed 2010 Budget.** A review of the proposed budget took place. Discussion took place relative to the budget. A Public Hearing is to take place on December 7<sup>th</sup>. A motion was made by Eric Wilkowski and seconded by Jeff Ritter made to approve the proposed 2010 Budget to be posted and published. The Village Board was polled: ayes – Thiele, Wilkowski, Weyker, Kowalkowski, Ritter, Gottsacker; noes - none; abstain - none. Motion carried.

**Miscellaneous Matters:**

The following matters will be discussed and possible action taken:

- **Street lighting.** Daniel Birenbaum did some search on saving budget dollars with reduction of street lighting. The Village of Random Lake has reduced 50 lights. In order to save money in our budget, we could cut out 32 street lights throughout the Village. All intersections will remain lit. Christmas LED lights cost savings were also discussed. Daniel Birenbaum noted that we have no Department of Transportation requirement and up to the municipality to change it. Any street light that was installed under 10 years ago, the Village would have to pay for removal. Light fixtures are to be removed, not telephone poles. All lights selected have been installed for 30-40 years. Trustee Thiele requested that the locations be put on the website. A flyer is to be distributed to affected property owners to notify them. Discussion took place.
- **Bank collection of taxes.** Jamie L. Cecil explained Harris Bank, Belgium Office, collecting taxes for us. Next year we may expand collections to Port Washington State Bank. This allows more flexibility to the tax payers. A motion was made by Trustee Weyker and seconded by Trustee Thiele to approve the bank collection of taxes for 2010 at Harris Bank. The Village Board was polled: ayes – Thiele, Wilkowski, Weyker, Kowalkowski, Ritter, Gottsacker; noes - none; abstain - none. Motion carried.

**Adjourn:**

A motion to adjourn at 6:58 p.m. was made by Trustee Gottsacker and seconded by Trustee Weyker. The Village Board was polled: ayes – Thiele, Wilkowski, Weyker, Kowalkowski, Ritter, Gottsacker; noes - none; abstain - none. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Lila M. Mueller, CMC  
Village Clerk-Treasurer