

## MINUTES

### TOWN OF YORKVILLE TOWN BOARD/SPECIAL TOWN ELECTOR MEETING TOWN BOARD ROOM MONDAY, NOVEMBER 18, 2013

#### Call to Order

Town Board Chair Peter Hansen called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

#### Roll Call

The following Board members were present: Peter Hansen (4728 57<sup>th</sup> Drive, Union Grove), Sherry Gruhn (17201 Old Yorkville Road, Union Grove) and Terrence McMahon (18114 52<sup>nd</sup> Road, Union Grove). Also present was Jim Moyer (216 North Colony Avenue, Union Grove), Jason Arndt from the Westine Report and Clerk-Treasurer Michael McKinney.

**Public Hearing** – The Town Board held a public hearing to present and hear public comment on the proposed 2014 budgets for the following funds: General, Sewer, Stormwater and Water

Hansen opened the public hearing at 7:01 p.m.

Hansen provided a summary of the 2014 Town budget. He noted that the tax levy for the Town's General Fund budget would decrease from \$1,014,503.00 in 2013 to \$1,012,781.00 in 2014. He added that the Town portion of the mill rate would decrease from \$2.14 in 2013 to \$2.12 in 2014. He noted that Wisconsin shared revenue and transportation aids would increase from \$142,207.25 in 2013 to \$148,125.41 in 2014. He added that license and permit revenues would increase significantly in 2014 due to an expected increase in building permit activity.

Hansen noted that General Government expenditures would decrease by about 5.5 percent in 2014. He added that Public Safety expenditures would increase by about 7 percent in 2014, due largely to an increase in proposed Building Inspector and Fire Department expenditures. Moyer asked for more information on compensation for on-call Fire Department personnel. Hansen noted that compensation for on-call Fire Department personnel would increase from \$111,486.00 in 2013 to \$117,060.00 in 2014. He added that 2014 Public Works expenditures would increase slightly. He noted that the Town was planning two road projects in 2014, including the easterly 1 ½ miles of Braun Road and the easterly 1 ½ miles of 50<sup>th</sup> Road. He added that the Board may consider an additional project if the Town receives bridge aid funding in 2014. He also provided a summary of the Water and Sewer Utility Fund budgets.

Hansen noted that the tax levy to be acted upon by the electors tonight will include a fire protection levy that is assessed annually against commercial properties within the Yorkville Water Utility District. He added that this fire protection levy was not included in past notices and asked the electors if they objected to this item being added to the levy to be acted upon tonight. No objections were raised by the electors to this request.

With no other comments forthcoming, Hansen closed the public hearing at 7:12 p.m.

## **Call Special Town Elector Meeting to Order**

Hansen called the Special Town Elector Meeting to order at 7:12 p.m.

## **New and Unfinished Business – Discussion and possible action on all of the following**

### **Resolution 01-2013 Permitting 2014 Highway Expenditures to Exceed those allowed by Wisconsin Statutes 82.03(2)**

Hansen noted that this resolution requests that electors approve an increase in highway expenditures from the \$230,000.00 allowed under State law to \$696,385.00.

***Motion (Moyer, McMahon) to approve Resolution 01-2013 as submitted, with transportation expenditures being set at \$696,385.00 for 2014, motion carried with 4 votes in favor and 0 against.***

McMahon noted that the Wisconsin Towns Association has lobbied the State Legislature to increase the per mile highway expenditure limit to which towns must adhere without elector approval from \$5,000.00 per mile of highway under town jurisdiction to \$10,000.00 per mile. He added that only one other town in Racine County has a lower budget for highway maintenance than Yorkville.

### **Resolution 02-2013 Adopting the 2013 Property Tax Levy for the Town of Yorkville**

Hansen noted that this resolution requests that the property tax levy be set at \$1,105,356.00, which includes the General Fund levy of \$1,012,781.00 and the fire protection levy of \$92,575.00 that is assessed solely against properties within the Yorkville Water Utility District.

***Motion (Moyer, Gruhn) to approve Resolution 02-2013 as submitted with a levy of \$1,012,781.00 going to the General Fund and a levy of \$92,575 going to the Water Utility Fund, motion carried with 4 votes in favor and 0 against.***

## **Other – Comments, questions and suggestions**

No comments, questions or suggestions were provided.

## **Adjournment of the Special Town Elector Meeting**

***Motion (Hansen, Gruhn) to adjourn, MC.*** The Special Town Elector Meeting was adjourned at 7:19 p.m.

Hansen called the Town Board meeting back to order at 7:19 p.m.

## **New and Unfinished Business – Discussion and possible action on all of the following**

### **Resolution 03-2013 Adopting the 2014 Budgets and 2013 Property Tax Levies for the Town of Yorkville**

Hansen noted that this resolution includes setting the tax levy previously approved by the electors at this meeting, approving the budgets for all funds of the Town of Yorkville and approving special assessments to be placed upon the tax roll.

***Motion (McMahon, Gruhn) to approve Resolution 03-2013 as submitted, motion carried with 3 votes in favor and 0 against.***

### **Other – Comments, questions and suggestions**

Gruhn noted that the Yorkville Stormwater Utility District plans to make a debt service prepayment of \$50,000.00 in addition to the \$28,690.00 in debt service payments due in 2014.

McMahon noted that ISO Fire Insurance Ratings for commercial properties in the GrandView Business Park should improve, as the Raymond and South Shore Fire Departments, which both have stations within 5 miles of the business park, will act as first responders for fire calls originating from those properties.

Hansen noted that State transportation aid funding is applied towards transportation-related expenses. He also noted that the Town was not planning to complete any road work on 10<sup>th</sup> Avenue in 2014.

### **Adjournment**

***Motion (McMahon, Hansen) to adjourn, MC.*** The meeting was adjourned at 7:31 p.m. The next regularly scheduled Town Board meeting is Monday, November 25, 2013, at 6:00 p.m.

Michael McKinney  
*Clerk-Treasurer*