

**EAST TROY
VILLAGE BOARD MINUTES
September 28, 2015
Page 1 of 4**

Call Meeting to Order; Pledge of Allegiance

Clerk Treasurer Suhm verified the meeting was posted according to law.

Roll Call:

President Timms called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m.

Present: President Timms, Trustees Fred Douglass, Linda Kaplan, Forty Renucci, Scott Seager, Dusty Stanford and Ann Zess

Excused:

Others: Chief Boyes, DPW Miller and Clerk-Treasurer Suhm

Citizen Participation

No citizen participation.

Consent Agenda

(One motion and second will approve all of the following items. Any item may be pulled from the list and voted on separately.)

1. Approval Minutes – 9/21/2015

Motion by Trustee Stanford, second by Trustee Douglass to approve the consent agenda.
Motion carried.

Miscellaneous Business

1. Consideration of Airport Farm Lease

Motion by Trustee Douglass, second by Trustee Stanford to approve the airport farm lease. Motion carried after the discussion below.

It was clarified that the revenue from the farm lease remains within the airport fund. DPW Miller explained the exact location of the AWOS (automated weather observing system) still needs to be determined, therefore, the lease is set up to not charge for the general area of location at this time with the understanding they can plant crops in this area at their own risk. Some crop area may need to be removed when the AWOS is installed.

2. Consideration of approving expenditure of \$1,873 from equipment replacement for eurodrive and shaft

Motion by Trustee Stanford, second by Trustee Douglass to approve the purchase of the eurodrive and shaft from the equipment replacement fund. Motion carried.

3. Consideration and discussion of 2016 Budget

Trustee Stanford asked for a consensus of the Board as to whether or not the funds should remain in economic development for the ETCDA (East Troy Community Development Alliance). After discussion, it was determined the consensus of the Board was to keep the funding in the budget for 2016.

**EAST TROY
VILLAGE BOARD MINUTES
September 28, 2015
Page 2 of 4**

The Board discussed whether or not to keep disability insurance in the budget. The estimated amount for 2016 was \$6,200, with the knowledge that it potentially will increase in 2017 for the addition of union-represented employees. The Board discussed the idea of requiring a small contribution from employees toward the coverage. Clerk-Treasurer Suhm explained if it remained in the budget other quotes in addition to Northwestern Mutual would be brought back to the Board. President Timms stated a potential employee share of the cost could be discussed at that time.

Motion by Trustee Stanford, second by Trustee Douglass to explore disability insurance and leave it in the budget at this time. Motion carried 5-2 with Kaplan and Renucci voting no.

Motion by Trustee Stanford to approve budget as it stands. Motion failed for lack of a second.

President Timms explained the collection system operator position for DPW had been budgeted at \$86,500 for wages and benefits. He suggested reducing the total amount to \$67,000, with the remainder being allocated to the salary-related contingency fund pending the results of the compensation study. The Board discussed numerous items associated with the position including comparison of staffing levels to other communities, the amount of infrastructure DPW is responsible to maintain, the amount of growth the Village has experienced in the last 15 years as well as the loss of an industrial utility customer resulting in a reduction in revenue.

Motion by Trustee Stanford, second by President Timms to continue with the position within the budget. Motion carried 4-3 with Trustees Kaplan, Seager and Zess voting no.

Motion by President Timms, second by Trustee Stanford to reduce the \$86,000 to \$67,000 and put balance in salary-related contingency fund. Motion carried.

Clerk-Treasurer Suhm brought to the Board's attention the deficit in the water fund, explaining a large portion, \$680,500, is related to capital projects that were submitted as part of the rate case and \$56,396 is operational. Items discussed included:

- Concern about the approval of an additional position contributing to the operational deficit
- Water rates and a potential increase after the rate case
- The number of years since the last rate case as well as the financial and infrastructure position the delay in a rate case has caused
- Requesting the Board be provided a comparison to other municipal utility rates
- Hydrant Rental being included as a line-item on the utility bill versus being included in the general fund levy, therefore, increasing the amount of utility bills

**EAST TROY
VILLAGE BOARD MINUTES
September 28, 2015
Page 3 of 4**

Motion by Trustee Zess, second by Trustee Stanford to approve an interest-free loan to the water utility for the entire deficit from fund balance. Motion carried 6-1 with Trustee Seager voting no.

Trustee Zess suggested the Village should consider covering some of the development fees for contracted services related to plan commission applications to provide some relief from these fees to developers and promote economic development.

Motion by Trustee Zess, second by Trustee Kaplan to add a line item in the budget \$6,810 to subsidize developer's fees. Motion carried.

Motion by President Timms, second by Trustee Stanford to approve the budget and set a public hearing. Motion carried.

Ordinances & Resolutions

1. Consideration of ordinance 2015-06 amending surface width of collector streets in subsection 495-43(X) (from 9/21/15)

Trustee Douglass stated he spoke with the Fire Chief, Mike Barutha, and he stated a wider street makes it easier to get fire equipment through and the easier it is for safety. However, they will deal with whatever width they are given. The Board discussed the ordinance allows the Village the flexibility to require a greater width if necessary. However, Trustee Renucci expressed concerns that developers would push for the minimum width in the ordinance.

Motion by President Timms, second by Trustee Stanford to approve ordinance 2015-06. Motion carried 6-1 with Trustee Renucci voting no.

Reports

1. **Airport Advisory Committee – July, August 2015 Minutes** – Discussed equipment, keeping track of equipment maintenance at the airport.
2. **Park & Recreation Commission – July 2015 Minutes** – Trustee Stanford reported the archery range moving forward and plans have been submitted to insurance for their review.
3. **EMS – July 30 2015 Minutes**
4. **Library Board – Minutes August 11, 2015**
5. **Municipal Court – August 2015**
6. **Booth Lake Park Board – Minutes July, August 2015 and Financial Reports**
7. **Village President's Report – August 2015** – President Timms clarified an entry for 8/19 related to street reconfiguration, and concerns regarding a stop sign near the square and pedestrian as well as traffic flow
8. **Revenue & Expenditure Report – August 2015**
9. **Clerk-Treasurer's Report – August 2015** – Trustee Renucci requested a breakdown for the TIF miscellaneous account when the budget amendment for this account comes before the Board.

**EAST TROY
VILLAGE BOARD MINUTES
September 28, 2015
Page 4 of 4**

10. **Village Board Pending Business**
11. **Police Report – August 2015**
12. **Plan Commission – DRAFT Minutes 9/14/2015**

Adjourn

Motion by Trustee Renucci, second by Trustee Kaplan to adjourn at 6:59 p.m. Motion carried.

Respectfully Submitted,

Eileen Suhm
Clerk-Treasurer