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BUDGET HEARING MINUTES

MAY 16, 2017

The Budget Hearing Meeting of the Board of Park Commissioners of the Collinsville Area Recreation District was called to order by President Ronald Jedda at 6:30 PM, May 16, 2017 at the district office, 10 Gateway Drive, Collinsville, Illinois.

Following the Pledge of Allegiance the roll was called with the following commissioners answering present: Mark Achenbach, Ronald Jedda, Brad Sewell and Aaron Wright.

Staff present included: Doug Erhart, Kimberli DeRossett, Mark Kosmatka, Jessica Jader and Jill Rice.

INTRO TO BUDGET HEARING

Erhart presented an explanation of Ordinance #17-2, the Combined Budget & Appropriation Ordinance for fiscal year 2017-2018. Expenses have gone up dramatically over last year, but \$1,476,000 of that is the increase in debt retirement. In actuality, the expenses for the district are \$50,000 less this fiscal year. He noted the following changes:

- General Corporation is \$12,000 less;
- Recreation is \$16,000 less;
- Aquatic went up \$195,000 but \$150,000 of that will be used toward debt retirement;
- Museum is increased to allow for equipment purchases out of the Museum fund instead of Capital Fund;
- Golf is \$30,000 less;
- Tax Revenue is increased \$1,018,000;
- Total Revenue is increased \$1,125,000, which is \$107,000 more than last year.
- Cash on Hand started with \$534,962 more in the bank than the previous fiscal year.
- We abated taxes this year for \$433,000.

Wright questioned where we want Cash on Hand to be and where we would use the additional cash. Erhart noted any cash above and beyond the operating costs should be put into Capital for equipment purchases as needed because we have no additional way to add money to the Capital Fund. Currently \$433,000 is being taken out between the Bond Fund and the Aquatic Fund to pay the abated bond payments.

Jedda questioned the projected revenue for the Golf and Aquatic Fund. Erhart noted this past year did not hit budget. Aquatic made \$683,000 and Golf made \$851,000 for the 2016-2017 Fiscal Year.

He went on to note Utilities were budgeted at \$19,000 more this year. Erhart noted that he under-budgeted for 2016-2017 Fiscal Year.

He went on to question if the District has looked into HSA (health service account). Erhart noted the contract was renegotiated in October. He went on to note there was a substantial increase because there were some substantial claims from several employees. The premium went up 30%. Erhart did shop around, and found we were best to stay with the current plan. He also noted that \$20,000 in Aquatic goes to employees on COBRA and those individuals are reimbursing CARD for that amount. He also noted insured employees are now contributing \$25.00 toward the premium per pay period.

Jedda went on to question the dues being paid to the Collinsville Chamber and the Maryville, Troy, St. Jacob, Marine Chamber. He said philosophically, the tax payers should not be funding memberships to chambers. He went on to note we have small sections of the District in Glen Carbon as well as Pontoon Beach and we are not members of those chambers. He went on to note the various donations for auctions at chamber events. He

checked with other local organizations that are members of the chambers, but they do not provide additional items for various events. Erhart pointed out a few of the many benefits of being members of the Collinsville and Troy, Maryville Chambers including advertising of events as well as job postings. The annual fee for the Collinsville Chamber is \$350 and the Troy, Maryville Chamber fee is \$175. Sewell and Achenbach noted it is something that should be discussed later.

BUDGET HEARING PUBLIC COMMENT

Jedda opened the floor for Budget Hearing Public Comment. There were no sign ups for Budget Hearing Public Comment.

ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Achenbach, seconded by Sewell, to close the Budget Hearing.

Those voting AYE were: Achenbach, Jedda, Sewell and Wright. None voted NAY. Motion passed.

The Budget Hearing meeting stood adjourned at 6:46 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

Kimberli DeRossett, Recording Secretary

Date