

VILLAGE OF GRAFTON

FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

MONDAY, APRIL 6, 2015

***Amended**

Chair Jim Brunnquell called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m.

Committee members present: Village President Jim Brunnquell, Trustee David Antoine, Trustee Jim Grant, and Trustee Sue Meinecke

Staff present: Village Administrator Darrell Hofland and Administrative Assistant Chris Stannis

Other Official present: Trustee Lisa Harbeck

Hear persons requesting to be heard

None

2016 AREA OF EMPHASIS

Darrell Hofland, Village Administrator, sent out the survey for Village Board and Management team to rank the Area of Emphasis. A discussion followed regarding the results of the Village Board and management team survey.

Mr. Hofland has asked for recommendations to possibly revise the list or give him alternatives to consider. A discussion resulted regarding how to reduce the number of Areas of Emphasis down to seven with sub categories and to list them in a different way to reduce confusion of importance. No action taken.

RESOLUTION OPPOSING COUNTY ASSESSMENT PROPOSAL IN THE STATE BUDGET BILL

Darrell Hofland, Village Administrator, is recommending the Village of Grafton oppose the county property assessment legislative proposal in the State budget bill. If passed, the Village would pay Ozaukee County for the assessment services. The legislation will reduce local control and increase costs to the Grafton taxpayers.

Motion by Trustee Grant, seconded by Trustee Meinecke to recommend the Village Board approve a resolution opposing proposed legislation to shift property assessment responsibilities from municipalities to counties.
Motion carried.

RESOLUTION OPPOSING ELIMINATION OF PERSONAL PROPERTY TAX AND THE COMPUTER AID PAYMENTS TO LOCAL GOVERNMENTS

Darrell Hofland, Village Administrator, noted the state legislators are proposing a change to eliminate Wisconsin personal property tax and the computer aid payment to

local governments. Paul Styduhar, Director of Administrative Services calculated how much the Village is currently receiving from personal property taxes - \$202,644.02. The tax levy for the adjustment to the Village property owners would result in an equalized tax rate increase of \$.20 per \$1,000 valuation.

The State has been making computer aid payments to local governments since 2001 to offset the personal property tax exemption for computer equipment. The loss of computer aid payment for exempt computers would mean \$34,033 less for the Village's General Fund and \$37,171 less for the Village's TIDs, for a total decrease in state aid payments of \$71,204. The Village would not be able to shift these funds and would be have a monetary loss.

Motion by Trustee Antoine, seconded by Trustee Meinecke to recommend the Village Board approve a resolution opposing the elimination of the personal property tax and the computer aid payments to local governments. Motion carried.

PUBLIC INFORMATION OFFICER AND STATE STATUTE SECTION 66.0502

Darrell Hofland, Village Administrator, provided information regarding the Wisconsin State Statutes on a recent law affecting municipalities' ability to restrict residency of government employee. Mr. Hofland indicated that all employees who are required to adhere to the residency restriction by contract or Personnel Handbook, are in compliance.

Trustees requested that the Village Administrator provide them at the May Finance Committee meeting with a change to the Personnel Handbook to require residency restrictions similar to an emergency employee for the Village Administrator position. Trustee Grant noted that any possible change to the Handbook would not affect the current Village Administrator.

OLD BUSINESS

None

NEW BUSINESS

None

ADJOURN

Motion by, Trustee Grant, seconded by Trustee Meinecke to adjourn at 5:52 p.m. Motion carried.