

VILLAGE OF MARYVILLE
WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 30, 2016
CAUCUS MEETING

6:30 PM Call to Order

Mayor Gulledge called the Caucus Meeting of Wednesday, November 30, 2016 to order.

6:30 PM Pledge of Allegiance

Mayor Gulledge asked all to stand for the Pledge of Allegiance.

6:30 PM Roll Call

Trustees Present: Schmidt, Bell, Kostyshock, Garcia, Short.

Trustees Absent: Vallino

Also in attendance were Deputy Clerk Lucas, Attorney Motil, Treasurer/Clerk Henry, Public Works Director Presson, 1 reporter and 6 guests.

6:30 PM Minutes – November 9, 2016

Mayor Gulledge called for approval of the minutes of the November 9, 2016 Caucus Meeting. Asked if there were any questions, additions or subtractions to the minutes as prepared by the Deputy Clerk. There were none.

Motion to Approve, Moved by Bell, and Seconded by Schmidt (summary: Yes = 5).

Yes: Schmidt, Bell, Kostyshock, Garcia, Short.

6:31 PM Joe Semanisin

Was not in attendance.

6:31 PM Park Committee Recommendation

Trustee Bell discussed the Park Committee's recommendation to allow the Mercenaries Rugby Football Club to use the Village Ball field. Trustee Bell asked Mr. John Fischer to answer questions the Board may have. John Fischer, 2259 Amberleigh Dr., Maryville, IL. Trustee Bell stated the group will supply their own insurance policy and they will be responsible for maintaining the Village property they play on. Bell listed several proposed areas the group could use for the playing season from March through May. Mayor Gulledge had some concern with the Rugby team using the fields during the month of May as it would have a conflict with the Khoury League games that start in May. Mayor Gulledge asked the Trustees how they felt about the recommendation. Discussion followed between the Trustees and John Fischer regarding concerns. Attorney Motil will review the insurance policy to see if it will meet the Village's requirements. Mr. Fischer stated his organization would like to be active in the community by giving back in whatever way they can. Mayor Gulledge asked for further questions or concerns about the Park Committee's recommendation. Several Trustees would like to have more information before voting on the recommendation but most felt the recommendation would be a good idea. The recommendation will be discussed at a later time once Attorney Motil can review the insurance policy. Mayor Gulledge thanked the members of the Mercenaries Rugby Football Club for addressing the Board.

6:59 PM Sewer Rate Increase Proposal – Public Works Committee/Mayor

Mayor Gulledge stated the Water & Sewer Rate Study is conducted every year. The last rate increase was in 2013. Gulledge stated because of several projects in the Water and Sewer Department that need to be completed, the Public Works Committee is recommending, based on the 2015 Water & Sewer Rate Study a sewer rate increase to \$6.10. Discussion followed regarding the findings of the 2015 Study and the proposed sewer rate increase. Mayor Gulledge asked for further questions regarding the recommendation to increase the Water & Sewer Rates for 2017 to \$6.10. There were no further questions or concerns. OK to place on the next Board Meeting agenda for approval.

7:16 PM 2016 Proposed Tax Levy – Henry/Schmidt

Trustee Schmidt discussed a comparison between last year's rates with this year's rates. Schmidt asked Treasurer Henry to review the funds/levy line items for the proposed 2016 Tax Levy. The 2016 estimated tax extended rate is 1.0142. The amount of increase over last year would be \$64,857.34. Henry stated the estimated rate increase would be .0286 (2016's estimated rate of 1.0142 minus the 2015 rate of .9856). Discussion followed regarding the 2016 Tax Levy and the proposed rate increase. Henry stated in prior years the Village has been taking money off the General Fund in order to avoid raising the rate. Mayor Gulledge asked if all were OK with the proposed 2016 Tax Levy as presented by Treasurer Henry and Trustee Schmidt. All were in agreement with what was presented. OK to place on the Board Meeting agenda for approval.

7:27 PM Employee Insurance Renewals – Short

Trustee Short presented the employee medical insurance renewal to be effective 01/1/2017. Cornerstone, the Village's insurance consultants, have reviewed other healthcare plans and noted the rates would be higher than United Health Care's rates. Stated he had met with the Village Employees' Committee and Cornerstone Financial to discuss changes in the employee medical insurance plan. Most employees are satisfied with the United Health Care plan and have agreed to a 5.8% rate increase. Short recommends renewing the current employee medical insurance plan with United Health Care at the 5.8% increase. Trustee Short stated the Employees' Committee would like the Board to consider splitting the emergency room copay cost. Discussion followed regarding the health plan and the request to split the emergency room copay. After polling the Trustees, the Board decided to not share the emergency room copay. Mayor Gulledge asked for further questions or concerns regarding Trustee's Short's recommendation. There were none. OK to place on the next Board Meeting for approval.

7:42 PM Fire Call Pay (December, 2015 – November, 2016) – Short

Trustee Short presented the point totals for the period of December 2015 through November 2016. Short discussed the participation policy that has been set up for members who are eligible for payment. The payment total in 2015 was \$61,252.45. Short stated he had asked Chief Flaughter to put together pay rate estimates of \$2.20, \$2.25, \$2.30 for the Boards review. Discussion occurred between the Trustees regarding the pay rate increase. The Trustees proposed a pay increase to \$2.35 per point for a total pay of \$58,108.45. Trustee Short would like to recommend for the 2016 year a pay rate of \$2.35 per point. Discussion followed regarding the participation by employees in the Fire Department. Mayor Gulledge asked if there were questions or concerns regarding the \$2.35 recommendation. There were none. OK to place on the Board Meeting agenda for approval.

7:51 PM Water Service & Pre-Annexation Agreement: 5931 State Route 162, Glen Carbon – Mayor/Attorney

Mayor Gullledge stated the water service & pre-annexation agreement for 5931 State Route 162, Glen Carbon is the standard agreement. Mayor Gullledge asked for questions or concerns regarding the pre-annexation agreement. There were none. OK to place on the next Board Meeting agenda for approval. A public hearing will take place on December 7, 2016 at 6:15 PM.

7:51 PM Calendar Updates

Discussed upcoming Village events. December 3rd, Santa Fest will be held at the Firehouse from 10:00 AM - 12:00 PM, December 13th – The Village Holiday Lighting Contest will take place at 6:00 PM., The Village Hall and Public Works Departments will be closed December 23rd and December 26th to observe the Christmas Holiday.

7:53 PM Public Input

There was none.

7:53 PM To Do List – Mayor

Page one: No comments.

Page two: No comments.

7:53 PM Trustee Comments

Schmidt – Stated the Christmas tree in the Village Plaza looks nice. Asked if the Boy Scout food drive benefited other communities besides Maryville. Trustee Garcia stated the Pantry donated items they had received large amounts of.

Bell – None

Kostyshock – Stated the Village of Maryville Christmas decorations look really nice.

Garcia – None

Short – Stated next Wednesday, December 7th he will be at the Festival of Trees at the Collinsville Convention Center. The funds from this year's festival will go to the Maryville Kiwanis. The Kiwanis have decided to use the funds to purchase playground equipment for Drost Park.

7:58 PM Mayor Comments

Mayor Gullledge stated he had received a letter from the Drost Park Khoury League requesting the Village to sponsor a team for the 2017 season. Gullledge stated he would get more information and present it to the Board for approval.

7:58 PM Adjournment

There being no further business to come before this meeting, Mayor Gullledge called for a motion to adjourn.

Motion to adjourn, Moved by Bell, Seconded by Schmidt.

Vote: Motion carried by unanimous roll call vote (summary: Yes = 5).

Yes: Schmidt, Bell, Kostyshock, Garcia, Short.

7:59 PM Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

**Christy Lucas
Deputy Clerk**