

**CHANNAHON VILLAGE BOARD
COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MEETING
MARCH 15, 2010**

Trustee Greco called the meeting to order at 6:02 p.m. with Trustees Militello, Nash, Papesh, McMillin and Slocum present.

Also present were Village Administrator Jamie Bowden, Finance Director Robert Guess, Village Attorney David Silverman, Police Chief Joe Pena, Director of Public Works Ed Dolezal, Director of Community Development Mike McMahon, and Village Clerk Missey Schumacher.

ADMINISTRATION DEPARTMENT

Water and Sewer Rate Study with Ehlers & Associates

Bowden stated that VOC hired Ehlers to look at water and sewer rate structure. The report is in the Board packet. Brad Townsend of Ehlers & Associates is in attendance to go over the analysis. At issue is that the water rate is providing more revenue than sewer. Ehlers looked at balancing it and removing the minimum rate.

Brad Townsend stated that the main problem is beyond VOC control, namely the economic situation. Ehlers looked at various facets, including redistribution of money within the fund, reversing the projected decline, and sustaining a fund balance that should grow steadily over the years.

Bowden offered the possibility of a summer water rate, removing the minimum usage of 4,000 gallons, and including a \$5 administrative fee.

Dolezal stated that in summer months, sewer usage would be based on flow during winter months. Summer sewer rate would be based on what you use in the winter, while the extra would be attributed to lawn watering, car washing, etc. Dolezal also stated that water/sewer rates increase 3% per year, a practice that Ehlers recommends continuing.

Guess stated that the bill in report does not include the refuse part of the bill.

Dolezal asked that if accepted, this issue be moved forward to be included in this budget.

Bowden stated that ordinance will be presented for approval. VOC will assess this over the next couple of years to monitor income.

Townsend suggested that when VOC needs to expand system, we should take another look at the rate system.

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT

Henneberry Unit 2 Final Plat of Resubdivision

McMahon stated that Henneberry is getting closer to closing out. They are requesting approval of re-subdivision to re-subdivide two areas out of the plat. One parcel will be deeded to Channahon Park District. The other one will go to Hunter's West Homeowner's Association.

McMahon stated that Gary Pike of Henneberry is in attendance to answer questions.

FINANCE DEPARTMENT

Resolution to Adopt IMRF Early Retirement Incentive

Guess stated that as part of downsizing, there is an early retirement incentive program to consider. There is a representative coming next Tuesday. Five employees are eligible to apply for this. IMRF will provide a cost estimate for VOC. VOC costs would be amortized over the life of 5 year program.

POLICE DEPARTMENT

An Ordinance Amending the Village of Channahon Code of Ordinances with Respect to Compliance Tickets – 1st Read

Chief Pena stated that the fine level has not been raised in some time. He is asking to raise certain fines from \$50 to \$100. He said that the current fine schedule makes for uneven fines. He asked that the Board consider waiving of the second read.

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT

Hire of a Waste Water Operator

Dolezal stated that the waste water operator resigned 3 months ago. VOC has received 26 applications. After multiple interviews, Daniel Drummond was offered the position contingent upon Board approval and employment physical and drug screen.

Submitted by
Janet Schumacher
Village Clerk