

Village President Brolley called the meeting to order at 7:03 p.m. followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

**Roll Call**

Trustee Sperling	Yea	Trustee Jungermann	Yea
Trustee Lee	No	Trustee Marecek	Yea
Trustee Heinz	Yea	Trustee Bond	Yea

Also present: Administrator Jeff Zoepfel, Chief of Police Daniel Meyers, Director of Public Works Todd Hoppenstedt, Director of Finance Justin VanVooren, Director of Community Development Rich Young, Members of the Press and others.

**Public Participation**

**A. Public Comments (Two Minute Opportunity).**

There were no public comments.

**Items for Discussion**

**A. FY18 Budget Review (Attachment)**

Director VanVooren presented the FY18 proposed budget and the FY17 budget review to date. The FY17 budget is coming in as projected with a \$90,000 surplus maintained, due to staff keeping expenditures down and the sales tax revenue coming in higher than projected. For FY18, the three top revenue sources would be sales tax, property tax and income tax.

Director VanVooren shared FY18 recommended staffing for two new patrol officers and for four seasonal summer employees for Public Works. Finally, he advised that the general fund expenditures for health, dental, life and liability insurance, dispatch services and Police Pension contributions would be going up and that several general fund items, such as IMRF and sales tax rebate agreement amounts, would be going down.

Some discussion took place regarding the cost of adding new police officers, how hiring new officers in a staggered manner only benefits the budget during their first year of their employment and how the proposed budget only allows for hiring two new officers when four were requested. Chief Meyers acknowledged a need for more officers in the Village to track with the population growth beyond the 28 full-time and four part-time officers that are currently on staff.

He also commented that the Police Department added three officers last year, had two projected for this year and that his department has kept up with attrition as officers leave the force or retire. He

suggested that no redistricting would occur with the projected additional positions but that another patrol car would be added west of Orchard Road. Finally, Chief Meyers advised that heavier police call volumes occurred during the winter storm events in December 2016.

President Brolley stated that the Kane and Kendall County Sheriff's Departments could be called on in times of need and that staffing levels, call volumes and budgeting for police officers would be reviewed and considered at a future meeting in March. Lastly, he cautioned that the substantial LGDF income tax expected from the state will need to be secured and fought for in Springfield and that Montgomery had no tax increase this year.

### **B. Clay Street Building**

Director Hoppenstedt presented recommendations for the 331 Clay Street Building. It is currently used for storage, but needs roofing, coping, tuck-pointing and fascia repairs. He noted that it could be repaired for \$60,000, demolished for \$40-50,000, repurposed or sold at auction, or deeded to the Montgomery Countryside Fire District, who would use it for storage and training exercises. Director Hoppenstedt recommended a legal transfer to the Fire District as it was the least costly option for the Village. With the transfer, Public Works would waive all responsibility for the location going forward.

Questions were raised on the viability of the site for some commercial use. Director Young indicated that the location was not zoned for commercial, would have to be updated to be rezoned and would not be a good site for a commercial spot zone. It was agreed that best course of action would be a change of ownership to deed the site to the Fire Protection District and Director Hoppenstedt was directed to proceed accordingly.

### **C. Department Updates**

Chief Meyers discussed the new police cadet and her progress thus far after four weeks of training. He anticipated her graduation date from the police academy to take place in May 2017.

Director Hoppenstedt stated that his department reduced their expenditures due to light snow experienced this winter and little overtime needed. Also, no additional salt was required to be purchased above the minimum amount that was bid on. Salt prices were very reasonable and any unused portion of salt could be stored for future use.

Director VanVooren shared that his staff was working hard on the property tax rebates and are ahead of where they were last year at this time. Most applications have been reviewed to determine eligibility but there are a few left to review. His department has also been working on the FY18 budget for quite some time now.

Director Young shared that his staff was working on amendments to the parking section of the zoning ordinance. They are also working to process a few cases that they will bring to the Board for development in March or April 2017. He was looking for input and feedback from the Board on an apartment development opportunity and whether the Community Development Department should

adopt the newer 2012 or 2015 editions of the International Building Code. He stated that it has been a number of years since the last update was adopted by the Village.

The Building Department was working on issuing certificates of occupancy for United Sugar and Nexeo as they had been operating on temporary permits during their interior buildouts. Also, there is a potential large annexation being reviewed. His department has meetings with property owners planned and some small commercial development activity is being investigated.

**New or Unfinished Business**

Trustee Sperling shared that the Montgomery Rotary Club will be hosting a presentation with two exchange students from France and Switzerland on Thursday, February 23rd at 6:30 pm in the Village Board room. The students will discuss their home countries and experiences during their stay in the United States and all are welcome to attend.

**Executive Session – None**

**Adjournment: 7:38 p.m.**

Seeking no further business to come before the Board, it was moved by Trustee Heinz and seconded by Trustee Jungermann to **adjourn the meeting.**

5 Yea. 0 No. Motion carried. Trustee Heinz, Trustee Jungermann, Trustee Marecek, Trustee Bond, and Trustee Sperling voting yea.

Respectfully submitted,

Penny FitzPatrick  
Village Clerk