

MINUTES OF THE VILLAGE OF GOLF MANOR REGULAR MEETING
FEBRUARY 13, 2006

The regular meeting of the Village of Golf Manor was called to order by Mayor Alan Zaffiro; Clerk-Treasurer Gregory Doering recorded the minutes. After the Pledge-Of –Allegiance, the roll was taken with the following members present: Mrs. Dubose, Mr. Colvin, Mr. Doering, Dr. Morton and Mr. Puthoff.

Ms. Dubose made a motion to excuse Mr. Brown, seconded by Mr. Colvin all members approved.

Ms. Dubose made a motion, seconded by Mr. Colvin, to approve the minutes of January 22, 2006 as read, all members approved.

Mayor Zaffiro reported on a financial crisis on our financial standing (balance sheet).

Mayor Zaffiro explained that the Fire Levy account on our balance sheet should be about \$275,000.00 but our total balance is less than that. Another problem is the Workers Compensation bill is between \$109,000.00 to \$190,000.00 in arrears.

Mr. Michael Mestemaker of 5/3rd Bank spoke to council about the status of finances in Golf Manor including an explanation of the General Fund Balance report (attached).

Mayor Zaffiro added that he met February 10, 2006 with department heads to discuss the situation.

Chief Ballman stated that the account balance should be \$285,000.00 in the fire levy fund. He will need that money to purchase a new squad and a utility vehicle in 2006. Is that money really available? No, not currently, per Mr. Mestemaker.

Mr. Creager added that he has had to go to the Auditor's Office to get a cash advance (\$20,000.00) to meet payroll and has had to "hold out" non-urgent bills to be paid.

Mr. Butler questioned if we could have a separate account for Fire Department Levy money and Police Department Levy money. O.K. per Mr. Mestemaker. Maybe we should have three accounts.

1. Fire Dept. Levy money.
2. General Fund money.
3. Police Dept. Levy money.

Mayor Zaffiro asked for ideas.

Councilman Doering stated that starting now we must not have any new expenditure over and above the budgeted amount for 2006.

Mayor agreed, but how are we going to put the money back in the Fire Dept. Levy account. Corrective action? We need to watch expenses and hammer on income tax collections. Our current "plan" is not working. We will revisit this later in tonight's meeting.

POLICE CHIEF/SERVICE DIRECTOR: Chief Tilley reported:

1. Thanked Mr. Colvin for his help in apprehending two burglary suspects.

2. Displayed a shot gun a Ridgeacres resident found in her front yard.
3. Credit card machine for Mayor's Court, hopes for more payments in Mayors Court; Needs councils O.K.

Motion to approve made by Mr. Puthoff, seconded by Mr. Doering, all members approved.

FIRE DEPARTMENT: Chief Ballman distributed his January 2006 Fire & EMS Response report to council.

SERVICE DIRECTOR: Mr. Creager distributed a report on council concerns (results of work) to council.

Mayor Zaffiro reported Mayors Court totals for:

1. October 2005 - \$3590.00
2. November 2005 - \$3615.00
3. December 2005 - \$4657.00
4. January 2006 – \$5540.00

ORDINANCE 2006-1: Adopting IPMC. Motion to suspend rules made by Ms. Dubose, seconded by Mr. Puthoff, all members approved.

Motion to read by title made by Mr. Puthoff, seconded by Ms. Dubose, all members approved.

Motion to pass made by Mr. Puthoff, seconded by Ms. Dubose, all members approved.

RESOLUTION 2006-3: Surplus Property. Motion to pass made by Mr. Puthoff, seconded by Mr. Colvin, all members approved.

Councilman Doering reported that he has had contact with Drees Homes concerning the Stover Avenue project. A letter from the Mayor would be appropriate. He will try to set up a meeting with all parties.

Mayor Zaffiro asked at this time to return to a discussion of village finances. He asked for ideas from council.

Mr. Puthoff stated:

1. Our tax person, Lonnie Kirschner needs to be working for her pay.
2. Mayors Court – we need to get income raised.
3. Dept heads need to O.K. any/all purchases, even budgeted items.

Chief Tilley reported that the Golf Manor Police Department is already at 102 hours in just court time for January 2006. 800 hours were budgeted for all of 2006.

Mr. Colvin questioned the savings of reducing the maintenance department by one. Per Mr. Tilley, savings would be about \$65,000.00 (salary and benefits).

Clerk Treasurer Doering pleaded that we stop approving additional expenses. 2006 was a balanced budget and our last 2 major expenditures A) reorganization of Police Chief, Service Director and Building Inspector and B) Contract with

Solicitor, which was approved by council, will cost us thousands of dollars we did not budget for.

Chief Ballman stated that he can't cut anymore from the Golf Manor Fire Department budget. \$285,000.00 was saved to purchase equipment. We can't be asked to save and/or cut more – we must increase revenue.

Chief Tilley added that cutting is not the answer; rather an operating levy is a possible answer. A levy of 5-7 MILS would generate up to \$360,000.00

Mayor Zaffiro suggested a combination of a levy and reduction of expenses. Each mill would be about \$53,000.00. General operating levy versus street levy.

Clerk Treasurer Doering suggested an 8 MIL operating levy, with \$425,000.00 to general fund and \$180,000.00 earmarked for streets.

Mayor Zaffiro stated:

1. Hold off any capitol expenditures.
2. Wane will concentrate on tax collections.
3. Favored a street levy (8 MIL) in May 2006.

Ms. Dubose favors an 8 MIL street levy in May.

Mr. Colvin favors an 8 MIL street levy in May.

Mr. Puthoff favors an 8 Mil Street Levy in May.

Dr. Morton favors a general operating levy with emphasis on street repairs in May; additional in November if needed.

Councilman Doering feels that May is too soon to go back to the voters, but would prefer an operating levy over a street levy.

After all discussion, Mr. Puthoff made a motion to propose an 8 MIL street levy for the May election, seconded by Mr. Colvin, all members approved.

RESOLUTIN 2006-4: Tax Levy. Motion to approve made by Mr. Puthoff, seconded by Ms. Dubose, all members approved.

Mayor Zaffiro announced that we will hold a special meeting of council on Wednesday, February 15, 2006 at 6:45 PM.

Mr. Puthoff reported that Millie Luther, longtime resident and employee of the Village, passed away.

FINANCE: Mrs. Dubose made a motion, seconded by Dr. Morton to approve the bills totaling \$67,552.71, all members approved.

SOLICITOR: No report.

SAFETY AND HEALTH: No report.

STREETS AND INFRASTRUCTURE: No report.

OLD BUSINESS: No report.

NEW BUSINESS: No report.

Motion to adjourn made by Ms. Dubose, seconded by Mr. Puthoff, all members approved.

MAYOR, ALAN ZAFFIRO

CLERK-TREAS., GREG DOERING