

MINUTES OF THE VILLAGE OF GOLF MANOR SPECIAL MEETING
JULY 28, 2010

A special meeting of the Village of Golf Manor was called to order by Mayor Alan Zaffiro; Clerk Treasurer Greg Doering recorded the minutes. The roll was taken with all members present.

The purpose of the special meeting was to discuss the proposed Replacement Fire Dept. Levy.

RESOLUTION 2010-22: Submit to the Electorate 6 Mil Replacement Levy for Golf Manor Fire Department.

Mr. Butler noted that the Auditor's office did certify the figures as current cost to property of \$100,000.00 home - \$142.10. If approved, cost to property owner of \$100,000.00 home would be \$178.77.

Motion to read by title made by Mr. Doering, seconded by Mrs. Faulk.

Motion to pass made by Mr. Doering, seconded by Mrs. Faulk, all members approved.

Mayor Zaffiro spoke against the levy as:

1. Household income is dropping; increase in taxes is not good policy.
2. We do not need to sustain just one department (Fire), but the entire Village. We need a comprehensive plan to sustain the entire Village operations.
3. The perception of raising taxes discourages investment in the Village.
4. Let's wait and develop a better plan.

Mr. Brown spoke against the levy as:

1. We are being too hasty with this.
2. To raise taxes sends the wrong message.

Councilman Doering spoke in favor of the levy being put on the ballot as a replacement:

1. All of our services (Golf Manor Police Dept., Golf Manor Fire Dept., and Golf Manor Maintenance Dept.) are worth it \$36.67 per year (= \$3.00/mo.) will not hurt.
2. Idea of reducing the income tax credit would be an Executive decision, why not leave it up to the voters.

Mrs. Faulk spoke in favor of it as if we do not increase the levy income, we could lose the Golf Manor Fire Dept. as we know it, and insurance rates would skyrocket from our current (lowest) rates. Let the voters decide!

Ms. Moscovitz added that our millage rate is up, now even greater than the City of Cincinnati.

Chief Ballman responded that he is not looking out for his department, but for the good of the entire Village and resents that statement of the Mayor. (Mayor responded that we need a comprehensive plan.) Without the increase in revenue, we

could be looking at a reduction in the number of Golf Manor Fire Dept. personnel which could put the Village in jeopardy.

Why not let the voters decide in November, 2010 and if passed we could look at reducing the street levy down the pike (2016).

Mrs. Dubose added that we have great departments in the Village and this levy is the smart and prudent thing to do.

Roll call vote follows:

Mrs. Dubose – Yes

Mr. Brown – No

Mrs. Faulk – Yes

Mr. Doering – Yes

Ms. Moscovitz – No

Mr. Gilbert – Yes

Motion passes 4-2.

Motion to adjourn made by Mr. Doering, seconded by Mrs. Dubose, all members approved.

MAYOR, ALAN ZAFFIRO

CLERK-TREAS., GREG DOERING