



VILLAGE OF
SOUTH CHICAGO HEIGHTS
BOARD OF TRUSTEES
COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE
MEETING MINUTES



NOVEMBER 1, 2021

A Committee of the Whole meeting was held on Monday, November 1, 2021, by teleconference and at the Village Hall 3317 Chicago Road, South Chicago Heights, Illinois. Mayor Terry Matthews called the meeting to order at 7:19 p.m. Mayor Matthews requested the Village Clerk, Catherine Linan, to call the roll. The following were present:

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| Terry Matthews | Mayor | John Dolasinski | Treasurer |
| Catherine Linan | Village Clerk | Nick Goncher | Bldg. Director |
| Matt Welch | Attorney | Chad Vlietstra | Fire Chief |
| Eugene Fazzini | Trustee | William Joyce | Police Chief |
| Terry Fiorenzo | Trustee | Mark Martin | Public Works Director |
| Eric Stanton | Trustee | Nora Gomez | Administrator |
| Tracy Bosco | Trustee | Jesse Kozinski | Deputy Police Chief |
| John Ross | Trustee | | |

Trustee Sally Marrufo was absent.

PUBLIC COMMENT: None.

DISCUSSION – RENEWAL OF METRO CONTRACT: Mayor Matthews stated that he recently distributed information provided by Metro Paramedic Services to all the trustees that explains the many crises they are faced with that is causing the need for the 30% percent increase. Fire Chief Vlietstra explained the cost of paramedic school and difficult testing has created a shortage of trained paramedics. Chief Vlietstra stated since 2016 Metro has provided one paramedic per shift at an hourly rate of \$12.50 with a 1% increase each year however, today they are paying \$15.00 per hour for the same service. Chief Vlietstra explained that the Illinois public health department did away with the state exam and all paramedics now are required to take the National Paramedic test which is an extremely difficult test. Chief Vlietstra stated that the cost of health insurance for Metro employees has also risen and that all these factors is causing our renewal contract to increase by 39%. Chief Vlietstra stated that the new contract is for 2 years and would be increasing pay from \$15.00 per hour to \$18.00 with a 1.5% contract increase on year 2. Discussion ensued amongst the board regarding the services we have been and currently received from Metro, sending out request for proposal for a new paramedic service, and if there was any room for negotiating the potential increase. The Mayor and the Board agreed to contact Metro regarding the increase, and they all agreed to stay with Metro.

DISCUSSION – 2021 PRELIMINARY TAX LEVY: Mayor Matthews asked Treasurer Dolasinski to explain. Treasurer Dolasinski summarized the state statute requirements for the tax levy and explained his proposed 2021 preliminary tax levy was 1.48% greater than 2020. Treasurer Dolasinski stated that the proposal includes an increase in the estimated EAV in addition to the CPI increase of 1.40% that applies to non-home rule governments. Treasurer Dolasinski stated that if the final levy amount exceeds 105% of the prior year, the Village would be required to hold a Truth

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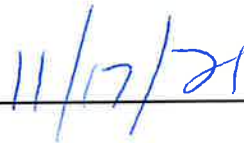
in Taxation public hearing. Treasurer Dolasinski stated that the Village is no longer subject to the Property Tax Extension Limitation Law and that he is not proposing an increase in the levy of more than the CPI factor for this year plus the estimate of annual EAV growth. Discussion ensued among the Board regarding not using home rule powers to increase property taxes above the CPI, the amount of property taxes collected versus the levy amount, the proposed 2021 tax levy of 1.48%, and omitting the EAV growth of .08%. Attorney Welch explained that by ordinance the allowance for loss added to the total levy by the County Clerk could be increased, to compensate for the Village's actual collection loss rate.

ADJOURNMENT:

With nothing further to discuss, Trustee Stanton motioned to adjourn the Committee of the Whole meeting, seconded by Trustee Bosco. On a voice vote, all ayes, no nays; the motion so ordered. Meeting adjourned at 8:24 p.m.



Catherine Linan, Village Clerk



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