

**Village of Prairie Grove  
Special Meeting Minutes  
December 4, 2009**

**1. Call to Order:** President Duda is absent. Trustee Baudin (Acting as President Pro Tem) called this Special Meeting to order at 3:00 PM.

**2. Roll Call:** Trustees Baudin, Behm, Greenwald, McConnell and Robak all present. Trustees Handera and President Duda absent. Attorney McArdle, Village Administrator Smith and Clerk Minor also present.

**3. Public Comment:** None

Administrator Smith stated that she had recently had a request by Michael J. Graft, Heritage Hills Subdivision to accept his subdivision 12 months early. She asked the Village Board if they would consider taking cash in lieu of the Letter of Credit to take over the subdivision early. Heritage Hills is currently on maintenance for another year. Administrator Smith stated that she had talked to the Public Works Department and the Village Engineer and they don't anticipate any issues. She asked the Village Board if they would like to consider this request at the next Village Board Meeting. They advised Administrator Smith to continue negotiations.

**4. Motion to Adopt Tax Levy Resolution#2009-11 & Discussion:**

**Motion by Trustee Behm, 2nd by Trustee Robak** to a Adopt Tax Levy Resolution#2009-11.

**Discussion:**

*(Trustee Handera arrives at 3:10 PM)*

The resolution for the proposed tax levy states that the levied amount of 2009 estimated property taxes is \$445,039. The Village will not increase this year's levy amounts for corporate and police protection over the amounts levied last year.

Trustee McConnell stated that it appears we are increasing taxes based on the statutory format.

Attorney Richard Flood gave an explanation of the Tax Levy and law. The Village by law is required to levy for the full tax amount for Road & Bridge knowing that a portion of the taxes are abated by the McHenry County Clerk. The levy is the amount the Village wants

and the extension is the amount the Village receives. The Village is estimating for the purpose of newspaper publication.

Trustee Robak stated that this year's levy is within 1% of last year's levy so the Village is keeping it basically flat from last year. The Village is aiming for the same amount as last year.

Trustee McConnell stated that it is our intent is to keep the tax rate the same and our projection is to have little or no impact on resident's taxes.

**On a Roll Call Vote: Trustees Baudin, Behm, Greenwald, Handera and Robak all voted aye. Motion carries.**

*(Trustee Greenwald left the Meeting at 3:40 PM)*

**5. Discussion Regarding Waste Hauler Contract Terms:**

Administrator Smith requested direction regarding contract terms for our new waste hauler contract. A discussion ensued regarding a cart program for the entire Village at a rate of \$17.50 per month. Currently residents have the cart option. The current level of service has a monthly rate of \$14.33 and an additional \$1.76 for the cart option. The new rate would be at \$15.25 and an additional \$1.83 for the cart option. Also discussed was an on demand pick up service or sticker program and a break for seniors at age 65 and over. The Village Board would like to keep the same level of service that they currently have with the cart option. She advised the Village Board that she would work to have a contract ready for the December meeting.

**6. Executive Session: None**

**7. Adjournment: Motion made by Trustee Robak 2<sup>nd</sup> by Trustee McConnell to adjourn this Special Village Board Meeting at 3:50 PM. On a Roll Call Vote: Trustees Baudin, Behm, Handera, McConnell and Robak all voted Aye, Motion carries.**

Respectfully Submitted by: \_\_\_\_\_  
Kim Minor, Village Clerk