

**CHANNAHON VILLAGE BOARD
SPECIAL BOARD MEETING
MARCH 12, 2012**

President Cook called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. with Trustees Militello, Nash, Papesh, McMillin, Slocum, and Greco present.

Also present were Village Administrator Joe Pena, Finance Director Bob Guess, Police Chief Jeff Wold, Director of Public Works Ed Dolezal, Director of Community Development Mike McMahan and Village Clerk Missey Schumacher.

Guess summarized the zero based budget and the citizen advisory committee. Guess stated that the VOC bond rating has not been changed but still has a negative connotation. They are encouraged by the proposed budget, but they will re-review it after hard numbers are presented. The negative connotations are regarding the previous three years of deficit spending. He added that expenditures are down and the projected budget will not need to use rebate fund borrowing.

Trustee Militello asked if it is more cost effective to lease as opposed to purchase some bigger ticket items.

Pena stated that BRC (Budget Review Committee) suggested that. We will take that into consideration.

While there weren't any major programs cut, without capital this year there were several vehicles that were not replaced. In PD, training was cut back. Northeast Multiregional training services most of this area. PD put that on the table for not renewing. However, we are now playing catch up. So there are things we haven't done.

Cook stated that with cut backs in training, you increase liability.

Guess summarized other areas of the budget including changes in workman's compensation spending due to claims.

Pena stated that it is important that VOC has representation at the capitol during lobby day on April 24th.

Trustees decided not to renew NLC membership.

Trustees asked questions and made some suggestions.

Wold stated that PD budget is less than last year. They have lost one person out of the department. Big expense is rising cost of gas. They need to replace 2 vehicles. 12 hour shifts have done a lot to reduce overtime.

Trustees discussed the expense of Three Rivers Fest.

Dolezal stated that Public Works is looking to replace larger trucks at 15 years. We are getting past a decade on many of them.

He also stated that they will be rebidding salt through the state again this year.

The meeting adjourned at 8:20 p.m.

Submitted by
Janet Schumacher
Village Clerk