

**MINUTES OF THE COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE
MONDAY, DECEMBER 15, 2008**

CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL

The meeting of the Committee of the Whole was called to order by Mayor Jim Holland on Monday, December 15, 2008, at 5:30 p.m., at Heritage Hall, 14 s. Hickory St. Frankfort, IL.

Those present for the meeting included Mayor Jim Holland, Trustee Mike Stevens. Also in attendance were, Police Chief Rob Piscia, Village Administrator Jerry Ducay, and Secretary Alice Schomburg.

Others present were Assistant Village Administrator Howard Sloan, and Department Heads Sue Wantuch, Sandy Babka, Terry Kestel, and Craig Eyer. Mary Canino, John Craven, and Mark McCluskey were also present.

Trustee Trevarthan arrived at 5:34 p.m.

Trustee Heath arrived at 5:35 p.m.

Trustee Walker arrived at 5:52 p.m.

Trustee Egan arrived at 6:25 p.m.

Trustee Morgan arrived at 6:28 p.m.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

A motion (#1) was made by Trustee Trevarthan, seconded by Trustee Morgan, to approve the minutes of December 1, 2008 as presented.

Voice vote taken. All in favor. Motion carried.

BUDGET PRIORITIES 2009-2010

Administrator Ducay gave a brief presentation on the proposed 2009/2010 budget. He reviewed the revenue sources and all the anticipated expenditures.

Mr. Ducay was directed to prepare the initial draft for the 2009/2010 fiscal year budget.

VILLAGE BOARD BUDGET INITIATIVES

Mayor Holland asked for comments from the Board and Staff regarding initiatives for the 2009/2010 year.

Trustees offered the following comments:

- Consider cutting the Tax Rebate Program or lowering the percent returned
- Keep a tight rein on spending in the next year
- Keep staff raises in the budget
- Allow for 911 services
- Keep police force staff as top priority

- Asked for department heads to bring forth saving initiatives
- Review cost of mowing vacant lots as well as village property
- Continue with the street light program
- Continue with the water main and sewer projects
- Consider another location for the proposed water tower
- More storage for Public Works
- Cable budget should be moved to the Capital Fund
- Buy more land
- More events in the downtown area
- Signage for downtown area
- New programs for our community

There were no comments from staff.

Mr. Ducay was directed to condense these ideas and initiatives for review by the Board.

ADJOURNMENT

A motion (#2) was made by Trustee Trevarthan, seconded by Trustee Morgan, to adjourn the Committee of the Whole meeting of Monday, December 15, 2008.

Voice vote taken. All in favor. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 6:42 p.m.