

JOINT MUNICIPAL COURT OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE MEETING

September 15, 2015 - 6:00 P.M.

PRESENT: Mayor Mike Wiza, Alderperson Bryan Van Stippen, Alderperson Shaun Morrow, Plover Village President Tom Davies, Plover Village Trustee Andrew Timm

ALSO PRESENT: Kari Jozwiak, Corey Ladick, Dan Mahoney, Andrew Beveridge, Kelley Pazdernik

1. Roll Call

Quorum present.

2. Discussion and possible action on the 2015/2016 budgets.

C/T Ladick distributed a budget sheet stating the current Municipal Court numbers through 7/31/15 and the proposed budget estimates for 2016. He stated finishing the year we are hoping to make a small profit so we can start to repay each municipality the initial capital investments.

For 2016 one of the biggest changes with the budget, is with the contracted software maintenance, basically we had an initial set up fee that we spread over 2 years so there will be a savings of about \$8000.00 there which will free up some money for the 2016 budget.

Mayor Wiza did a brief overview of the process of creating the Municipal Court for the new people on the committee. Discussion followed with questions and explanations of the numbers on the budget sheet. They also discussed the percentage of fines that were being collected so far. Municipal Court Clerk Jozwiak stated approximately 73% of Stevens Points and 60% of Plovers were. Plover does not use Tax Intercept.

Plover Administrator Mahoney stated their Police Chief who is from Oconto said one of the things they did to collect fines was to suspend hunting/fishing licenses. They are finding out that a significant amount of people were then paying off their fines. Plover Administrator Mahoney feels we should look at doing this in the future. The way the Village of Plover is looking at this is revenues versus the cost of the system and clearly it is covering the cost of the system and they are comfortable with it.

Mayor Wiza suggested this item be placed after 3 and 4 since those agenda items could impact the budget.

3. Discussion and possible action on Municipal Court Judge salary May 1, 2016 to April 30, 2020.

Mayor Wiza stated the salary has to be set before the four year term and election in April, 2016.

Mayor Wiza distributed a sheet with Municipal Court Judge Salaries around Wisconsin. He felt we should look at a salary of \$16,000.00 comparable to Wisconsin Rapids and Merrill cities of like size.

C/T Ladick stated there should be about a \$9,000.00 net gain anticipated from paid fines and forfeitures in 2016 to utilize for the salary of the Elected Municipal Court Judge's term starting May 1, 2016.

Alderperson Van Stippen wanted to know if the beginning start up costs would be recouped. Mayor Wiza stated there is no specific purpose for any positive revenue. Eventually if we some profit, we will make the start up costs back. Any loss would come out of the reserve account.

Motion made by Alderperson Van Stippen seconded by Alderperson Morrow to increase the salary for Elected Municipal Court Judge for the term May 1, 2016 through April 30, 2020 to \$16,000.00 per year.

Ayes all, nays none. Motion carried.

4. Discussion and possible action on request for a backup municipal court clerk.

When the Municipal Court Clerk is not at work, currently the court is closed. The proposal is to have a very limited, on call person available to fill in.

It would require some training to start. It would be very limited, no more than a few weeks a year.

Discussion followed going over the difficulties of finding someone willing to do this and how the budget could be impacted. C/T Ladick did not feel it would cause a problem due to the small amount of time they would be working.

Motion made by Mayor Wiza seconded by Plover Village President Davies to authorize posting of the backup/on call position for the Municipal Court Clerk with any candidates being interviewed by the Municipal Court Judge and if hired, not to exceed \$2000.00 in 2016.

Ayes all, nays none. Motion carried.

2. Discussion and possible action on the 2015/2016 budgets as amended.

Motion made by Plover Village President Davies seconded by Plover Village Trustee Timm to amend the budget to include increasing the Municipal Court Judge salary to \$16,000.00 beginning May 1, 2016 and up to \$2,000.00 for costs associated with a backup/on call position for Municipal Court Clerk.

Ayes all, nays none. Motion carried.

5. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 6:50p.m.