

**MINUTES OF A SPECIAL COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE
MEETING OF THE DUPAGE WATER COMMISSION
HELD ON THURSDAY, APRIL 21, 2011
600 E. BUTTERFIELD ROAD
ELMHURST, ILLINOIS**

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Zay at 5:02 P.M.

Commissioners in attendance: L. Crawford, R. Furstenau, D. Loftus, W. Murphy, J. Pruyn (arrived at 5:13 P.M.), F. Saverino, M. Scheck, P. Suess, J. B. Webb (arrived at 5:15 P.M.), and J. Zay

Commissioners Absent: T. Cullerton, C. Janc, and D. Russo

Also in attendance: J. Spatz, M. Crowley, C. Johnson, T. McGhee, R. C. Bostick, J. Nesbitt, J. Schori, M. Weed, F. Frelka, and E. Kazmierczak

General Manager Spatz began the discussion on the Tentative Draft Fiscal Year 2011-2012 Budget by thanking staff for their help in making the \$1MM reduction in the Tentative Draft Fiscal Year 2011-2012 Budget from the version distributed to the Commission's customers in March. General Manager Spatz added that the proposed budget reductions could be achieved without hurting the Commission because, for example, budgeted construction expenditures would be limited to those that were reasonably expected to occur during the applicable budget year rather than over the life of the project. General Manager Spatz also noted that he made no changes to the proposed budget for personnel expenditures such as wages and tuition reimbursement, believing the budgeting of those expenditures would be more appropriate for the Board to address. Chairman Zay then opened the floor to questions.

Commissioner Furstenau first expressed his appreciation to General Manager Spatz for including in the Board packet a question and answer sheet that listed all of the questions that the Board members had submitted prior to the meeting and staff's responses. Commissioner Furstenau then referred to the proposed 3% salary increase on page two, noting that the increase seemed high and suggested that the Board consider what other communities are budgeting. Commissioner Furstenau also questioned the high overtime, especially within the Operations Department.

Commissioner Murphy echoed Commissioner Furstenau's comments but suggested deferring the discussion of budget-related personnel matters such as wages, benefits, and collective bargaining negotiations to Executive Session, and Chairman Zay agreed subject to verification by the Staff Attorney. At which point, Staff Attorney Crowley advised that the compensation of specific employees, or classes of employees, and collective bargaining negotiations were appropriate topics for discussion in Executive Session.

Commissioner Furstenau next noted a mathematical error on page four in line item 01-60-6280 Consulting Services, stating that the line should reflect a \$20K reduction, and staff agreed. After that, Commissioner Suess questioned the \$25K for parking lot striping. Manager of Water Operations McGhee explained that the item included not only striping but also the addition of curb stops in the new covered parking area and

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seal coating of both the new covered parking area and the new service yard parking area. Manager of Water Operations McGhee added, however, that the seal coating for both parking areas had recently been removed from the draft budget.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Commissioner Murphy moved to go into Executive Session to discuss matters relating to personnel pursuant to 5 ILCS 120/2(c)(1) and (2). Seconded by Commissioner Loftus and unanimously approved by a Roll Call Vote:

Ayes: L. Crawford, R. Furstenau, D. Loftus, W. Murphy, F. Saverino, M. Scheck, P. Suess, and J. Zay

Nays: None

Absent: T. Cullerton, C. Janc, J. Pruyn, D. Russo, and J.W. Webb

The Board went into Executive Session at 5:12 P.M.

Commissioner Pruyn arrived at 5:13 P.M. and Commissioner Webb arrived at 5:15 P.M.

Commissioner Saverino moved to come out of Executive Session at 5:55 P.M. Seconded by Commissioner Furstenau and unanimously approved by a Voice Vote.

All voted aye. Motion carried.

Before the meeting was adjourned, Commissioner Furstenau referred to page twelve of the proposed Budget, noting that the vehicle purchases for the Ford F-150 truck, Ford Escape and the 2012 Chevy Cargo Van 1500 seemed rather high and asked if state purchasing had been considered. Pipeline Supervisor Kazmierczak responded that state purchasing was not an option because the vehicles were customized with utility lights, 2-way radios, etc.

After General Manager Spatz was directed to incorporate into Ordinance No. O-4-11 the revisions discussed by the Board in the Executive Session and to have the revised version of the Ordinance placed at Commissioner desks during the break, Commissioner Murphy moved to adjourn the meeting at 6:00 P.M. Seconded by Commissioner Saverino and unanimously approved by a Voice Vote.

All voted aye. Motion carried.