

Summary of Discussion

THE VILLAGE OF DEXTER
VILLAGE COUNCIL MEETIN
BUDGET PLANNING WORK SESSION
MONDAY October 18, 2004

Dexter Senior Center, 7720 Dexter Ann Arbor Road

A. CALL TO ORDER AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

**B. ROLL CALL: President Seta J.Carson P. Cousins S. Keough
J. Semifero T.Walters D. Fisher
ALL PRESENT**

C. NON-ARRANGED PARTICIPATION:

Non-arranged participation will include those in the audience not listed on the agenda that wish to speak. At the Village President's discretion, members of the audience may be called on to speak at any time. Those addressing the Council will state their name, and address. This section is limited to 5-minutes per participant or 10-minutes for group representatives

D. BUDGET PLANNING SESSION

- 1) Where are we now?
 - a) Recommended revised Budget format – *document attached. Generally agreed that the revised budget format was acceptable*
 - b) Five year Financial Model – *Model was presented by M. Sherry.*
 - c) Current staffing and service – *Revised organizational chart attached*

- 2) Where are we going?
 - a) What is an acceptable fund balance? *Generally agreed 15%*
 - b) Which services should be expanded? *Generally agreed the service levels are acceptable.*
 - c) Which services should be reduced? *Park maintenance could possibly be accomplished by summer help and/or contract work.*
 - d) Which services or programs are sacred?
 - e) Which new programs are needed? *Sidewalk replacement. More systematic approach to the CIP.*
 - f) Is there a willingness to make a significant financial commitment for facilities and capital improvements? *General consensus to make a commitment, pending the completion of the Facilities committee plan. General agreement that DPW building is the top priority.*

 - g) What is the policy statement for revenue enhancement/reduction?
 - i. Millage Rates – *Discussed under fund balance. General agreement to maintain household tax bills at a constant dollar level.*
 - ii. Sewer and water rates - *General agreement that the rates should not rise by more than 10% annually.*

h) Should we change the Fiscal Year? There was general agreement that staff should present at a future council meeting the options for changing to a July Fiscal year.

3) What are we trying to accomplish?

a) Staff recommended Goals and Objectives – *Document attached*

b) Council recommended Goals and Objectives - *General discussion under items 1) and 2) result in the following (not in any particular priority):*

1) Implement the CIP! Include street inventory to identify necessary improvements

2) Analyze engineering service in the Village and investigating alternatives delivery methods including a cost analysis

3) Dedicate funding for transportation

4) Investigate the feasibility of implementing WI-FI as a village utility

5) Investigate the long term options for police and fire service

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F. ADJOURNMENT: