

AGENDA
REGULAR MEETING
BOARD OF ALDERMEN
TOWN HALL
MAY 12, 2009
TUESDAY – 7:00 P.M.

CALL TO ORDER

ITEM 1. APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF APRIL 28, 2009

ITEM 2. REQUEST BY TUSCOLA HIGH SCHOOL AIR FORCE JROTC

The Town has received a request from the Tuscola High School Air Force Junior Reserve Officer Training Corp (JROTC) to be allowed time on the Board's agenda to request funding for the upcoming fiscal year. The unit sponsors a Veterans Day Fundraising Luncheon each year, and a letter regarding this event is attached for your information.

I would note that this request, along with that of many other groups and organizations, has been received by the Finance Director Eddie Caldwell. As is his custom, all requests have been compiled into a booklet and will be presented to the Town Board as part of the budget package for consideration during work sessions.

ITEM 3. PUBLIC ART COMMISSION
RECOMMENDATION FOR FOLKMOOT PUBLIC ART PROJECT
AT POLICE DEPARTMENT/DEVELOPMENT OFFICE

During the past few months, the Public Art Commission has been busy working on their third project for the Town, this being the Folkmoot Project. It was the desire of the Commission members that the art piece selected should be in a public place located in or around the new Police Station, Development Office and Town Community Room opposite the current Municipal Building.

During the fall of 2008, the Public Art Commission selected the location on the site where they would like to see the art piece located. They then began inviting potential artists to develop a design that reflected this community's connection to FolkMoot. The three finalists were selected and given notice to proceed with developing a model of their proposal. The Commission invited members of the community to review the proposals at a meeting at Town Hall during April. The comments and input secured at that time have been evaluated and the Public Art Commission is now ready to make its recommendation to the Town for the finalist.

ITEM 4. PRESENTATION OF FISCAL YEAR 2009-2010 BUDGET

After many weeks of preparations, the proposed 2009-2010 Town Budget is nearing completion and should be ready for distribution on Tuesday evening. This is an extensive document, containing a review of the current budget and an explanation of the variances from that spending plan. It also contains the proposed budgets for the General, Water, Sewer and Electric Funds as well as the proposed spending plans for the Public Works and Garage Operations. There will be a tremendous amount of supporting information in the budget, explanations about where the money comes from and where it goes, a listing of the capital outlay requests made by each department and what is being recommended for approval, comparisons of the tax, water and sewer rates with those of other communities and information about tax collections and the Town's debt financing.

Following the presentation of the budget on Tuesday, May 12, we would like to discuss potential dates for budget work sessions. So we would ask that Board members bring their calendars to the meeting so that we can discuss suitable dates and times. In recent years, we have started budget work sessions around 5:00 p.m. and gone for two to two and one-half hours, but that is not written in stone and the Board may find other times are more suitable.

After the budget is distributed and you begin your review of the document, we would encourage Board members to contact Eddie Caldwell, Alison Melnikova or me to seek answers to questions that arise.