

Minutes of the Special Board Meeting
October 26, 2015
5:00 pm

Agenda Item #1 Call to Order

Vice President Long called the Special Board Meeting to order at 5:00 pm.

Agenda Item #2 Roll Call

Comm. Bernas, Comm. Karesh, Comm. Long, Comm. Smith, Comm. Main -
electronically

Also Present: Ron Gunter, Director, Bob Fleck, Assistant Director, Joel Hymen, Supt. of
Revenue Facilities & Technology, Steve Golembiewski, Supt. of Recreation

Agenda Item #3 Interview Law Firms for Selection of Westmont Park District Legal Counsel

Meeting schedule for interviews:

5:00 pm	Bond-Dickson
6:30 pm	Ancel Glink
8:00 pm	Tressler LLP

a. Pat Bond represented Bond-Dickson

The Board reviewed the need to hire new legal counsel due to the retirement of Ken Kubiesa. Each Commissioner asked a series of questions that included the following:

1. We have the information provided in your Statement of Qualifications, but can you tell us about your firm on a personal level?
2. The Board meets once per month, with 2 – 4 special meetings each year. What is your professional opinion on counsel attending all meetings?
3. Would you recommend review of our ordinances and policies?
4. Regarding communications with our attorney, what is your recommendation on who should have direct access to legal counsel?
5. Who will be the primary attorney? Who will be the second?
6. A Legal Situation/Question: The Westmont Park District allows the public, private groups and independent business to rent our facilities. Before approving a rental, should we do a background check? For example, an individual offering a sports skills program wants to rent the gym. The insurance requirements are satisfied but what if that person was on the sex offender list? Can we deny the rental based on that information?
7. If your firm is appointed at the November 11th Regular Board Meeting, can you explain the process (as you see it) to changing legal services from our current attorney?
8. In your opinion, what is the most important aspect of a municipal attorney?
9. Would your firm be open to a billing structure based on a time and material basis or do you require a monthly retainer?

There was a lot of discussion between the Board and Mr. Bond. At 5:52 pm the first interview ended.

Vice President Long called for a 15 minute recess.

At 6:10 pm, Vice President Long called the Meeting back to order and the Board discussed the first interview.

b. At 6:25 pm representatives from Ancel Glink entered the Meeting: Rob Bush and Derke Price. Derke Price would be the primary attorney for Westmont Park District. The Board followed the same format as the first interview by asking a series of questions. Discussion continued with Ancel Glink about their firm. At 7:25 pm Mr. Bush and Mr. Price left the Meeting.

Vice President Long called for a short recess.

At 7:42 pm Vice President Long called the Meeting back to order.

At this time the Board reviewed and discussed the interview with Ancel Glink. They agreed this firm was very impressive.

c. At 7:55 pm representatives from Tressler LLP entered the Meeting: Steve Adams, Andrew Paine and Nicole Karas. The Board followed the same format. Just like the previous interviews there was a lot of discussion and additional questions. At 9:02 pm the interview ended and the legal team from Tressler left the Meeting.

After a quick 5 minute recess Vice President Long called the Meeting back to order to discuss the entire process. The overall feeling is we could not go wrong with any of the three firms. Each had a number of positive qualities. After several minutes of discussion the general feeling was Ancel Glink and Tressler were the top two choices. Each firm would provide the District with excellent service and experience. After everyone discussed their feelings a consensus was evident that Tressler would be the law firm the Board would look to appoint at the November 11 Regular Meeting. Staff was instructed to place this on the November 11 agenda for Board approval.

Agenda Item #4 Adjournment

Seeing no further business a motion was made by Comm. Smith and seconded by Comm. Karesh to adjourn the Meeting.

Roll Call: Ayes 5 Nays 0 Absent 0
Motion Carried.

The Meeting was adjourned at 9:33 pm.

