



**MINUTES
SPECIAL MEETING
COMMUNITY SURVEY MEETING
April 28, 2008
7:30 p.m.
Village Green, 47 Hall Street**

The meeting was called to order at 7:30 pm. In attendance: Marty Saperstein, Tom Counts, Gary Bell, Gary Vest, Don Grubbs, Kevin Futryk, Don Emerick, Jim Hrivnak, Elmer Meider, Debra Miller, John Randle, Doug Wenzel, Garth Bishop, Rob Rice, Dick Fusch, Mike Neal, Brian Lorenz, Rich Cline, Steve Lutz, Susie Ross.

The meeting was introduced by Mayor Tom Counts and discussion was facilitated by Marty Saperstein of Saperstein and Associates.

Discussion was held regarding the following topics:

- Decisions to be made in the next two years which need input of the community
- Defining the community – are people aware of where they live and how can they be better educated
- What is the best funding mechanism for long-term capital improvements
- Do residents understand there is a problem and do they have enough information to make a decision
- What kinds of development are desirable
- Is Powell seen as a walk-to or drive-to type of community
- What are longer term goals for the City
- How are open-ended questions used
- Exploring revenue sources and options
- What is the residents' level of expectation and are they willing to pay for them
- Does a community's opinion change over the years as the populous changes
- Defining quality of life, shared vision and "buy-in" by residents
- Value of services for the tax burden paid
- Ways to measure sentiments of minority residents
- Understanding the accumulation of minor grievances
- The pros and cons of surveying township residents who are in close proximity to the City

Mr. Saperstein reviewed the survey process and the timeline. He said a draft survey will be provided to City Council and a deadline will be set for comments. He said the survey should start around the beginning of June and run for 10 days, including time over the weekend. He said the results should be ready within two weeks after the survey is

completed and a PowerPoint presentation will be made within the month after. Mr. Saperstein explained that a robust battery of demographics will be completed. He said they hope to allow City Council to learn something as well as confirm what they already know so the information may assist in their ability to make decisions.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:24 p.m.