

**FINANCE MEETING MINUTES**  
**January 14<sup>th</sup>, 2015**

**Call to Order:** Chairman Prescott called the meeting to order at 6:00 P.M.

**Roll Call:** Ben Prescott, John Clark, Paul Janson; Finance Committee members.

**Others:** Jenny August, Clerk-Treasurer; Linda Clark, Mayor. Marty Hura, Councilman.

**Citizens:** Edie Benner

**CITIZENS:** No Discussion.

**ACCEPTANCE OF MINUTES:**

- ❖ Motion to accept the December minutes by Paul Janson, seconded by John Clark. All were in favor.

**FINANCIAL REPORTS:**

Financial reports were reviewed. Our expected revenues for 2014 came up a little short, with 94% overall. Expenditures came up in good shape, with spending for 2014 at 93%. Paul Janson moved to forward the financial reports to Council. John Clark seconded. All were in favor.

**BILLS OF RESOLUTION:**

- Jenny said this is the lowest fuel bill we have received since 2008 when she started.
- Paul asked if the \$2500 for training and dog food was right. Jenny said yes, and Linda said all of the funds to pay for this have been donated.
  - ❖ Motion to forward the Bills of Resolution to Council by John Clark, seconded by Paul Janson. All ayes.

**LEGISLATION:**

Ben reviewed the legislation;

- ❖ **ORD. 2014-52** For the next term, the Mayor's salary will increase to \$700 per month. 3<sup>rd</sup> reading.
- ❖ **ORD. 2014-53** This is amending Chapter 941 allowing a credit on water bills for filling a swimming pool. This is 3<sup>rd</sup> reading. There was no discussion.
- ❖ **ORD. 2014-54** Ben suggested amendments be made at the next Council meeting when this gets discussed and voted on. He recommends eliminating Section 1. Section 2 needs a dollar amount filled in. Jenny said she and Harry agree on \$5,595.18.
- ❖ **ORD. 2015-01** This is the Planning Commission's recommendation to rezone the corner of Canada Road that is currently zoned Commercial back to the original Rural Residential zoning. 1<sup>st</sup> Reading.
- ❖ **ORD. 2015-02** This is to increase Police Capital appropriations to buy a car for the new K-9 Officer's transportation. There have been donations north of \$8,000 so far. The Police Department would like to bid up to \$3,500 for the car. The Finance committee supports this purchase. 1<sup>st</sup> Reading.

**DISCUSSION:**

**Ruthie Aldrich and Jane Gonczy Memorial donations.**

Jenny spoke with Tom Aldrich, Dave Pifer, and Jane Gonczy's daughter in law Debbie and all three thought a nice memorial would be a concrete style bench with a memorial plaque for Ruthie and Jane. They thought it would be nice to put it near the flagpole area so seniors could sit there during ceremonies. If there was enough money, they thought a concrete pad and flower urns would be nice and also might keep a bench from traveling around the cemetery.

**Nomination of Council President and assigning Committee members.**

Jenny thought it made sense to nominate a Council President in November after the elections. That was the Council President elect can assign committee appointments in December, and we are ready to roll January 1 of each year. Paul said that is how it used to be done when he was previously on Council. Ben and Linda thought it had been addressed before and the Solicitor thought it couldn't be done.

**NEW OR OTHER BUSINESS:**

**DMRC- Clean Ohio Trails grant**

Mayor Clark explained what steps are needed to apply for this grant. She had drawings of where the trail is going to go. It will go from the trail bridge on east Prospect St. and go up Mill St. to State Route 44. Paul was very concerned about marking S.R. 44 for the trail crossing. The grant amount requested would be between \$75,000 to \$100,000. The preliminary application should be submitted by Feb. 1<sup>st</sup>. This would get money to us by July. This is a reimbursing grant, so the Village would have to pay the costs up front and then be reimbursed 75%. Jenny said this would have to come out of the General Fund because the Park Capital Improvement fund doesn't have money available.

**Natural Gas aggregation-**

Linda asked if the Finance Committee thought Council was going to want to pursue a natural gas aggregate or if she should drop it.

Motion to adjourn at 6:38 by Paul, seconded by John. All voted aye.

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Ben Prescott, Chair Finance Committee

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Jenny August, Clerk-Treasurer