

FINANCE MEETING MINUTES

February 11th, 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.

Citizens: None

CITIZENS: No Discussion.

ACCEPTANCE OF MINUTES:

- ❖ Motion to accept the January minutes by Paul Janson, seconded by Ben Prescott. All were in favor.

FINANCIAL REPORTS:

Financial reports were reviewed. John Clark asked what report would reflect the carryovers from 2014. Jenny provided members of the Finance Committee with a document that the Portage County Budget Commission approved the previous week that shows our carryovers for each fund. Discussion followed about the purchase of a mini-excavator and whether or not purchasing a truck instead would be something to consider.

- ❖ Paul Janson moved to forward the financial reports to Council. John Clark seconded. All were in favor.

BILLS OF RESOLUTION:

- Linda asked how the gas bill was at the sewer plant. They have been working on an air handler. The gas bill was reasonable.
- Jenny said Enterprise Tree Service is for trees cut down in the right of way. The homeowners will be reimbursing us for half of the cost. The Whitmore Carpet company bill will be reimbursed by insurance minus our \$1000 deductible. It is replacing the floor at the water plant that was ruined from the flood.
- John asked if we can break out how much we spent on truck repairs last year, specifically each truck. Jenny said we can track repairs but maybe not on each separate truck. The Service Dept. might have records of what has been done to each truck.
- Paul asked about the vet bill. Jenny said the new dog, Diablo, had something wrong with his ears.
 - ❖ Motion to forward the Bills of Resolution to Council by John Clark, seconded by Paul Janson. All ayes.

LEGISLATION:

Ben reviewed the legislation;

- ❖ **ORD. 2015-01** This is to rezone the corner of Canada Road that is currently zoned Commercial back to the original Rural Residential zoning. 2nd reading.
- ❖ **ORD. 2015-04** This is to create a fund specifically for tax money we receive from the county for the road and bridge levy. This should be passed this month on first reading because we will need to send approved legislation to the state. 1st Reading.

DISCUSSION:

Clerk-Treasurer Wage Scale:

Jenny shared information on what Portage County villages are paying for Fiscal Officers. There was discussion on whether or not it is legal to have annual increases, even if Council sets this by legislation before the filing deadline. Paul said that is how it used to be done when he was previously on Council. Jenny will talk to Michele.

NEW OR OTHER BUSINESS:

Cemetery expense Proposal for the Trust:

Kate would like to ask the Trust to pay for 1/3 of the mini excavator. Mr. Lombardi is willing to consider this but wants to look at the specs. Linda would like to see how much we are spending on repairs to the Freightliner & Sterling first. Paul said we might want to look for a used truck in perfect condition.

Time Warner Cable:

Linda said she is waiting to hear back from Time Warner. She reviewed the paperwork that they wanted her to sign, and she and Michele sent them some questions.

Portage County Recycling:

The Commissioners want the Village to sign a document stating what our intentions are for recycling so they can get an idea of how many trucks they will need to buy. The EPA clarified that they did not require a commitment as stated in the letter from the Commissioners. The EPA asked for an expectation or intention from communities. There will be a meeting the week of the 23rd to see if several communities want to form their own conglomerate and go together for bigger savings.

Motion to adjourn at 6:45 by Paul, seconded by Ben. All voted aye.

Ben Prescott, Chair Finance Committee

Jenny August, Clerk-Treasurer