

**FINANCE MEETING MINUTES**  
**March 13<sup>th</sup>, 2019**

**Call to Order:** The meeting was called to order at 6:00 P.M. by Chair David Sluka

**Roll Call:** David Sluka, Ben Prescott, Paula Tubalkain, and Jenny August.

**Others:** none

**Citizens:** none

**CITIZENS:** No Citizens in attendance.

**ACCEPTANCE OF MINUTES:**

❖ Motion to accept the February Finance minutes as presented by Ben, seconded by Paula. All voted aye.

**FINANCIAL REPORTS:**

Jenny reviewed the financial reports.

❖ Motion to forward the financial reports to Council by Ben, seconded by Paula. All voted aye.

**BILLS OF RESOLUTION:**

❖ Motion to forward the Bills of Resolution to Council by Paula, seconded by Ben. All voted aye.

**LEGISLATION:**

Dave reviewed the legislation;

**ORD. 2019-06** This was amended at Council last month to an annual salary of \$31,000. This is 2<sup>nd</sup> reading.

**ORD. 2019-07** The balance of advance repayment has changed since Jenny is obligated to continue making the monthly advance repayment. The new amount due is \$12,922.29. This is the 2<sup>nd</sup> Reading.

**ORD. 2019-09** This is for purchasing the new Chevy Tahoe for the Police Department. This needs to pass at Council next week or we will lose this pricing. 1<sup>st</sup> Reading.

**ORD. 2019-10** this is to extend our agreement with the county for operation of our plants until the end of April. This needs to pass at Council next week. 1<sup>st</sup> Reading.

**DISCUSSION:**

**Clerk-Treasurer position:**

Dave said that Michele's email referencing the graduated annual wage for a Clerk-Treasurer means that the annual wage can change as long as it is in legislation that passes before the August filing deadline. He recommends a 3% increase annually.

- ❖ Paula moved to have Jenny write legislation for the Clerk-Treasurer's salary to be \$46,325 the first year, \$47,715 the second year, \$49,145 the third year, and \$50,620 the fourth year. Dave seconded the motion. All ayes on vote. Jenny will prepare legislation for Tuesday's Council meeting.

#### Mayor's Wages:

Paula said we are supposed to have a "Strong Council-Weak Mayor". Our Mayor has been compensated for having to be the acting Village Administrator and Zoning Inspector. Now that we have such a qualified Village Administrator who is also handling the zoning, do we really want to pay that amount? Not every Mayor is going to be as good about moving things forward like Linda does. With losing the plants, we are losing revenue and adding the burden of some of the expenses on to the General fund. Ben said Michele came up with the \$700 per month so the Mayor would be eligible for an OPERS pension.

Dave said he thinks \$700 per month is reasonable. He agrees that decisions should be made by Council and not guided by the Mayor. We need to hear more about what goes on in committee meetings. Jenny told them that John recommended meetings called "Committee of the whole" or something like that. All of the committees would meet together before Council. Paula said we need to talk to John about this.

#### 2020 Budget

Jenny provided copies of the budgets that were submitted by the police and service departments, as well as the budget that she put together for all funds. She would like to have first reading next week, a workshop in April, and a public hearing in May before the Council meeting. There was discussion about how much the Police budget has increased in the last 8 years. Paula asked Jenny to do an analysis about how much our budget would be if we were to outsource our dispatching.

**NEW OR OTHER BUSINESS:** none

#### **ADJOURNMENT:**

Motion to adjourn at 7:15 pm by Ben, seconded by Dave. All voted aye.

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David Sluka, Finance Chair

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Jenny August, Clerk-Treasurer