

FINANCE MEETING MINUTES

April 11th, 2018

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

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

Others: Mayor Linda Clark

Citizens: none

CITIZENS: No citizens attended.

ACCEPTANCE OF MINUTES:

- ❖ Motion to accept the March Finance minutes as presented by Ben, seconded by Paula. All ayes on vote.

FINANCIAL REPORTS:

Jenny reviewed the financial reports.

- ❖ Motion to approve the financial reports by Paula Tubalkain, seconded by Ben Prescott. All ayes on vote.

BILLS OF RESOLUTION:

Nothing out of the ordinary.

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

LEGISLATION:

Dave reviewed the legislation;

- **ORD. 2018-15** The 2019 budget. We will have a budget workshop an hour before the April Council meeting. 1st Reading.
- **RES. 2018-19** This is recommended by the Safety Committee. This would allow restricted bow hunting in the state marsh wetlands. 1st Reading.
- **RES. 2018-20** This is for renewing the road levy on the November 2018 ballot. 1st Reading.

DISCUSSION:

Village Administrator Position-

The position is on hold until Council decides what will happen with the water & sewer plants. Meanwhile, Bruce Rininger is Operator of Record for the water plant for a salary of \$500 per month. He is proposing switching to an hourly rate of \$20 per hour and doing meter inspections and installation on Wednesday and Fridays. Gene Roberts from the county said if the county were to take over our plants, they would use the current meters and readers as the village uses, so we should continue replacing meters. There are currently about 150 meters that can't be read.

Water & Wastewater Treatment Plants-

The county is going to have information for us in May relating to what they would charge us to manage our water and wastewater plants. Then, for the June Council meeting the county is expected to offer some type of proposal possibly for taking ownership of the plants.

Solicitors in the Village-

Dave said the weather is getting nicer and we are probably going to have more soliciting in the village. We briefly discussed this a few months ago, and we need to revisit this. Jenny provided to the committee a copy of the chapter of the Codified Ordinances relating to soliciting in the village. The last time it was updated was 1963. Jenny is going to try to find out what other communities are doing for rules and fees.

Rental Property Inspections-

This is being discussed in other committees as well. Mayor Clark is looking at what Windham and Bedford has in place. This could be very costly for landlords, but might be something we need to implement since we have such a high rate of rental properties. This could be something that might be incorporated into the Village Administrator position.

NEW OR OTHER BUSINESS:

Paula said when she attended the Portage County Regional Planning meeting, she inquired about getting a traffic study done using the S.R. 44 and Orchard St. intersection. They do not do that. Paula said the businesses want to see a change made at that intersection such as a turning lane or for the village to move forward with the Matts Rd bridge. Paula would like to see the most recent plans for the proposed bridge work.

Paula has started working on a planning initiative that would be a document to be used for future history. This document would include all road projects, with specifics and costs included, as well as any capital improvements the village makes each year. Funding sources and costs would be included. This would help schedule necessary replacements or updates because we would be able to refer back to when things were last addressed, the work that was done, and the costs involved.

ADJOURNMENT:

Motion to adjourn at 7:24 pm by Paula, seconded by Ben. All voted aye.

David Sluka, Finance Chair

Jenny August, Clerk-Treasurer