

FINANCE MEETING MINUTES
July 15th, 2015

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

Roll Call: Chair 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 June minutes as presented by Paul Janson, seconded by John Clark. All ayes.

FINANCIAL REPORTS:

Jenny summarized the financial reports. The sewer fund is down to about \$4,000 so there won't be enough to do the monthly transfer. The ordinance 2015-27 is a transfer for that.

- ❖ Paul Janson moved to forward the financial reports to Council. Ben Prescott seconded. All ayes.

BILLS OF RESOLUTION:

- John asked if both doors that were repaired by Geauga Door were at the service garage. Yes.
- Paul asked what the Discount Drainage bill was. Jenny said pipes and catch basins for various projects. Linda thought it may have been for the catch basin at Herald & Woodford.
- Jenny said we are down to one port-a-pot this year, which will save us money.
 - ❖ Motion to move the Bills of Resolution to Council by Paul Janson, seconded by Ben Prescott. All ayes.

LEGISLATION:

Ben reviewed the legislation;

- ❖ **Ord. 2015-22** Vacating Second St. Ben said he thinks it's a bad idea. We passed the road levy and now we don't want to take care of the roads. Linda said if Council doesn't want to go through with this, we can postpone indefinitely or just vote no, but in the future we should poll the residents before spending \$1,200 to have CT Consultants do all the work and then vote it down. 2nd reading.
- ❖ **Ord. 2015-25** Easements for work on the High St. bridge. We will need to suspend the rules and pass it this month. 1st Reading.
- ❖ **Ord. 2015-26** Amending appropriations in order for the Service Department to get some projects done. Linda asked about the \$34,000 transfer from the sewer fund last year. She thought that money was encumbered for certain repairs. Jenny said she would have to check with Dave & Kate to see what was done, but the money has been spent. 1st Reading.
- ❖ **Ord. 2015-27** Transfer of \$25,000 from General Fund to Sewer Operating in order to make the monthly transfer. This is 1st Reading. Linda asked about it being an advance rather than a transfer. The Finance Committee agreed to leave it as a transfer. Linda had concerns about how this will impact the General Fund. She said we need to come up with money once they start the High Street bridge, which should be around \$20,000. Also, if we get the Road Levy grant, she said we will need \$30,000 for C.T. Consultants by the end of this year for their Engineering fee's. Jenny said if this is a Road Levy grant, the funds must come out of the Road Levy fund. We may not be able to spend all of the road levy money that we had planned on. Linda said the portion that we spend for water lines can come out of water. Jenny said we just committed all of the money in the water capital fund. Linda said we are in negotiations with Buckeye Pipeline to get \$116,000 from them, and once we know the grant is approved, we are going to ask them for the money upfront to go towards some of the expenses.

DISCUSSION:

Dave Green's Proposal for Sewer Service

The Village Solicitor received a letter from Dave Green's Attorney, Brian Barger with Eastman & Smith LTD Attorneys at Law. Ben pointed out some wording that concerned him relating to the billing and rates. It will be discussed at the Council meeting next week with Michele. Linda wants to check with the County and see if they support this. Secondly, she said there are several houses on Pioneer Trail that may be trying to get something done. She thinks they should have a meeting with the County and do something, like put in a grinder pump that will pump everything up to St. Joe's. She doesn't think Dave Green's proposal is a good idea. He is the one that put a line in without easements and got caught. This is going to create more man hours for Kate. Linda said Michele is not happy with this letter at all. Linda said Kate has had issues with reading the meter in the past. Ben said he is within our facility range.

Forgiving Sewer Advances for 2016

Ben said we should just go ahead, unless they want to just forgive the entire balance. Paul agreed but thought we need to look at this every year. John said Mantaline is going to zero discharge in 2016 and we will lose \$10,000 per month. Jenny said the good thing is that the water loan will be paid off in 2017. The General Fund may need to help out until then. John thinks we will need to seriously look at rate increases. Linda said the Laser company has an agreement to pay a flat rate of \$140 per month for sewer. We can't find any documentation. Jenny said they should provide the burden of proof. Linda said if our rates increase 2%, then their monthly amount should also increase 2%. Kate is going to be meeting with the owner.

NEW OR OTHER BUSINESS:

None

Motion to adjourn at 7:03 by Paul Janson, seconded by Ben Prescott. All voted aye.

Ben Prescott, Chair Finance Committee

Jenny August, Clerk-Treasurer