

FINANCE MEETING MINUTES
December 10th, 2014

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 citizens in attendance to comment.

ACCEPTANCE OF MINUTES:

Ben said we need to amend the minutes because November minutes because they did not reflect the motion to excuse John Clark.

- ❖ Motion to amend and accept the November minutes by Paul Janson, seconded by Ben Prescott. John Clark abstained. Both were in favor.

FINANCIAL REPORTS:

Financial reports were reviewed. The street and state highway funds received a large check for license renewals. Jenny is noticing an increase in Permissive monies since we added the additional \$5. The drug dog collections are over \$5600 now. Some of the larger expenses paid last month were for sludge hauling, a blower at the WWTP, and paving at the Cemetery.

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

Linda asked Jenny if she ever checked into the license plate issue. She said one of her vehicles is registered with the village and the other is registered at the township, which pays less. Jenny said when she called the local BMV, she was told that they ask the residents and leave it up to them to say where they live. Jenny called Columbus BMV and they are going to send a list for Jenny to look over. John said it may stem from the car dealership using a different taxing district.

BILLS OF RESOLUTION:

- Paul asked if the semi annual payment for the water & sewer loans is on here. Jenny said yes.
- Paul asked if the park lodge roof is finished. Yes. Linda said while she was there decorating the Christmas tree, she asked the contractor to put the trim around the door and he did at no charge.
- Jenny said we got our renewal from SummaCare and there is a 13.5% increase but it is still cheaper than Medical Mutual, which had a \$2500 deductible. Paul said that really isn't as bad as most places are getting. Jenny said that our unemployment rate went up from .7% to 3.4%. John asked if the check we got from Bureau of Workers Compensation was due to all of the entities being overcharged. Jenny said that they are calling it "Another Billion Back" program due to sound investments. John said "and let them take over our income tax and call that sound investments". Jenny said that Senate Bill 5 did pass last week and from what she has read, it won't affect us because the things that are being put in place are already in place here.
- Jenny said we have not received the bill from Midwest Radar, but it is coming and Harry wants it paid out of this year's appropriations so if it comes after Council, she would be authorized to pay it.
 - ❖ Motion to forward the Bills of Resolution to Council by John Clark, seconded by Paul Janson

LEGISLATION:

Ben reviewed the legislation;

- ❖ **ORD. 2014-10** Still tabled. Mayor Clark passed out sections of the new contract that would be pertinent for the members of the Finance Committee to review. She is going to speak with Michele and see if she recommends that Council pass or fail it. It looks like Council may be able to finally un-table this ordinance and vote on it. It is going to allow the Village to put recycling collections out for bid, and the County may submit a bid also. There are also many conditions that would need reviewed. It was suggested at the meeting that Hiram, Hiram Township, Shalersville and Mantua Village can all bid together.

- ❖ **ORD. 2014-44** This ordinance amends the handbook relating to promotions. 3rd reading.
- ❖ **ORD. 2014-45** This is related to the appointment of relatives. 3rd reading.
- ❖ **ORD. 2014-47** This ordinance is for appointing an acting Department Head in the event of an extended absence. 3rd reading.
- ❖ **ORD. 2014-48** This is the 3rd reading of the 2015 appropriations. All worksheet corrections are done.
- ❖ **ORD. 2014-52** For the next term, the Mayor's salary will increase to \$700 per month. 2nd reading.
- ❖ **ORD. 2014-53** This is amending Chapter 941 allowing a credit on water bills for filling a swimming pool. This is 2nd reading.
- ❖ **ORD. 2014-54** Ben said the Chief wants to carry appropriations over and he thinks it's a bad idea that got us in trouble before. We have never turned him down for anything he needs to buy. We have a lot of stuff we will need to get done in this village. If anything, this is showing that we are over appropriating to him. Linda asked if this is for the School Resource Officer for the revenues for that to go into the Capital Improvement fund. Ben said it is just not appropriate to do it and we have been told by the auditor more than once.
- ❖ **ORD. 2014-55** This is for the monthly debt transfers that we do every year. 1st Reading.
- ❖ **ORD. 2014-56** This is the Council meeting calendar for next year. 1st Reading.

DISCUSSION:

No discussions on the agenda

NEW OR OTHER BUSINESS:

Paul asked if there is anything we can do about the bridge bumps where they put the new bridge in on S.R. 44? It is utterly ridiculous for the amount of money that project cost to leave it like that. Linda thought it will be fixed when the road gets paved from SR 303 to Mill St. which won't happen until May.

Motion to adjourn at 6:21 by Paul, seconded by Ben. All voted aye.

Ben Prescott, Chair Finance Committee

Jenny August, Clerk-Treasurer