

FINANCE MEETING MINUTES
December 11th, 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:

Citizens: None

CITIZENS: No one in attendance to comment.

ACCEPTANCE OF MINUTES:

There was no meeting in November, so there are no minutes from November.

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

FINANCIAL REPORTS:

Jenny reviewed the Financial reports for the month of November.

- ❖ Motion to forward the Financial reports to Council by Paula, seconded by Ben. All ayes on vote.

BILLS OF RESOLUTION:

The Bills of Resolution were reviewed.

- ❖ Motion to approve the November Bills of Resolution by Ben, seconded by Paula. All ayes on vote.

LEGISLATION:

RES. 2019-50 This is the new contract for dispatching for the Fire District. No Discussion.

ORD. 2019-54 This is to approve the 2020 appropriations. Now that there has been a referendum petition filed, we need to add the water and sewer budgets back in.

ORD. 2019-57 This relates to firearms. 2nd Reading. Council will need to suspend the rules.

RES. 2019-58 This is Council's 2020 meeting calendar.

ORD. 2019-59 This is to appropriate money in the Capital Projects 4905 fund to pay CT for work on the Orchard St. project.

ORD. 2019-60 This was to add a surcharge to the water & sewer bills. Service Committee recommended this and also recommends keeping the surcharge where the county had it minus the amount going towards the debt portion of the needs list since we will be paying the debt. Jenny distributed a spreadsheet that she and Chelsea worked on showing how much annual revenue would be generated with a \$50 surcharge for each level of usage and also the \$86.00 surcharge. Dave said he would like to see the number of customers in each level. Jenny will ask Chelsea for the numbers. Dave said he would like Council to consider a percentage instead of a flat amount. He did not think it made sense for a person who only pays the minimum to have the same surcharge as someone who uses large amounts. More discussion for Council. Paula would like us to look into prioritizing the needs list and create an action plan.

RES. 2019-61 This is an annual housekeeping ordinance to transfer money on a monthly basis into water and sewer debt funds. Council will need to suspend the rules so Jenny can start doing the monthly transfers in January.

ORD. 2019-62 This is for cleaning up an old 1970 ordinance that puts the Parks Board responsible for renting, cleaning, and checking the lodge, which they do not do and have not done for a long time. The Administrative Assistant or Clerk-Treasurer will handle reservations and the service workers will check and clean the lodge after it is used.

RES. 2019-63 This is the School Resource Officer contract with Crestwood. Council will need to suspend the rules so this is in effect Jan. 1, 2020.

RES. 2019-64 Council will need to suspend the rules. This is creating the Orchard Street Widening Project fund. Jenny is already receiving donation checks from the businesses and needs to get the fund established.

DISCUSSIONS:

Dispatcher Uniforms

Jenny said Council should consider limiting the dispatcher's uniforms to several pairs of pants, polo shirts, and sweaters. We are paying for the dispatchers to wear \$100 leather boots that are not a requirement of the uniform. Jenny thinks this is an abuse of taxpayer money. Jenny has discussed this with Joe. This can be discussed in Safety for their thoughts.

NEW OR OTHER BUSINESS:

None

ADJOURNMENT:

Motion to adjourn at 6:55 pm by Ben, seconded by Paula. All voted aye.

David Sluka, Finance Chair

Jenny August, Clerk-Treasurer