

BUDGET & FINANCE COMMITTEE MINUTES

June 6, 2017

Chairman Peterson called the regular meeting of the Budget & Finance Committee to order at 6:30 pm.

Members present: Mayor Adams, Scott Fridly, Corine Hughes, John Peterson, Jaye Quimby and Dave Winters

Staff present: Dan Barber, Chief Dickson, Arianne Honkamp (6:42 pm) and Jodi May

Motion by Mr. Fridly, second by Mr. Winters, to waive the reading of and approve the minutes of May 16, 2017. All ayes. Motion approved 3-0.

PUBLIC COMMENT

None.

SPECIAL WARRANT CONSIDERATIONS

None.

RECOMMENDATION OF PAYMENT

Bills were reviewed and recommended for approval in the amount of \$166,257.00

MAYOR ADAMS

Mayor Adams stated that the budget was tweaked last night and this morning. The Committee reviewed the current numbers of the budget and everyone was good with it. Mayor Adams explained that the budget will be approved later in the evening and the appropriations ordinance will be approved at the Village Board meeting on June 20, 2017.

JAYE QUIMBY, TREASURER

Ms. Quimby stated that she doesn't have any cash for the general fund. Ms. Quimby advised that the Village received \$62,000 in property tax, but she used that to pay back the sewer fund. Ms. Quimby said that she expects to receive \$103,000 for income tax and another \$103,000 for sales tax, but is unsure when that will come. Ms. Quimby stated that she is \$110,000 short to cover the bills and payroll. Mr. Fridly stated that she will have to borrow the money from the sewer fund. Mr. Winters inquired when the Village will receive property tax money and Ms. Quimby advised that will come at the end of the month.

Ms. Quimby discussed going out for bid on the audit and that they sent information to five companies and only one company responded, which is the current company that the Village has been using. Ms. Hughes stated that she has a copy of the proposal if anyone would like to see it. Mr. Winters inquired if the Village needs to switch companies and Atty. Szeto stated that the Village should switch companies every three years as good practice. Ms. Quimby stated that the current company has been doing the audits for the Village for a while and the cost for three years would be \$12,250 for the first year, \$12,500 for the second year and \$12,750 for the third year. Mayor Adams stated that \$14,000 was budgeted for the audit for this year so he recommended giving Ms. Quimby an increase in her salary (\$1,750) since she hasn't received a pay increase for quite some time. Mayor Adams stated the change in the budget for the Treasurer expense would go from \$34,000 to \$35,750. The Committee was okay with this. Ms. Hughes inquired if the Committee would like to approve the audit company at the next meeting and they agreed to do so.

JOHN PETERSON, CHAIRMAN

None.

DAVE WINTERS, TRUSTEE

None.

SCOTT FRIDLIDY, TRUSTEE

Mr. Fridly discussed the water system maintenance fee with the Committee. Mr. Fridly stated that he would like to have the proposed fee start June 1, 2018. Mr. Fridly explained that the payments on the water loan won't start until 2019 when the full amount of the loan has been dispersed. Mr. Fridly added that he would like to change from quarterly billing to monthly billing once the new meters are installed and all of the bugs are worked out of the system. Mr. Peterson stated that this is too much of an increase for many people that are on a fixed income and that the fee will never go away. Mr. Fridly stated that once the 20-year loan is paid off then the fee can be removed with a sunset clause added. Mr. Fridly stated that the only way not to propose a water system maintenance fee is to not do anything to maintain the water system and let everything fall apart. Mr. Winters said that surrounding communities are a lot higher than the Village when it comes to water billing. Mr. Winters stated that the Village has kept the rates low for so long because they haven't maintained the system, therefore, the capital is low and there isn't enough funds to complete the necessary maintenance. Mr. Peterson said that this is too dramatic of a hit for people to take all at once. Mrs. May explained that the gradual increase was discussed in the Public Works Committee and that they didn't choose to do a gradual increase because they felt like residents would feel like they were perpetually getting hit with increases and that it would be easier to do a one-time increase. Mayor Adams said that he doesn't like this either, but the Village needs to approve this in order to obtain the water loan. Mr. Fridly stated that there is no other creative way to do this and when the money is borrowed it needs to get paid back and the EPA won't approve the loan without a funding source. Mr. Fridly advised the Committee that the water system maintenance fee will be presented later in the evening at the Village Board meeting.

VILLAGE COLLECTOR, CORINE HUGHES

None.

ANY OTHER BUSINESS ALLOWED BY LAW

None.

ADJOURN

Motion by Mr. Fridly, second by Mr. Winters, to adjourn at 7:00 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Christina Stewart
Village Clerk