

FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETING

October 19, 2023 @ 5:00 p.m.

Members present: Joette Dedden, Connie Miller, Chris Colvin

Staff Present: Kitty Crockett, Finance Director; Jamie Morley, Clerk of Council

- 1) Mrs. Miller made a motion to approve the Finance Committee minutes for September 21, 2023 which was seconded by Mr. Colvin.

3 Yeas

- 2) The committee members stated they had reviewed the reports, and everything looked good. Ms. Dedden wanted clarification on the fund status report on the police levy. She stated the police levy fund went from 160K on the 8/31/2023 report to 265K on the 9/30/2023 report. Ms. Dedden asked why this fund increased so much. Ms. Crockett explained that the Village received the second half of their property taxes.
- 3) The Committee discussed the renewal of benefit plans for dental, vision, HRA, and a bonus in lieu of benefits. Ms. Morley stated that she has received the renewal for vision and HRA. The HRA price has doubled from \$100 to \$200 a month. Mr. Hough of Wade Insurance is looking at other alternatives for HRA companies. Ms. Dedden said the next regularly scheduled Finance meeting falls on Thanksgiving. She suggested the Finance Committee meet on November 2 at 5 PM to go over benefit renewals to have legislation for Council to vote on for the November 6th meeting. This will give enough time to have two readings and adopt them without emergencies. The Committee agreed to meet then.
- 4) Ms. Dedden went through the list of contracts and ending dates. She asked what the contract for Buckeye Power Sales was. Ms. Morley responded that it was for the maintenance of the wellfield generator, and she has a quote to renew the contract for Council to consider at the next meeting. She also asked what FP Postage was. Ms. Morley explained it was the postage meter and that she would also investigate a renewal for that. Ms. Morley stated she would also update the contract list, once everything is renewed and distribute that to Council.
- 5) Ms. Crockett stated that she would have temporary appropriations ready to be voted on at the first Council meeting in December. Ms. Dedden also stated that Council will need to vote on Base Pay Rates and Ranges. Chief Copeland will be putting that together for Council to consider.
- 6) Mr. Colvin asked about the status of the trash fund. Ms. Morley stated that after reviewing Rumpke's bills, she discovered that they were charging the Village for 1,269 units, not the agreed-upon 1,153 units, even though it stated 1,153 units on the bottom of the bills. With the increase in the number of units the Village is charged, the Village is still losing about 1K a

month, not 3K like originally thought. The fees will increase in June and the Village will net about \$500-\$600 extra to build the fund back up.

- 7) Ms. Morley presented the Committee with information from TextMyGov. This is a service that will allow the Village to get information out to residents who have signed up for the service. It is like a one-call now but a text rather than a phone call. Ms. Morley stated that the company can import phone numbers from the utility billing software to start. People can always opt-out. Ms. Morley suggested this would be a good way to distribute information such as the Council agenda and meeting updates. She added this would be an excellent way to let people know about emergencies such as boil advisories and snow emergencies. The program will allow the user to select a certain area to send texts to, so only the area affected will get the boil advisory text. Ms. Morley explained that there is an initial set-up fee of \$1,500 and a \$3,000 a year fee for the service. The Committee liked the possibility of the program and asked that the information be included in Council packets and placed under new business on the next Council agenda as an option to enhance communication with residents.
- 8) Ms. Dedden wanted to thank the Colvin family and Dave Stubbs for taking the time to decorate Main Street for the holidays.
- 9) Mrs. Miller motioned to adjourn at 5:41 p.m. and all were in favor.