

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 that they 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 Dental, Vision, HRA, and the bonus in lieu of benefits. Ms. Morley stated that she has received the renewal
- 4) Ms. Dedden stated that the committee needs to review the schedule of fees.
 - The Committee looked at the rezoning cost and discussed whether the current price is adequate to cover costs, which was figured to be sufficient. It was questioned if the rezoning request fails, would the applicant receive some sort of refund? It was decided between the cost of publication, certified letters, and staff time, there would not be a refund.
 - The Committee discussed the current bulk water rate. It was raised from \$5.25 to \$5.50 on January 1, 2023. The Committee decided to revisit this rate when they consider all water rates in 2024.
 - The Committee discussed trash rates. Ms. Morley explained that Rumpke did an audit on the number of households they serviced. Rumpke has billed the Village for 1,070 units for years. They wanted to charge the Village for 1,269 units, but it was agreed to start charging the Village for 1,153 units. This has increased the Rumpke bill, and the Village is now losing about 1K a month on trash bills. Ms. Morley assured the Committee that there is money in the fund to cover this loss. However, the Village will need to increase trash prices more than originally anticipated for 2024. Ms. Morley will look over the current prices and figure out the appropriate amount for the increase. Ms. Morely also pointed out that the Village has always offered snowbird trash rates for those who are gone for over a month. However, after working with Rumpke, she was told that snowbird trash rates were not part of the contract and Rumpke would not offer this. Therefore, for individuals who are charged snowbird rates, the Village is still paying the full rate to Rumpke.

- Mr. Colvin made a motion to no longer offer snowbird rates for trash pickup and the motion was seconded by Ms. Dedden.

3 Yeas

- Mrs. Miller made a motion to prepare legislation to update the Schedule of Fees. This motion was seconded by Ms. Dedden.

3 Yeas

- 5) The Committee discussed the current contract for the Magistrate of Mayor's Court. It is due to expire at the end of the year. Ms. Morley stated the Magistrate will need to make \$8,800 a year to qualify for OPERS for the next two years. It was decided to meet in executive session at the next Council meeting to discuss the employment of a public employee to discuss this.
- 6) Mr. Colvin asked if the Village Finances are up to date on Open Checkbook. Ms. Morley was unsure and would need to check with Ms. Crockett as she usually handles this.
- 7) The Committee briefly discussed the renewal of Dental, Vision, HRA, and life insurance for 2024 and decided to discuss this at the next meeting.
- 8) All were in favor of adjourning at 5:35 PM.