

FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETING

September 23, 2021 @ 5:00 p.m.

Members present: Joette Dedden, Brian Blankenship

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

Guests Present: Earl Isaacs and Chris Colvin

1. Mr. Blankenship made a motion to approve the Finance Committee minutes as written for August 19, 2021 and was seconded by Ms. Dedden.
2 Yeas
2. Mr. Blankenship made a motion to excuse Mrs. Miller and was seconded by Ms. Dedden.
2 Yeas
3. Ms. Crockett went over her reports and updates with finances:
 - CD has been rolled over to another 2-year CD
 - The Village has received the first installment of the ARP funds.
 - PO has been opened for the repaving of Adamsmoor Drive and Mill Street
4. Ms. Dedden stated that Chief Copeland had asked the Finance Committee to consider putting in next year's appropriations funding for an electronic message board installed in front of the Government Center. He feels this would be a great opportunity to communicate with the public and maintain transparency. He believes this will be around 25K-35K.
 - Mr. Blankenship made a motion for Chief Copeland to continue to get more information and pricing for the sign and was seconded by Ms. Dedden.
2 Yeas
5. It was noted that the funds collected for interest so far in 2021 were lower than expected due to the economy.
6. Mr. Colvin asked if the County Auditor charged the Village a fee for collecting property taxes. Ms. Crockett was not sure of the amount as it was taken out before the Village receives the funds. But she is pretty sure they take a percentage.
7. At this time the Committee discussed possible projects they would like to see addressed:
 - The light at Route 42 and North Street. Mr. Blankenship wanted to ensure the funds were available to pay for the whole project if ODOT would allow a light to be installed. Ms. Crockett assured him that there were funds available if needed.
 - New lampposts along Main Street. The Committee would like to see new posts that

banners can be displayed. They also discussed having Veterans on the banners such as in New Carlisle, Sabina, and Washington Court House. It was asked for staff to reach out to these communities to see how it was determined which Veterans would be displayed. The Committee suggested using the proceeds from the sale of the Lock Up for this project.

8. Mr. Blankenship asked if the vehicles parked behind the government center could be parked in the barn. Ms. Morley stated the Command Vehicle would be moved to the cold barn, but otherwise the barns are full, there is not room for the maintenance trucks. Mayor Isaacs proposed a carport to offer some sort of protection. Mr. Blankenship asked if Chief Copeland could arrange a tour of the facilities and Ms. Dedden agreed she would like that.
9. At this time, the Committee discussed the current water prices. The last time water prices were increased was Jan 1, 2019 and even longer for bulk water prices. It was suggested that there be at least a 3% increase and will be revisited at the next meeting.
10. Mr. Blankenship made a motion to adjourn at 5:44 p.m. and was seconded by Mr. Blankenship. All were in favor.