

## FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETING

November 18, 2021 @ 5:00 p.m.

Members present: Joette Dedden, Brian Blankenship, Connie Miller

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

1. Mrs. Miller made a motion to approve the Finance Committee minutes as written for October 21, 2021 and was seconded by Ms. Dedden.  
3 Yeas
2. The Committee reviewed the October reports prepared by Ms. Crockett. Ms. Dedden stated the 117K payment to Brown Paving was to pave Mill Street and Adamsmoor. The funds were taken out of the General, Street Maintenance, Permissive Vehicle, and Street Levy Funds. Ms. Crockett stated that the trash and streetlight funds are a little low, and the Committee may want to consider updating the Schedule of Fees. Ms. Morley stated that the streetlight fund is taking a hit because the lights along Main Street and Victoria Place require an electrician to fix them. With the passing of Bill Hadley, other electricians charge the Village a lot more. Chief Copeland is working with Nathan from PCI to see about doing these repairs as he is about \$30 less an hour than the current electrician.
3. At this time, the Committee reviewed the temporary appropriations. Ms. Crockett explained the temporaries do not include capital improvement projects. The Committee discussed projects and purchases they would like to see planned for 2022 and how much should be appropriated for the permanent appropriations. It was decided to appropriate 250K from the street levy and 50K from the general for repaving of streets. It was discussed that a new cruiser is planned to be purchased in 2023 not 2022 to maintain the two-year rotation of police vehicles. 125K to be appropriated out of permissive and highway funds for the streetlight at Route 42 and North Street. There is an additional 125K Warren County holds for the Village that can also be used for this project. 80K will need to be appropriated to the storm sewer fund for drainage projects and catch basins repairs. 40K for the water capital fund for the purchase of a new pickup truck. The Committee also stated that 150K out of general would need to be appropriated for the new lampposts on Main Street. Staff will need to research and see if the Village qualified for the OPWC Grant for 2022 and if so, that amount will need to be appropriated.
4. The Committee discussed the request from the Village Manager to fund a message board in front of the Government Center. Ms. Morley stated that there is not really a current sign for the Government Center. The Committee liked the idea of the sign but expressed concern over the price of the electronic sign and questioned how many residents would even see the sign. Ms. Morley stated that there was money from the CARES Act that still needed to be used and this project qualified. The Committee decided to speak with Chief Copeland to see if he could find an alternative that would not be as expensive.
5. Mrs. Miller made a motion to adjourn at 5:41 p.m. and was seconded by Mr. Blankenship. All were in favor.