

Finance Committee
Thursday, February 11, 2016
7:00 a.m.
Village Hall Conference Room

Attendance

Committee Members:	
Timothy Nugent, Mayor	X
Joel Gesky, Trustee	X
Timothy Boyce, Trustee	X
Other attendees:	
Todd Crockett, Trustee	
Diane Dole, Trustee	
Jim Hanley	
Chris LaRocque	
Janice Schulteis	
Bernie Thompson	
Staci Wilken	
Donna Kiedaisch	

Minutes from the January 11, 2016 meeting were approved with a motion made by Tim Nugent, seconded by Tim Boyce, showing a change in terminology of the Aqua agreement regarding funds received for the Zamboni purchase.

Food Pantry Lease

The five-year lease of 205 N. Locust with Food Pantry will expire and they have requested an update for another five years. There are a couple of maintenance items that need to be addressed but the committee saw no reason to cancel the lease; this item will be placed on the agenda for Village Board to vote on the five-year lease extension at the February 16, 2016 meeting.

Liquor License

The Village has received two requests for licenses; Lacey's Place specifically asked for a Class A liquor licenses and Durbin's asking approval for a license to open a café diner/coffee shop at 417 South Locust (Route 50) to host video gaming. Lacey's Place has entered an agreement with Family Video to rent a portion of their location, having a separate address and entrance/exit and separate washrooms. They also would like their establishment to have video gaming. During the discussion, it was established that the Village has no more licenses available for just video gaming, however, there are two full Class A liquor licenses available, formerly held by the bowling alley and Rafaelo's. It was questioned whether these would be appropriate for the requests made as there is a difference in the restrictions between the Class A liquor and Class D for gaming.

Some areas of discussion were whether there are already too many bars/video gaming locations in Manteno, being able to keep the liquor store/gaming separated from the video store where children are, other bar owners feeling that adding more establishments like theirs could be taking away some of their business. The feeling was that the Village should not be deciding who can or cannot open a business in town, just because there are others of the same nature here already. We are trying to welcome new businesses in the Village, not discourage them; plus we need to consider what type of business will be supported by the residents. Opinions were as follows: Trustee Gesky was not in favor of the license for Lacey's (in with Family Video) but would consider the South Locust location only if renovation plans are good enough, Trustee Crockett was not in favor of either, Trustee Boyce was o.k. with either, and Trustee Dole was really not in favor of either, especially the Family Video frequented by children. Bernie Thompson stated that liquor establishments are very protective about their licenses, video gaming or liquor, so as not to allow any violations to laws. All agreed that before any decision would be made for the request of the Baumgartner location (417 S. Locust) we would like to see plans for improvements.

Budget Amendment 2015/2016 and 2016/2017 Calendar

Janice handed out the 2016/2017 budget action calendar and stated that she is working on the amendment for the current fiscal year, cutting and moving funds from one line to another. She's looking at revenue and expenses for the new budget and one concern is the revenue vs. expenses for the railroad spur project and at one time it was thought the funds to purchase would come from the Aqua water sale fund. Some additional expenses for that project are attorney fees, engineering costs, additional liability insurance for the Village, etc. Trustee Gesky brought up the possibility of our receiving a rebate of sorts for low claims from IMEC and whether that could be put toward the cost of additional liability. Janice will be checking into that. The plan is to have committee of the whole meetings to see updates on budget amendments.

2016 Projects

Some ideas for projects for this year are as follows: 1. Waiting for Hitchcock design for the Second Street project; this should be received by late May/early June which could possibly push the project to late in this fiscal year or even into

next. 2. New street signs to finish the project throughout the Village. 3. School sport flags/banners to be hung from the street lights along Main and maybe Route 50, or locations where they will be seen when the teams are leaving and returning to Manteno from major championship events. Jim Hanley will get some quotes on different types of poles and banners to check the quality and durability. This could possibly be put in the new budget. 4. Change lighting for updates to LED; this will be put on hold until ComEd changes to "smart meters" before we make the change to show any savings to the Village. 5. HomeStar Bank will be celebrating their 70th anniversary and will be donating \$10,000 to each Village in which they have a branch to use as we wish, only requesting some type of recognition plaque or something on that order for the donation. In the past, Rotary has asked about constructing a clock tower and sharing the cost with the Village; the \$10,000 could be used toward our half of the cost and if the tower were to be in the TIF district, some TIF funds could possibly be used also, to supplement our half. The cost would include tower, set-up, maintenance, operation, etc. 6. Manteno Township needs to be considered before any improvements or updates in Legacy Park can be made, i.e. concession stand and bathrooms. 7. Staci will send information to Township so they know what all is going on in the Park. She doesn't have any new activities scheduled for this summer and all from last year were very well received. 8. Jim Hanley stated that the "welcome to" signs at Village entry sites could be updated and possibly relocated farther out, making them closer to the actual entry to Village limits. 9. Chamber is considering the installation of an electronic LED sign out by their booth on CH9, by McDonald's. It would probably only be used for Chamber activities, not offering advertising space to businesses. 10. Wright Park could use some updating of playground equipment and Hendrickson Park basketball court could be spruced up. 11. There is quite a bit of interest for a walking path through the Village, getting from one side of town to another. This could be done through swales, connecting with the path on Maple Street that runs out to Legacy Park.

Month-End Financial Reports

Nothing out of the ordinary and as mentioned, Janice is tracking both revenues and expenses for the amendment.

Miscellaneous

Possible purchase of the cell tower on South Main is in process, nothing for sure yet. We received word that David Frost has reached an agreement to buy the Swart property on Oak Street. Mayor Nugent brought up the fact that some state laws have changed concerning the open meetings act and the possibility of our needing to change our committee structure to avoid violations. We have been notified by Joe Cainkar of this new law so we need to take some kind of action.

The meeting adjourned at 8:30 a.m. The next regularly scheduled meeting will be Thursday, March 10, 2016 in the Village Hall conference room at 7:00 a.m.