

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE
Finance Committee
Wednesday, February 14, 2024
7:00 a.m.
Village Board Room

Attendance

Committee Members:	
Timothy Nugent, Mayor	X
Timothy Boyce, Trustee	X
Todd Crockett, Trustee	
Diane Dole, Trustee	X
Joel Gesky, Trustee	X
Sam Martin, Trustee	X
Wendell Phillips, Trustee	X
Other attendees:	
Chris LaRocque, Village Admin	X
Jim Hanley, Supt. Of Public Works	X
Al Swinford, Chief of Police	X
Ryan Marion, Building Official	X
Sheila Martin, Treasurer	X
Jakob Knox, Community Relations Dir	X
Robin Batka, Village Clerk	
Darla Hurley, Deputy Village Clerk	X

Trustee Gesky called the meeting to order at 7:21 a.m.

A motion was made by Trustee Martin, seconded by Trustee Boyce, to approve the minutes of January 10, 2024, as written; motion carried by voice vote - all ayes, no nays.

Public Participation: None

Items for Discussion:

- **FY 24-25 Budget Calendar /Discussion** – Mr. LaRocque stated that department heads have started looking at budget items for the FY 24-25. The first version will be presented at the March committee meeting.
- **Old PD & PW Buildings Update** – The School District has a preliminary design for the use of the old Police Department building. They are moving forward with the project with hopes that the school board will approve the project. If they get approval, they will work on obtaining grants for the project. An agreement with the Village for the use of the building will come once these next steps are in place. A possible reverter clause may be needed so that if the school does not wish to own or lease the building any more the building would come back to the village. The school is only interested in using the front portion of the building. They are not interested in the use of the garage or the Channel 4 area.

The purchase of the Public Works building located on South Oak by the school district is also moving forward. The school will be buying it for the full appraised amount. The Village Attorney is working on the sales contract. Once the contract is complete, the item will be placed on a board agenda for approval. This purchase is only for the large building, not the Quonset Hut or the old township building. Mr. Hanley would like to maintain ownership of these two buildings for cold storage items at this time. Trustee Gesky would like to investigate the cost of adding a cold storage building at the new location.

- **MYBSL Request Update** – The MYBSL received a quote for lights at Heritage Park is approximately \$225,000 and to add netting it would be \$23,500. The dugouts are being repaired by Public Works personnel. Mr. Hanley is looking at a type of screen wrap to be placed around the dugouts for wind and rain protection. The approval to purchase the netting will be placed on the next village board meeting agenda. The lighting will be looked at for the next budget year to see if funding is available. The project would need to be bid out and there would need to be a photo metric study along with measurements completed. Trustee Gesky would still like to see feedback from the neighbors on how it may affect them.

Trustee Martin would like to make sure that MYSA is not affected. Mr. Hanley did talk to a representative of the MYSA and they will not be affected. They would like to have a kicking wall and a new refrigerator for the concession stand.

Trustee Dole would like to see lighting on the paths too. Mr. Hanley will also get a cost for turfing fields 1 and 2.

- **Personnel Discussion** – Mayor Nugent wanted to discuss adding a person to the Village Hall due to potential retirements. Mr. LaRocque will develop a job description.
- **Square on Second – South Green Area** – Mr. Hanley received a on-line quote for materials to do the southeast corner with turf for \$18,000. Installation costs would be extra. Mr. Hanley has met with a company, and they will be quoting a price to replace the older turf.

Trustee Gesky stated that Trustee Crockett had mentioned earlier about adding a picnic pavilion near the pond area of Legacy Park along with a pier for fishing. It may be possible to move the Rockin' on the Square to that area. The Village would need to talk to the Township about adding this to the park. The Master Plan for Legacy Park does show a larger pond area. Mr. Knox stated that additional types of festivals could be brought to this area instead of moving the Rockin' on the Square, the activities could be in addition.

- **Misc:**
 - Village received a letter from the Manteno Legion and the Manteno Sportsman's Club asking to serve alcohol earlier on Sundays. Currently liquor cannot be served until 11 am; the request is to start at 8 am. Mr. LaRocque will contact churches for any objections to the change. The item will be discussed again at the next meeting.

Trustee Martin exited the meeting at 8:03 a.m.

- **Project Cost Recaps** – Please see packet for updated spreadsheets. A page was added to show change orders that were approved for the Public Works and Police Department buildings. Final payment for the Public Works building was issued with the village holding an amount back until the HVAC issues are resolved. The Police Department building has not received the final draw on that project. Mr. Hanley is requesting to add a garage door to the salt shed; install 3-phase for the large fans and add an outlet for the welder. Chief Swinford will be adding a panic button in the holding area along with an additional camera in the area.
- **Month End Financial Report** – Revenue remains steady. Interest income will be reflected differently in the next fiscal year. There has been no response yet from IDOT concerning the costs associated with I-57 overpass. Mayor Nugent stated getting that information is important for the village to set aside our required portion.

A motion by Trustee Boyce and seconded by Trustee Dole to adjourn the meeting at 8:11 a.m. Voice vote – all ayes.

Respectfully submitted by Darla Hurley, Deputy Village Clerk