

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

Finance Committee

Wednesday, March 13, 2024

7:00 a.m.

Village Board Room

Attendance

Committee Members:	
Timothy Nugent, Mayor	X
Timothy Boyce, Trustee	X
Todd Crockett, Trustee	X
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	

Trustee Gesky called the meeting to order at 7:26 a.m.

A motion was made by Trustee Phillips, seconded by Trustee Crockett, to approve the minutes of February 14, 2024, as written; motion carried by voice vote - all ayes, no nays.

Public Participation: None

Items for Discussion:

- **Angela Jackson Gaming License Request** – Mr. LaRocque stated that Ms. Jackson was to be present to give a business plan concerning her vape shop that she is opening. She was asking for a liquor license so that she can get video gaming. Mr. LaRocque had expressed the opinion of the board that at this time the village is not interested in any more video gaming. She had wanted to address the board directly but was not present today.
- **Alexis McCullough – Eagle Scout Project** – Mr. Knox will offer a space at the Spring Showcase to advertise the project.
- **Liquor Ordinance Time Change Request** – Mr. LaRocque reached out to churches about a potential change to the starting time on Sundays. The village received responses from three churches. Two were opposed and one did not have any opposition. Trustee Martin was approached by the Legion and the Sportsman’s Club about an earlier time on Sundays. The item will be placed on a board agenda for a vote.
- **School State Champions Signs** – There were ideas discussed but no definitive solution or placement was presented. The idea will continue to be investigated.

- **Hotel Tax Ordinance** – The Kankakee County Convention and Visitors Bureau (KCCVB) has used the hotel tax for their operating revenue. The majority of the hotels are located within Bradley. The Village of Bradley has indicated that they will probably pull out of the KCCVB. This will change the financial structure of the KCCVB. The Director has prepared a budget that could be used by KCCVB. The proposed solution would be that each municipality would institute a 5% tax on hotel rooms; the tax would be collected by the village and then sent to the KCCVB on a monthly basis. At this time, the village hotels generate approximately \$70,00 per year. The proposed new fee schedule for the KCCVB would be an annual fee of \$60,000 per year plus \$5,000 per hotel per year which would total \$70,000. This is a two-year agreement that will start 7/1/24.

Trustee Crockett exited the meeting at 8:01 am.

- **FY 23-24 Audit** – The Village has received a quote of \$29,000 from Smith, Koelling, Dykstra and Ohm to complete the FY23-24 fiscal year. The approval will be placed on the next village board meeting.
- **Health Insurance Quote** – Mr. LaRocque presented the choices presented by United Health Insurance. One option has a change to the prescription co-pays that results in a savings in premiums. The Tier 4 co-pays goes up substantially, but Mr. LaRocque will check to see how many employees this may effect and whether a reimbursement program would be beneficial.

Trustee Dole exited the meeting at 8:15 am.

- **First Draft – FY 23-24 Budget Amendment** – Mr. LaRocque presented the first draft of the amendment to the FY 23-24 budget.
- **Preliminary FY 24-25 Budget** – Mr. LaRocque presented a preliminary budget for FY 24-25.
- **Project Cost Recaps** – Mr. LaRocque presented the spreadsheets for the various projects. The Public Works has made their final payment on that building.

Trustee Phillips exited at 8:23 am.

- **Month End Financial Report** - The month end financials are covered in the Budget Amendment.

A motion by Trustee Boyce and seconded by Trustee Martin to adjourn the meeting at 8:24 a.m. Voice vote – all ayes.

Respectfully submitted by Sheila Martin and typed by Darla Hurley, Deputy Village Clerk