

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

Finance Committee

Tuesday, March 15, 2022

7:28 a.m.

Village Conference 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	
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
Sarah Marion, Event Coord.	
Sheila Martin, Treasurer	X
Darla Hurley, Deputy Village Clerk	X

Trustee Gesky called the meeting to order a 7:28 a.m.

A motion was made by Trustee Crockett, seconded by Trustee Gesky to approve the minutes of the February 7, 2022 as written; motion carried by voice vote - all ayes, no nays.

No Public Participation

Items for Discussion:

- **Baseball Program Request** – Mr. Josh Dutour, Mr. Brandon Bird and Mr. Zach Spainhour were in attendance to present a request by MYBSL. They would like to replace the current shed at Heritage Park and to develop Field 5 as a multi-use softball/baseball field. They are requesting that the village purchase the building. They gave some highlights of MYBSL. This year includes approximately 363 children playing softball or baseball. The current building has water and electric so the new building would be an addition to the current one. The building they are suggesting is a Tuff Shed with an approximate cost of \$16,792. It would be located between Field #1 and #2.

Trustee Crockett asked if any funds had been raised by MYBSL for this building. Mr. Dutour stated that no funds had been raised to construct this building.

Mayor Nugent stated that if the village built the building all sports would be allowed to use. Mr. Dutour stated that they currently share the building with MYSA.

The Village will do more research and will contact MYBSL.

Mr. Dutour asked if the village would be open to updating Field #5. MYBSL will prepare cost options and then contact Mr. LaRocque.

Mr. Dutour, Mr. Bird and Mr. Spainhour exited the meeting.

- **Soccer/Legacy Park** – Trustee Gesky was approached by the Manteno Wildcat Football program about coming to Legacy Park. The soccer program (MYSA) is not planning on moving to Legacy Park this fall as the soccer fields are not in the condition that they would prefer. The MYSA program raised approximately \$26,000 to be used for the Concession Stand. Trustee Gesky would like to refund that money back to the program or use the funds specifically to improve the fields. Both programs have not made a decision about using Legacy Park. Mr. LaRocque will talk to the Township about refunding MYSA.
- **Resolve Center ARPA Request** – Mr. LaRocque received a call from Iroquois Memorial Health Center asking for some funds from the village ARPA monies to do some improvements at their facility. They are a non-profit company, and they are not affiliated with Iroquois Memorial Hospital. They run the Resolve Center on Division Street. They are asking for \$370,000 for an HVAC system and a \$138,240 to fix the elevator. Mr. LaRocque researched what qualifies for ARPA funds and it does mention support of mental health programs, not fixing facilities. Riverside Hospital donated this building to their organization. The building has been closed due to a water main break. There are no property taxes or sales taxes generated by the organization. Chief Swinford has tried to work with them, but they have not been very receptive. The committee suggested to deny their request. Mr. LaRocque will communicate that decision to the organization.
- **Legion Pavilion Request** - Mr. LaRocque stated that the Manteno American Legion is requesting to construct a new prefab metal gazebo in place of their current tent area. This is a lap metal construction. The structure would be 12'. It was suggested to have the metal be white in color since they already have a white vinyl fence around the area. There will be footings installed.

Trustee Dole exited the meeting at 8:08 a.m.

The Committee is okay with the use of the lap metal.

- **New PD Facility** – Mr. LaRocque announced that a letter of intent has been sent to Municipal Bank concerning their building on Division Street. The possibility of purchasing the property came about very quickly. The bank only has 2 employees at this branch and only the drive-up is open. They were looking to close this location. Since the Police Department was going to remodel its current facility it was asked if the village would be interested in purchasing this building. The initial offer was for \$1.8 million, we countered with \$1.5 million and agreed upon \$1.65 million. The building is in very good condition. Conversion of the building could be approximately another \$1 million or more. The building has 9000 square feet.

There are some contingencies that allow Municipal Bank to use the property until the end of July. They need to follow certain federal guidelines to close a branch. A lease would be put in place to allow them to use the building even though the village will own the building.

- **Tax Rebate Application** – Mr. LaRocque presented a draft application that will be used for the Property Tax Rebate. The village will not make any copies of any required documents. Any suggested changes on the form should be given to Mr. LaRocque

Trustee Crockett exited the meeting at 8:27 a.m.

- **Health & Dental Insurance Renewal Rates** – Mr. LaRocque announced that the village's renewal rate for health insurance with United Healthcare will be an increase of 2.9%. Dental insurance will be switched to Guardian Dental with an increase of 2.0%. Last year's health insurance was 0%. HomeStar Insurance and Suzie Werner worked hard to keep the increases to a minimum.

- **FY 2022 Budget Amendment (First Draft)** – Mr. LaRocque presented the first draft of the FY21-22 Budget Amendment. The 2nd draft will be presented at the Finance Committee meeting in April. Revenues are up over what was budgeted. \$14 million will be moved out of the General Fund and put into a Capital Improvement Fund. This fund will be used for improvements such as the Public Works Facility, PD Facility, the walking path projects, etc. The Golf Course account will be closed at the end of the budget year. The Golf Course closing will be taking place on Monday, March 21st. Any monies left after expenses will be moved to the general fund and the account will be closed. *(See attached)*
- **FY 2022-2023 Budget** - Mr. LaRocque presented a draft version of the FY 22-23 Budget. Revenues are projected to still be strong. COVID did not have as big of impact as previously expected. Mr. LaRocque presented a list of items that could be cut to have a balanced budget. This draft is showing approximately a \$2 million deficit. *(See attached)*

Trustee Boyce exited the meeting at 8:59 a.m.

- **Misc.** –
 - SKDO, CPA's & Advisor's, village auditors, have sent an engagement letter for audit of the FY2021-22. There is an increase \$1,650 over last year. The approval will be placed on the Board Agenda.

A motion by Trustee Gesky and seconded by Mayor Nugent to adjourn the meeting at 9:01 a.m. Voice vote – all ayes.

Respectfully submitted by Darla Hurley, Deputy Village Clerk