

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

Finance Committee

Wednesday, October 13, 2021

7:25 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	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	
Sarah Marion, Event Coord.	
Sheila Martin, Treasurer	X
Darla Hurley, Deputy Village Clerk	

Trustee Gesky called the meeting to order at 7:25 a.m.

A motion was made by Mayor Nugent, seconded by Trustee Crockett to approve the minutes of the September 14, 2021 as written; motion carried by voice vote - all ayes, no nays.

No Public Participation

Items for Discussion:

- **Berkot's TIF Grant Request** – Mr. Ken Zsudy, Berkot's representative, presented the preliminary façade updates. Gutters, soffit and fascia will be replaced. The entire building will be repainted besides the work on the front façade. Lighting will also be changed. The project is eligible for \$60,000. The request will be on the Village Board agenda on Monday, October 18th.
- **Police Pension Payment** – The annual actuary recommended contribution is \$489,939. The village budgeted \$575,000. The village will pay the extra amount to fund the pension.
- **Legacy Park Concession Stand RFPs** – Mr. LaRocque and Mr. Hanley will be meeting with the low bidder, Integral Construction to discuss the project before recommending acceptance of the bidder. The completion of the exterior of the building and the finishing of the interior will be an additional bid. The recommended color scheme is white, with stone on the bottom and a grey roof.
- **COVID Pay** – Mr. LaRocque stated that the village policy has been to pay any employee who is off with COVID to be paid their full salary. The employee does not have to use benefit time. Private industry does not have to pay for time-off as of 9/30/21. The village will continue to pay for positive COVID cases.

- **OSHA Vaccination Mandate** – IML has announced that the federal government is working with OSHA to create a vaccination mandate that will include municipal governments. The village will monitor the situation.
- **Main Street Renovation Grant** – Mr. LaRocque stated that there is a DCEO Grant for downtown renovations due January 2022. Novotny Engineering is willing to facilitate the grant for \$2,000 - \$6,000. The grant is a 50/50 match. Mr. LaRocque and Mr. Hanley will speak individually to the businesses on Main Street about the project to obtain feedback.
- **Dooley's Petroleum** – Mr. LaRocque was contacted by an employee of Dooley's Petroleum, who lives in Manteno, about a sales tax rebate agreement similar to World Fuels and Cooper Oil. The company will need to have office space, not just work from their home. Dooley Petroleum will contact Mr. LaRocque when they have their office space to continue discussion for a sales tax rebate agreement with the village.

Trustee Martin exited the meeting at 7:43 am.

- **TIF #1 Recap Update** – Mr. LaRocque presented a recap of TIF #1. See attached in packet.
- **Golf Course Update** - Mr. LaRocque stated that monthly meeting was postponed to October 18th.

Trustee Crockett exited the meeting at 8:00 am.

- **Month End Financial Report** – Mr. LaRocque stated that revenues from the state are double than what was projected. Property tax received were close to the full budgeted amount and the same for TIF funds. The police budget shows that the levied amount from the property taxes has been paid to the police pension. Also, the expense of on-boarding four new police officers with equipment and training has skewed that line item. The Public Works wage line item will be high due to summer help. The wages will balance out as the year continues.

Mayor Nugent requested that Chief Swinford and Mr. Hanley report on what costs were incurred due to Oktoberfest. The police had around \$20,000 in personnel costs. Mr. Hanley is working on his report.

- **Misc.** –
 - Mayor Nugent had introduced the idea of purchasing a 20-acre parcel owned by Jerry Alexander near McDonalds at an earlier meeting. Mayor Nugent is interested in the land. The village could develop the area and then potentially sale the developed commercial lots.

Trustee Dole exited the meeting at 8:19 am.

Trustee Boyce stated that the village could investigate the idea. Mr. LaRocque will see if the preliminary plan for that area that Mr. Aggen had prepared years ago can be reviewed. Mr. LaRocque will send it out for the committee to review if it can be located.

A motion by Mayor Nugent and seconded by Trustee Boyce to adjourn the meeting at 8:23 a.m. Voice vote – all ayes.

Respectfully submitted by Darla Hurley, Deputy Village Clerk