

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

Finance Committee

Wednesday, February 8, 2023

7:31 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
Sarah Marion, Event Coord.	
Sheila Martin, Treasurer	X
Darla Hurley, Deputy Village Clerk	X

Trustee Gesky called the meeting to order a 7:31 a.m.

A motion was made by Trustee Crockett, seconded by Trustee Boyce, to approve the minutes of the January 11, 2023 as written; motion carried by voice vote - all ayes, no nays.

No Public Participation

Items for Discussion:

- **Preliminary Budget – 1st Draft** – Mr. LaRocque presented the first draft of the FY 23-24 budget. Mr. LaRocque is still working with department heads. Initial draft shows a balanced budget but does not include village paying for garbage, property tax rebate or any projects. FY22-23 Budget will end with an approximate \$423,000 deficit. The village did receive ARPA funds which helped offset the initial budget deficit of \$2 million. Trustee Dole asked if we are seeing a decrease in gaming revenue. Mr. LaRocque stated he uses the IML projections for those types of revenues.
- **Marketing & Community Relations Director Position Update** – Mayor Nugent, Mr. LaRocque and Mr. Josh Stauffenberg, Chamber President, interviewed four candidates for the position. Three of the applicants came back for a second interview. One individual has been offered the position.
- **Current Police Department / Hitchcock Update** – Mr. LaRocque received an email from Hitchcock that a design will be available later this week.
- **Well House / Vacant Ground Discussion** – Mayor Nugent and Mr. LaRocque met with the school district in reference to the vacant lot on Oak Street that is located directly across from the district offices. They might be interested in the lot, but they have no concrete plans of what they could do with it. Mr. LaRocque

will contact Mr. Jerry Curwick to see if he would be interested in it since he owns the lot directly north of ours. The well houses have pipes that go in the ground, so Aqua would be the only option for those. Three of the well houses are being used by the village for various reasons. A local resident has shown interest in the lot located on South Main Street. A local business may also be interested in the Public Works facility on South Oak Street.

- **Project Cost Recaps** – Mr. LaRocque presented updated project cost sheets.
- **Month End Financial Report** – All departments are doing well. Final numbers will start to be prepared for any required budget amendment in April.
- **Misc:**
 - Mr. Hill will be looking at design for lights around Legion.
 - A design for red/white/blue banners to go with the Hometown Hero Banners is needed.
 - Work is continuing at the new Public Works facility. NiCor is working on the new gas line. Progress on the inside is also moving forward. Tenco will be looking at plans for a salt shed for cost of build out.
 - ComEd has a new construction manger and Mr. Hill has been in contact with this person concerning the South Creek path.

A motion by Trustee Crockett and seconded by Trustee Dole to adjourn the meeting at 7:58 a.m. Voice vote – all ayes.

Respectfully submitted by Darla Hurley, Deputy Village Clerk