

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

Finance Committee

Wednesday, July 14, 2021

7:29 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 at 7:29 a.m.

A motion was made by Mayor Nugent, seconded by Trustee Boyce to approve the minutes of the June 9, 2021 as written; motion carried by voice vote - all ayes, no nays.

No Public Participation

Items for Discussion:

- **Block Party Request** – Mr. LaRocque presented a request by residents at South Poplar Street. The street is a dead end. The requested date is August 21st.
- **Annual Audit Update** – The village had the audit firm at the village hall in early July. The final report will be received later, but there were no issues mentioned during their time at the village hall. A capital improvement fund will be set up for FY 2022-2023.
- **Engineer Discussion** – Due to the village's unhappiness with Robinson Engineering, Mr. LaRocque reached out to some other firms for engineering services. The village has interviewed two firms and one seems to fit with the village's needs, Novotny Engineering in Willowbrook, IL. The Mayor did not appoint a village engineer in May 2021. The village will gradually move services to the new firm to see if this firm will work. Robinson will be allowed to finish their current contracts.
- **Golf Course Discussion** – Mr. LaRocque was asked by Save Our Golf Course Board to come early before their scheduled meeting. During this meeting it was stated by their board that the golf course is financially having problems. The board stated that unless there are drastic changes, the course will probably not be open

next year. They are losing money every month. The village is not interested in running a golf course and at this time there is no plan by the village if the group does not plan to continue running the course. Mr. LaRocque recommended to them that they need a consultant who specializes in golf courses, which may cost money that they do not have. Their agreement with the villages expires at the end of 2021. Mayor Nugent asked that Mr. LaRocque request a list of Manteno residents who are members of the course.

- **CN Railroad Fence** – The railroad Chief of Police, Brandon Myers, contacted Mr. Hanley about a fence along the railroad tracks. Mr. Hanley stated that the village did look at the potential, but it was very costly and did not pursue the matter further. Mr. Myers will investigate whether CN Railroad has a program to assist in construction of fences. Mr. Hanley stated the if a fence would be constructed; being on the berm would be limited due to items under the berm. The issue is back in the CN Railroad’s lap.
- **TIF / TIF Façade Update** – Mr. LaRocque presented report showing the businesses that have applied for the grant money and those anticipated façade requests. A deadline date to apply for the grant money will be sent to any anticipated requestors.
- **Month End Financial Report** – Mr. LaRocque stated that state revenue is up from what was predicted.

Mayor Nugent stated that Manteno Tobacco is requesting a liquor license so that they could get video gaming machines. The village has told them no numerous times, but the Mayor wanted to verify that the village is not interested in another gaming café. The committee is not open to offering another gaming café license.

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

Respectfully submitted by Darla Hurley, Deputy Village Clerk