

**VILLAGE OF BEACH PARK**  
**Minutes of the January 16, 2019**  
**Finance Committee Meeting**

**Attendees:**

Trustee Don Jensen – Committee Chair  
Peggy McHugh – Finance Director  
Jon Kindseth - Administrator

Trustee Regina Miller – Member  
Trustee Linda Sittig – Member

Roll call was taken and the meeting brought to order at 6:02 p.m.

**October 17, 2018 meeting minutes:** Chairman Jensen asked if there were any questions/updates in regards to the minutes from last month's meeting. No update in regards to potential fiber optic upgrade. Administrator Kindseth stated we would like to hold the annual Priority Session January 31, 2019, in the evening. More discussion on Priority Session and potential format change. Staff plans to send out an update on last year's priorities in the next week or so.

**New Business:** Trustee Sittig asked about Cruisers demolition for an update. Administrator Kindseth provided an update. Discussion occurred.

**Finance Report:** Investments income is up. Chairman Jensen likes year over year data as presented. Cell revenue is up. Trustee Miller asked about Dollar General sales and village share of sales tax revenue. Discussion was had on Dollar General. Staff replied we need more time before we get reports. Trustee Sittig mentioned that some coupons are only available on a phone app which is cumbersome for older folks.

**Budget Timeline:** March Financial Committee needs to be rescheduled so committee is in favor of moving it to Wednesday, March 13, 2019 at 6:00pm. Attempt will be made to have most of budget ready to discuss at that meeting. Finance Director McHugh distributed preliminary revenue budget for General Fund. Overall first look is a 1.59% increase. Video gaming revenue discussion was had. Sweepstakes machines are the new thing.

**TruGreen:** Chairman Jensen had several questions on materials in the packets. Administrator Kindseth stated that we did shop it out this year and went with the lowest price. Trustee Sittig would like to go greener with these treatments. Trustee Miller pointed out that they do put signs up after treating so people can avoid area. Chairman Jensen suggested reducing treatment and see if we get complaints. Administrator Kindseth pointed out his concern about damage to the park that may happen if treatments are suspended but said staff can maybe reduce in a small area and test it out. Administrator Kindseth said next go around we can look at more green options.

**Azavar:** Finance Director McHugh passed out a summary of the findings so the committee can see details of audit so far. Then Administrator Kindseth summarized findings in regards to short-term rentals as described in the packet and asked the committee whether they are favor of pursuing collections of Motel Tax on these Air BnB's – short-term rentals. There are two now but if we get more would treat them the same. Trustee Sittig is in favor of charging Hotel Tax on these. Is 5% the highest we can go? Staff will check State statute to see if that can be increased. Trustee Miller is in favor of collecting the revenue. Would they be required to get a Business Registration? Committee says yes.

Discussion was had on the short-term rentals and how the collection process would work. Chairman Jensen in favor. Make sure to apply fairly, consistently. Staff will work with Azavar to start the program.

**Warrant List:** Finance Director McHugh and Chairman Jensen started to discuss, but decision was made to discuss the bill run after adjournment.

**Adjourn:** Chairman Jensen then asked if there were any public comments. Hearing none, Chairman Jensen then asked for a motion to adjourn, Trustee Sittig made the motion, seconded by Trustee Miller.

The Finance Committee meeting was adjourned at 6:50 p.m.

**Next Finance Committee Meeting:** Wednesday, February 20, 2019 at 6:00 p.m.