

**Minutes of the
Finance Committee Meeting
Of
May 25, 2017**

Attendees:

John Hucker – Mayor
Trustee Don Jensen – Committee Chairperson
Peggy McHugh – Finance Director
Jon Kindseth – Village Administrator
Richard Gust – Trustee

Mark Ottersen – Trustee
Trustee Regina Miller – Member
Trustee Linda Sittig – Member
Jerry Nellessen – Community Development Dir
Tracy Miracle – Asst. to Village Administrator

Roll call was taken and the meeting brought to order at 6:00 p.m. Trustee Miller arrived a few minutes late. Trustee Wells also joined later in the meeting.

April 19, 2017 meeting minutes:

Chairman Jensen said he did not have any questions and made a motion to approve the minutes from the April 19, 2017 meeting. Trustee Sittig seconded. Upon voice vote the April 19, 2017 minutes were approved unanimously.

Monthly Finance Report: Chairman Jensen then moved the discussion to the Monthly Finance Report. Peggy

McHugh stated that there was nothing noteworthy to report. Chairman Jensen commented that although we all can agree it is a good idea to make a payment toward the Village's unfunded IMRF, he is concerned about the continued possibility of a cut to the LGDF.

Jon Kindseth mentioned that the additional contribution would not be made until the end of 2017 so we do not have to commit to anything at this time. Chairman Jensen would like to hold off on it then to see what happens with the state budget. Jon Kindseth stated that any decisions on allocating the surplus would be made after the audit-, through a budget amendment.

Possible tax on services: Mayor Hucker discussed the potential increase to revenue for the Village if some services were taxed. Discussion was had on the possibility of this and what the impact could be, with a lot of uncertainty at this time.

Sheriff's Contract: Chairman Jensen then moved on to the next item on the Agenda. Jon Kindseth stated that he and the Mayor met with the sheriff's office and they supplied a staffing study. In the meeting it was suggested that the Village needs more coverage. Three options were presented to the Village for the contract renewal. These options are summarized on the spreadsheet in the packet. Contract has the same structure as previous ones but with different costs. After presenting the 3 options the sheriff's office said that actually the 2nd option is not a viable option as they would have trouble staffing half a shift so it again comes to them pushing for a third shift in the Village. Trustee Miller asked if crime incidents are increasing and Jon Kindseth stated that they are not and actually call volume is down. Discussion was had on the Public Safety reports. It does not seem that the call volume indicates the need for a 3rd shift. Jon Kindseth stated that they changed the system and codes are not consistent in all cases. Discussion turned to special detail and how that can be used if needed. Trustee Sittig said she is fine with 2 shifts as is and addition of special detail where needed. Jon Kindseth said the contract calls for the Village to pay approximately \$60,000 for a new squad car if we do not commit to more hours by November 30 of this year. Mayor Hucker suggested a calendar reminder set for one month before the deadline to determine whether Village should add the 3rd shift or absorb the cost of the new squad car.

All are in favor of staying with 2 shifts and advancing contract option 1 to the Board.

Class G Liquor License Renewal Fee: Mayor Hucker provided a summary of the events leading up to the decision to increase the renewal fee for Class G liquor license, currently held by Cracken Cakes and More. Video gaming was discussed with the owner of Cracken Cakes, Dora Lee, and the owner was previously informed the Village was not in favor of this being added at her business. The liquor license was granted to help her struggling business but was never intended to lead to a license for video gaming. Dora Lee took steps to proceed towards video gaming and signed an agreement with Gold Rush Gaming to provide video gaming machines at her

location. Village staff was under the impression that the state Video Gaming Board would honor Village policy regarding classifications of liquor licenses eligible for video gaming, but this was not the case. Discussion was had on options to address the issue.

Discussion was had on the price of all liquor licenses and that based on the revenue the businesses receive the Village could increase the renewal prices in a fair and consistent manner. Unfortunately, most of the renewal applications have already gone out for this year. Jon Kindseth led more discussion on the desire of the video gaming industry to challenge restrictions being placed on video gaming by non-home rule communities. He also mentioned new forms of gambling coming that Village may have no control over.

Based on the need to increase compliance and enforcement the recommendation was made to raise the renewal fee to \$1,500 and all were in favor. Direction was provided to again look at liquor license fees over the coming year.

Adjourn: Because of the pending Village Board Meeting at 7:00 pm, Chairman Jensen said we would continue remaining items at the next meeting and asked for a motion to adjourn. Trustee Sittig made the motion. Trustee Miller seconded. Upon a voice vote, the motion was approved unanimously. The Finance Committee meeting was adjourned at 7:00 p.m.

Next Finance Committee Meeting: Wednesday, June 21, 2017 at 6:00 p.m.