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Finance Committee Meeting
(Finance/Industrial Park/Economic Development/Budget)
(Albers/Blaies/Kaiser/Matchett)
Wednesday, March 24, 2021 at 5:30 p.m.

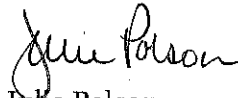
Chairperson Denise Albers officially called the meeting of the Finance Committee to order at 5:30 p.m. on Wednesday, March 24, 2021. Those in attendance were Chairperson Denise Albers, Trustee Mike Blaies, Trustee Bob Kaiser (via Zoom), Trustee Ray Matchett, Mayor Seth Speiser, Village Clerk Jerry Menard (absent), Treasurer Bryan Vogel (absent), Trustee Mike Heap, Trustee Lisa Meehling, Village Attorney Fred Keck, Public Works Director John Tolan, Police Chief Mike Schutzenhofer, Zoning Administrator Matt Trout, Village Administrator Tony Funderburg, Finance Clerk Debbie Pierce (absent), and Office Manager Julie Polson. Guest present: Janet Baechle, Kevin and Jean Schoenborn.

- A. REVIEW OF BOARD LISTS:** St. Clair Service Company, \$819.50 charged to sidewalk supplies – Julie will check on that; Volkert, \$935 charged to the new sewer plant – Julie will check on that; several Computron invoices – Village Administrator Tony Funderburg said we purchased email spam and security software. Microsoft had a glitch to their update and we lost everything on our operating system. IDNR's update required us to buy a new computer for the front station.
- B. REVIEW OF INVESTMENTS:** Chairperson Albers advised there is nothing due at this time. Tony and Bryan are sitting tight on the money market funds.
- C. INCOME STATEMENT:** Tony commented we are actually in a pretty good spot at 92% overall.
- D. TREASURER'S REPORT:** None.
- E. OLD BUSINESS:**
1. Approval of February 24, 2021 Minutes. Trustee Mike Blaies motioned to approve the February 24, 2021 minutes and Trustee Ray Matchett seconded the motion. All voting yea, the motion carried.
 2. Attorney Invoices: The committee reviewed the attorney's invoice.
 3. Newsletter: Once the pool information is updated, the newsletter will be sent to the Tribune and be distributed next week.
- E. NEW BUSINESS:** Tony provided the Notice of Intent to Award and Bidding Review Certification for the Construction Contract for the new sewer plant. This will be sent to IEPA tomorrow for them to accept the low bid. After that, we will get the contract. We use Flygt pumps throughout town, and that was alternately bid during the process. That will be accepted with this bid under a change order at a cost of \$8,000 for 3 pumps. Tony believes we should plan on the change order since this is the standard in Freeburg.

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Under the America Rescue Plan, the Village will received \$522,000. He has TF said the America Rescue Plan, V will receive \$522,000. They have not released how we can spend it, however we are supposed to spend the first half of the money within 60 days of the passage of the bill and the remainder within a year. Tony believes we should be transparent about the money and make sure everyone knows how we spent it. He would like put the money towards a good use for our community and suggested the water tower, broadband infrastructure and community center. It has to be used for something new and not used to cut taxes.

- G. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION:** Kevin and Jean Schoenborn were present to discuss their interest in annexing into the Village to receive water. Tony believes we should try to expand our community, and said this can ben done with annexations and easements. Even if we said yes, this project would not happen anytime soon. They believe some of their neighbors would annex as well. John said our crew would not be able to do this waterline because of the depth of the ditch. John said Richland Creek has always been the cutoff between Smithton and Freeburg utilities. Mayor Speiser asked John to have Haier estimate the cost to do this waterline. Tony commented the Schoenborns would have to annex before we spend any money on the waterline.
- H. ADJOURN:** *Trustee Mike Blaies motioned to adjourn the meeting at 5:58 p.m. and Trustee Ray Matchett seconded the motion. All voting yea, the motion carried.*


Julie Polson
Office Manager