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Finance Committee Meeting
(Finance/Industrial Park/Economic Development/Budget)
(Albers/Blaies/Kaiser/Matchett)
Wednesday, March 25, 2020 at 5:45 p.m.

VILLAGE ADMINISTRATOR
Tony Funderburg

PUBLIC WORKS DIRECTOR
John Tolan

POLICE CHIEF
Michael J. Schutzenhofer

ESDA COORDINATOR
Eugene Kramer

ZONING ADMINISTRATOR
Matt Trout

VILLAGE ATTORNEY
Weilmuenster Keck Brown, P.C.

Chairperson Denise Albers officially called the meeting of the Finance Committee to order at 5:54 p.m. on Wednesday, March 25, 2020. Those in attendance were Chairperson Denise Albers, Trustee Mike Blaies, Trustee Bob Kaiser, Trustee Ray Matchett, Mayor Seth Speiser, Village Clerk Jerry Menard, 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, Crew Worker Trevor Breitwieser, Village Administrator Tony Funderburg, Finance Clerk Debbie Pierce (absent) and Office Manager Julie Polson. Guest present: Janet Baechle (6:04 p.m.).

A. REVIEW OF BOARD LISTS: Trustee Blaies questioned Freeburg Auto Body, \$2,529.59 – vehicle claim for deer striking vehicle, we paid for that instead of turning it into our insurance company; Jerry's Truck, \$1,137.51 – Shane's accident, lack of insurance coverage on other driver; Computron, \$6169.94 – Ransomware protection; Dambacher, \$15,775.16 – Trustee Albers questioned this invoice, and found out they are not billing in a timely matter. They hold a set of invoices for a long time, some past the fiscal year in which they are due. Public Works Director John Tolan is working with them to get billed on a monthly basis. Trustee Albers questioned the \$1,007.42 expense on the Regions card, this is for the keyboard dropouts and desk organizers. You will also see larger amounts for water, sewer and street supplies on the Regions card rather than being billed directly. That was done in order to get those expenses in before the end of the fiscal year. There were several TWM engineering invoices, #64895, \$5601 (water study); #64948, \$5175 (Old Freeburg Rd.); 2020 Agreement, \$4,500 (Streets-Phase I); #65033, \$3316.50 (water study/project plan); #65169, \$2413.78 (Old Freeburg Rd.).

B. REVIEW OF INVESTMENTS: Nothing until July.

C. INCOME STATEMENT: Trustee Albers said we are in a good place overall. We will try to minimize expenses. We took care of a lot of things this year that we needed to have done.

C. TREASURER'S REPORT: None.

E. OLD BUSINESS:

1. Approval of February 26, 2020 Minutes. Trustee Ray Matchett motioned to approve the February 26, 2020 minutes and Trustee Mike Blaies seconded the motion. All voting yea, the motion carried.
2. Attorney Invoices: The invoice will be available at Village Hall for review. Village Administrator Tony Funderburg confirmed the board meeting will be held via Zoom as well.
3. Newsletter: Julie is going to revise some of the articles and add COVID-19. We need to decide what we are going to do about the spring clean up.

F. NEW BUSINESS:

1. Citizen's Bid for the Backhoe and Hydro Excavator: Village Administrator Tony Funderburg advised Regions will not bid on any small request, and he will get that in writing. Trustee Albers asked everyone to give that some thought before the next meeting. She said that we need some viable options if we have to reach outside of town. She stated she would like to keep the money in town, but would like to get more than one bid on a loan.

Trustee Ray Matchett motioned to recommend to the full Board Citizen's Bid for the Bobcat at a cost of \$45,000 and the hydro excavator at a cost of \$74,900 at an interest rate of 2.30% for seven years with seven annual pyaments and Trustee Mike Blaies seconded the motion. All voting yea, the motion carried.

2. St. Clair County Tax Computation Report: Tony projected the EAV this year to be a little over \$90,000,000 and it came back at almost \$91,500,000. Attorney Keck stated that it is great that our EAV is going up. He could name 10-12 towns in St. Clair County where that isn't the case.
3. Unit 6 Generator Repair: John has the quote from Myers Controlled Power for the breaker that we need at a cost of \$16,176. We will do the offset work. He estimates BHM&G's costs to run around \$4,000 - \$5,000. Tony confirmed he always adds extra in the electric engineering fund. This was an emergency situation and we need to get this ordered as soon as possible.

Trustee Ray Matchett motioned to recommend to the full Board Myers Controlled Power's Proposal for a FVR Breaker at a cost of \$16,176 and Trustee Mike Blaies seconded the motion. All voting yea, the motion carried.

4. Pay Raise for Zoning Administrator: Mayor Speiser said when the raises were done for the other appointees, we did not have the zoning administrator in there. In conjunction with those other raises, we will add the zoning administrator to receive 2.5% the next 3 years. The raises run with the fiscal year. This will be handled during the appointments.

G. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION: None.

- H. ADJOURN:** *Trustee Ray Matchett motioned to adjourn the meeting at 6:20 p.m. and Trustee Bob Kaiser seconded the motion. All voting yea, the motion carried.*



Julie Polson
Office Manager