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Finance Committee Meeting  
(Finance/Industrial Park/Economic Development/Budget)  
(Carpenter/Blaies/Kaiser/Matchett)  
Wednesday, June 28, 2023 at 5:30 p.m.

Chairperson Tom Carpenter officially called the meeting of the Finance Committee to order at 5:30 p.m., on Wednesday, June 28, 2023. Those in attendance were Chairperson Tom Carpenter, Trustee Mike Blaies, Trustee Bob Kaiser, Trustee Ray Matchett, Mayor Seth Speiser, Village Clerk Jerry Menard, Treasurer Bryan Vogel, Trustee Mike Heap, Trustee Lisa Meehling, Village Attorney Fred Keck, Public Works Director John Tolan, Police Chief Mike Schutzenhofer, Interim Village Administrator Matt Trout, Village Administrator Tony Funderburg, Finance Clerk Laura Wolf and Office Manager Julie Polson. Guest present: Janet Baechle. Guest present via Zoom: Douglas (6:45 p.m.).

- A. REVIEW OF BOARD LISTS:** Trustee Blaies questioned Carter Waters, \$361.72 – concrete supplies for Sugar Creek; Anixter, \$7,340 and \$7,644 – Cemetery Road infrastructure extension; John Tolan, \$202.94 – flowers for Village Hall; Wissehr Electrical, \$331.58 – stoplight reimbursement; Blackburn, \$545.85 – marking flags for Julie locates; Seth Speiser, \$625.38 – Mayor’s dinner reimbursement.
- B. REVIEW OF INVESTMENTS:** We have no CDs maturing until June of 2024. Village Administrator Tony Funderburg would like the board to look at investing money for the general and fund electric funds and not do any of the sewer. The water fund has been operating at very thin margins for a long time. We need to focus on that rate structure with TWM in the next 3 months. Tony believes we could invest \$400,000 - \$500,000 out of electric, and would like Treasurer Vogel to look at the general fund.
- C. INCOME STATEMENT:** Tony advised we should be about 25% right now. Admin revenue is down, but a lot of that comes from property taxes.
- D. TREASURER’S REPORT:** Treasurer Bryan Vogel has nothing new to report.
- E. FUND AND ACCOUNT BALANCE REPORT:** See comments above.
- F. OLD BUSINESS:**
1. Approval of May 24, 2023 Minutes. Trustee Mike Blaies motioned to approve the May 24, 2023 Minutes, and Trustee Ray Matchett seconded the motion. All voting yea, the motion carried.
  2. Attorney Invoice: The invoice was reviewed by the committee.
  3. Newsletter: Julie advised the newsletter should be going out this week.

**G. NEW BUSINESS:**

1. Computer on Quote for New Managed Wireless Network for the Village, Police Department and Board Chamber: Tony stated we have had trouble with the outdated wireless internet here. It needs to be stronger and the technology updated. He said the last update was done in 2013/14.

*Trustee Ray Matchett motioned to recommend to the full Board Computron's Quote for a new managed wireless network for the Village, Police Department and Board Chamber in the amount of \$4,999.00, and Trustee Mike Blaies seconded the motion. All voting yea, the motion carried.*

2. MFT Bid Tabulation: Public Works Director John Tolan said the bid opening was held last week. Verlan Funk was the low bid on the aggregate CA6/11/riprap, Illiana Construction was the low bid for the oil and chipping. They are an offshoot of JTC Petroleum; and Beelman was the low bid on slag.

*Trustee Ray Matchett motioned to send the 2023 MFT Bids from Verlan Funk, Illiana Construction and Beelman Trucking to the full Board for approval, and Trustee Mike Blaies seconded the motion. All voting yea, the motion carried.*

3. BHMG Cost Proposal for Electric Cost of Service/Rate Design Study: Tony commented we previously discussed the rate study. BHMG will look at how we are collecting money for our rates. They will also include a rate structure for electric cars.

*Trustee Mike Blaies motioned to recommend to the full Board BHMG Cost Proposal for Electric Cost of Service and Rate Design Study at a cost of \$34,900.00, and Trustee Ray Matchett seconded the motion. All voting yea, the motion carried.*

Interim Village Administrator Matt Trout stated we have received Haier Plumbing's Pay Request #20 in the amount of \$391,237.72 that needs to go the next board meeting.

*Trustee Bob Kaiser motioned to recommend to the full Board Haier Plumbing & Contracting Pay Request #20 in the amount of \$391,237.72 for approval, and Trustee Ray Matchett seconded the motion. All voting yea, the motion carried.*

Matt advised we have also received a no cost change order extending the substantial completion date to September 13<sup>th</sup> and October 14<sup>th</sup> for the final completion date. This is being done because EPA does not see the project as complete. Attorney Keck will review the change order prior to sending it to EPA.

**H. GENERAL CONCERNS:** None

**G. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION:** None

**H. ADJOURN:** *Trustee Mike Blaies motioned to adjourn the meeting at 5:54 p.m., and Trustee Ray Matchett seconded the motion. All voting yea, the motion carried.*



Julie Polson  
Office Manager