

**VILLAGE OF FONTANA ON GENEVA LAKE
WALWORTH COUNTY, WISCONSIN**

(Official Minutes)

Finance Committee Monthly Meeting

March 26, 2015

The Finance Committee meeting was called to order by Chairman Pat Kenny at 6:00 pm on Thursday, March 26, 2015.

Members Present: Trustee Pat Kenny, Jim Feeney, Karl Floody, Rick McCue, Peg Pollitt

Members Absent: Thomas Freytag, Craig Workman

Also Present: Clerk Theresa Linneman, Fire Chief Wolfgang Nitsch, Administrator Dennis Martin, Treasurer Scott Vilona

Visitors Heard

None

General Business

Approve Minutes for Meeting Held January 29, 2015

McCue/Feeney 2nd made a MOTION to approve the minutes as submitted for the January 29, 2015 meeting, and the MOTION carried without negative vote.

2015-16 LWMMI Insurance Package Renewal Recommendation

Martin provided an overview of the 2015-16 renewal proposal for the Village of Fontana property, liability, crime and worker's compensation insurance policies from the League of Wisconsin Municipalities Mutual Insurance program agent Bill King. The renewal proposal provided by King indicates, "Worker's Compensation is not considered 'competitive' because the State of Wisconsin sets the rates which all carriers must abide by. With that said, Worker's Comp premium increased 55.2 percent or \$19,106 due primarily to the Experience Modification factor increasing from .80 to 1.13." Due to two workers compensation claims from 2014, the mod rating increased dramatically resulting in an estimated premium increase from \$103,786 to \$123,611, which is roughly \$19,800 more than the Village was expecting; however, the Village has no control over the increase due to claims and all other premiums are in line. Following discussion on the worker's compensation situation, the committee approved a motion to recommend approval of staff's recommendation that the LWMMI package be renewed as presented, with an additional \$449 in premium to increase the building limits by 4 percent and the Business Personal Property, Property in the Open, Mobile Equipment and docks by 2 percent; and for an additional \$326 in premium to increase the Crime limits from \$250,000 to \$500,000.

Feeney/McCue 2nd made a MOTION to approve the 2015-16 LWMMI Insurance Package Renewal as recommended by staff, with an additional \$449 in premium to increase the building limits by 4 percent and the Business Personal Property, Property in the Open, Mobile Equipment and docks by 2 percent; and for an additional \$326 in premium to increase the Crime limits from \$250,000 to \$500,000. The MOTION carried without a negative vote.

Fire/Rescue Department Pickup Truck Purchase

Fire and Rescue Department Chief Wolfgang Nitsch reported the Fire Department's current F250 pickup truck, which tows the dive team boat, is having increasing mechanical issues and brake failure and is leaking oil. Also, the F250's maximum recommended towing capacity is 8,500 pounds, and the rescue boat weighs approximately 12,000 pounds, which is a liability concern should an accident occur. The department has two options, either upgrade the truck to something with a higher towing capacity or stop towing the rescue boat. The new ladder truck purchased for \$800,000 has been delivered and the old ladder truck is being sold to the Village of Johnson Creek for \$45,000. The old truck's expected sale price was \$30,000 less brokerage fees, so the Village received more than \$15,000 over the expected value. Nitsch requested to use a portion of the proceeds from the sale of the old ladder truck toward the purchase of a crew cab new pickup

truck, potentially a Chevy 3500. The original price of a new truck is around \$46,000 but after sales incentives, a new truck can be purchased for \$32,000; roughly the same cost as a used truck. Nitsch said he would like to add a skid unit and trailer to transport ice, rescue and dive gear to make the truck as versatile as possible. Nitsch requested \$35,000 from the sale of the 1989 Pierce ladder truck and the department will fund the purchase of the additional equipment he wants to add with money in the donated funds account.

Pollitt/Floody 2nd made a MOTION to recommend Village Board approval of the proposal to purchase a new Chevy 3500 pickup truck for an amount not to exceed \$35,000, with the funds derived from the sale of the 1989 Pierce ladder truck, and the MOTION carried without negative vote.

Village Hall Copy Machine/Printer Lease Proposal

Martin said the Village is looking into replacing the copy machine which is several years old and is experiencing increasingly more maintenance problems. He received quotes from two companies, The Martin Group out of Lake Geneva and Rhyme out of Janesville. Martin said he did not have time to thoroughly compare the two companies but would like the committee's approval to cost compare with Treasurer Vilona and make a decision. Pollitt asked whether the Village was looking to buy or lease and indicated the City of Lake Geneva is also in the process of acquiring a new copy machine. She said Lake Geneva Clerk Sabrina Waswo has done quite a bit of research on the topic suggested contacting her for more information. Clerk Linneman was instructed to contact Waswo and bring back the findings for next month's meeting.

Impact Fees Proposal Review

The suggestion to adopt development impact fees was made at the last monthly committee meeting after two new relatively large developments have arisen. Martin said that staff researched the proposal and the required study and public hearing process to establish impact fees will cost between \$18,000 and \$24,000, according to a proposal he received from Ehlers Associates. Martin expressed concern since a costly impact fee study was conducted about nine years ago at the direction of the Village Board and then the fees were voted down following the public hearing. After a question posed by Kenny, Vilona explained a study is required by the state to establish specific fees for specific infrastructure projects, and impact fees are not something just made up by a municipality. There was discussion on the give and take of between the Village and developers and some who rather than pay impact fees, contribute to the community in other ways such as building a park pavilion. Since hooking up to the sewer system is often costly to the village, Pollitt suggested increasing the sewer hookup fees. She said the fees in Lake Geneva are \$2,400 and in Fontana they are \$600. After discussion on the benefits and disadvantages on annexation fees and impact fees, Kenny suggested looking into increasing the sewer hookup fees and reestablishing an annexation fee.

Next Meeting Date

The next meeting was scheduled for Thursday, April 30, 2015 at 6:00 pm.

Adjournment

McCue/Kenny 2nd made a MOTION to adjourn the meeting at 6:44 pm, and the motion carried without negative vote.

Minutes prepared by: Theresa Linneman, Village Clerk

Note: These minutes are subject to further editing. Once approved by the Finance Committee, the official minutes will be kept on file at the Village Hall.

APPROVED: 05/28/15