

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

**(Official Minutes)
Finance Committee
September 30, 2021**

The Virtual Finance Committee meeting was called to order by Chairman Pat Kenny at 9:00 am on Thursday, September 30, 2021.

Members Present: President Pat Kenny, Thomas Freytag, Mike Sheyker, Jim Feeney, Tom Marek, Rob Rowe

Members Absent: Bob Klockars

Also Present: Walter Burkhalter, Theresa Loomer, Wolfgang Nitsch, Stephanie Smith, Scott Vilona

General Business

Finance Committee's Initial Review of Preliminary 2022 Budget Worksheets for Fire & Rescue, Municipal Court, Building Inspection and Library

Treasurer Scott Vilona presented the Library budget. It is a State Statute dictated calculation made up of Grant money and County expected expenditures.

Vilona presented the Fire and Rescue annual budget requests. Capital expense items requested include four new nozzles to replace old, outdated nozzles in the amount of \$4,000, a bullard flir camera to replace an outdated one in the amount of \$7,000, a lift bag for extrication and technical rescue in the amount of \$3,900, a water filtration system for the safety building in the amount of \$15,000 and a storm siren for Indian Hills Road and Hwy B in the amount of \$21,500. Chief Nitsch stated the County is mandating a radio restructure in the next year or two and the estimated cost is \$175,000. Chief Nitsch had a few reminders for the committee regarding engine 3722 which was due to be replaced in 2020 and the Fire and Rescue Department could use an old squad for traveling to trainings, inspections, and daily tasks.

Vilona presented the Building Inspector budget which is straightforward. The village splits the building inspection permits 20%/80% for residential and 30%/70% for commercial inspections.

Vilona presented the Municipal Court's budget which has no changes or capital expenditures.

Recommend Health Insurance Stipend for 2022

Vilona stated the employer cost for health insurance for 2022 has decreased and the employee cost has increased. Loomer explained the goal is to not create a large jump in costs for employees. Vilona explained since the cost to the Village has decreased one potential option would be for the Village to cover the employees cost increase from 2021 to 2022. President Kenny stated his opinion would be to keep the cost the same for the employees. Vilona agreed to present the numbers if the Village was to cover the increase in employee costs at the next meeting.

Discuss Payment Processing Providers

Loomer stated the County is changing their payment processing provider for tax payments and has included information for all municipalities if they would like switch and mirror the same platform the County will be using. The municipality would be reimbursed for the setup fees, and it will reduce processing costs for the residents. Smith stated currently the Village utilizes ACI for general and utility payment processing and has demoed a new payment processing system in house for the last ninety days. The payment processing demo is through Certified Payments and Village Hall staff has been extremely happy with the ease of processing payments and this proposed change can provide a significant cost savings for residents.

Feeney/Marek 2nd made a MOTION to recommend Village Board approval of changing tax payment processing providers to MSB, and the MOTION carried without negative vote.

Walworth Professional and Technical assistance to Municipalities regarding ARPA funding
Loomer stated this assistance is available to Municipalities if it is needed. Loomer explained that Vilona has already performed the revenue loss calculations and not sure this assistance is necessary for the Village unless the Committee feels otherwise.

Discussion on Village ARPA Appropriations

Loomer explained there is no rush to spend the ARPA funds and the Village has till 2024 to expend the funds. Village Engineer Terry Tavera has confirmed that stormwater is an approved use of ARPA funds. Loomer asked the Committee if they have other suggestions for use of the funds.

Potawatomi Creek Stormwater Initiatives – Shabbona Drive Outfall and TIF District

Loomer stated the Potawatomi Creek study was presented to the Village Board and they discussed moving forward with the high priority projects and investigate the feasibility of using the TID to fund the projects. The consensus of the Committee is to move forward with the Shabbona Drive Outfall project, however there was question of the availability to plan and execute the project by the end of winter. Vilona explained as far as funding a potential option would be to see how the budget works out and put what we can in capital improvements and then take the rest from working capital.

Feeney/Sheyker 2nd made a MOTION to recommend Village Board approval of moving forward with the Shabbona Drive Outfall project, with the idea a portion of the balance could be budgeted for, and the remainder taken from working capital, and the MOTION carried without negative vote.

Set Next Meeting Date

Next meeting will be on October 7, 2021 at 3pm.

Adjournment

Marek/Feeney 2nd made a MOTION to adjourn the meeting at 10:22 am, and the motion carried without negative vote.

Minutes prepared by: Stephanie Smith, Deputy Clerk/Treasurer

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APPROVED: 10/07/2021