

Finance, Recreation, Gorman Farm Cultural Arts

Committee Meeting Minutes

Monday April 4, 2016

Finance:

Cynthia Caracci reported that tax revenues are running \$118,930 ahead of last year through March. This is tempered by a \$74,000 tax refund that is due a company that filed amended returns. Year to date, excluding Evendale Commons, the Village has a deficit of \$54,834.58. Unencumbered case is \$17,543,934.28.

There will be five ordinances related to Finance. 1) A Then and Now Ordinance for three items that are in the 2016 budget – Audit Services, Lexipol for a Fire Department Update, and Duke Energy for Phase Three power to the Cultural Arts Center. 2) A transfer from contingency to the Fire Department. 3) A transfer from contingency to the Tax Department for the Tax Refund mentioned above. 4) A transfer from contingency to the MMV Fund for the Plainfield / Glendale-Milford Road turn lane. 5) A supplemental appropriation to fund IBI's continued work on the Thru-the Valley project (This will be discussed below)

Gorman Farm

Tricia Watts reported that the Farms Germination Station will be delivered in April in anticipation of the demolition of TLC. Evendale Resident Admission cards are ready. It is hoped that they can be distributed through the Mayor's Newsletter. Tricia will contact Pam Morin about using the Newsletter to distribute the cards. The Farm wanted the old Recreation Department cart, but it was used as a trade-in and is unavailable. A portion of the Alfalfa Barn was loosened during the weekend wind storm and is being repaired. Finally, the Farm is in need of a new 60 by 40 tent. This is installed in the parking lot by a contractor and is up all summer.

Cultural Arts

Mayor Finan reported that he increased director Susan Gordy's hours from 25 hours a week to 29 hours per week. She is quite busy at this time with the Children's play April 13 and 14 and the Art Show beginning on April 29th. Most of the discussion concerned relocation of the port-o-let for the soccer field and the dumpster used in part by the swimming pool. David Elmer and Dave Nichols are going to work with Susan to make a recommendation.

Recreation

Dave Nichols presented two ordinances for the committee to consider. One was hiring a new part-time clerk. The new clerk is currently a child care assistant. She will replace a part-time clerk who decided to leave the position. The second is transferring the custodian from part-time to full time. The committee expressed concern about the increased cost and permanency or the expense. Mayor Finan indicated that he has had similar requests from other departments. He has turned those down. This one is the exception because all of the work is not getting completed in the Recreation Department and the position recently was a vacated fulltime position. The committee recommended that this change be approved.

Administration

David Elmer presented proposed amendments to the personnel code concerning Light Duty, FMLA leave, and a Telephone Policy. These will be discussed in May. David Elmer reported that IBI needs an additional \$192,400 to get the plans for the Thru the Valley project ready so that they can be part of the State Bids on the Thru-the-Valley project. The committee wanted to make certain that this amount will be complete so that all water, electric and initial work on the Glendale-Milford Bridge can be bid by the state. It would also include discussions about scaling back the overall cost of the project. David Elmer requested that a date be picked for the employee/elected officials Reds Game. May 20th was selected.

Mayor Finan had three issues for discussion. First, the Service Department will pressure wash the building exteriors. Next he indicated that he wants to sell the Trosset house and lots. The committee agreed and suggested using the CIC for the sale. Finally, Mayor Finan wanted to sell the two lots on Inwood Drive. Councilmember Schaefer was opposed to the sale because these properties complete the buffer between commercial and residential property, except for one house. Councilmember Puthoff wanted to look into the issue more. No recommendation was made by the Committee.