



**VILLAGE OF EVENDALE, OHIO
10500 Reading Road
Fire, Police, Zoning and CAC Committee
October 6, 2020
5:30 PM, Council Chambers**

*****COVID-19 SOCIAL DISTANCE RESTRICTIONS IN PLACE. FACEMASKS ARE REQUIRED TO ATTEND.*****

Attendance: Council members- Bill Puthoff, Carolyn Smiley Robertson and Chris Schaefer. Staff include David Elmer, Chief Mike Hauck, Chief Niel Korte, Susan Gordy, Andrew Rodney, Cynthia Caracci and Barb Rohs

1. Fire

- a. Fire Alert System- This is 90% complete and tests will be started on 10/7 and waiting for FEMA money.
- b. Landmark property fire hydrants- Chief Hauck explained to council the means to have adequate water to the property.
- c. COVID- Hamilton County has a chance to go to Level 3 but it depends on the COVID numbers in the next few days. The VOE has 25 total cases and 6 active cases. If HC goes to level 3 the school districts still have the ability to make their own decisions.

2. Police

- a. Officer Vonderhaar was hit on the highway and the car was totaled and there will be an ordinance for replacement.
- b. The RMS (Records Management System) system will be replaced and options being reviewed. This allows surrounding departments to share information, communicate with county and RCIC. The fee is approximately \$6000-\$9000 and will be in the 2021 budget. The State of Ohio is developing an RMS and the quality of the product is sub-standard.
- c. Chief Korte would like to eliminate the need for fire department and police department to have a mandatory drug screening every year because of testing already occurring through WC and employee policy require drug training, post-accident testing, reasonable suspicion and random testing. Chief Hauck does not see the need for the annual testing on officers because of the other testing times. Random drug screen at Tri-Health on that can take drug screen took up to 3 hours and require the officer to go in out of uniform. At Odoc, the officers can get tested in uniform and quick turnaround. The police department is recommending the police department to stop using Biocare for physicals. Only 7 officers used this service last year and physicals are provided through the VOE's health insurance provider. The physical ability test is still required every year.

3. Cultural Arts Center
 - a. Susan Gordy reported the Fine Art Exhibit is on line was opened and winners posted. John Hebenstreit won first place.
 - b. Juried Photo exhibit has over 175 entrees and 80 photos were accepted. The exhibit will be outside and hung on the fences.
 - c. Other programming includes Tri-County players, Halloween kits, wine tasting, virtual playhouse in the park.
 - d. Abatement of Bell Tower will be completed by Overberg, awnings are being replaced with logos, pricing of the stage may increase 20%-30% due to material cost increase.
4. Building and Zoning
 - a. Ordinances
 - i. Charging Station- Grant issued by OEPA for level 2 charging station. HC has \$150,000 funds available. VOE is asking for \$11,000 for a dual port to be installed by police station garage. A full charge is 4 hours. Project cost is \$17,000. The grant will be a reimbursable grant and will be reimbursed in 2021 when installed. Grant will be awarded in December. This would be giving up 3 parking spots. There are currently no public spot charging spots in Evendale. There will be no charge for the use. The credit card readers have been known to fail. Mr. Schaefer does not think the VOE should give up these parking spaces. Much discussion on this item regarding giving up the parking spaces and actual need for these stations.
 - ii. Text amendment- Mr. Rodney explained the process of coming up with these changes and explanation is in google drive.
 - iii. Unauthorized parking ordinance- If non-electric car is parked in the area then this allows for ticketing.
5. Other Business
 - a. Ms. Caracci went through the financial information. Financial numbers is a reduction in force and also a timing issue. The October results will explain more. Mr. Elmer stated the VOE has only received one letter regarding reduction in force.
 - b. Tax revenues this month were down by approximately \$575,000 compared to the same time last month. Part of this is timing (most likely) and part is probably the announced workforce reductions. Total Tax receipts to date are \$11,826,866 and VOE budgeted tax revenue amount for 2020 is \$14,800,000. We will need to average over \$991,100 each of the next three months in tax receipts to make our current year budget.
 - c. Acceptance of the tax budget that was approved by Hamilton County – VOE opted to not collect property tax.
 - d. Budget transfer to Police capital account to replace rear-ended vehicle. Insurance will offset some.
 - e. Budget transfer to CIC – awaiting estimated amount needed for KMK, assisting in JobOhio grant, and hiring Kolhler Design for gateway which will be approximately between \$20,000 and \$30,000
 - f. Budget Appropriation entry for the Cares Act Relief fund And possibly an entry to move expenditures into this fund.
 - g. Resolution for personnel expenses that are working COVID related jobs and different than intended and ¼ of Chief Hauck's time is all COVID tracking.

Motion to adjourn was made by Chris Schaefer, seconded by Bill Puthuff and unanimously approved. Meeting was closed at 7:15.