

# **EVENDALE COUNCIL FINANCE, RECREATION, GORMAN FARM AND ECAC COMMITTEE MEETING**

**October 3, 2017 at 6:00 p.m.**

Present were, Council members Chris Schaefer, Bill Puthoff and Jeff Albrinck, Mayor Richard Finan, CFO Cynthia Caracci, Recreation Director Kim Pielage, Evendale Cultural Arts Director Susan Gordy, Chris Patterson and Tricia Watts of Gorman Heritage Farm, Cindy Vaske of the Tax Department and several visitors.

Cindy Vaske updated the committee on proposed changes to earnings tax collection through centralized collection. She recommended, and the committee agreed, that it is appropriate to join a coalition of several municipalities in challenging the proposed legislation

## **Finance**

Cynthia Caracci introduced Ryan Nelson and Jennifer Trowbridge from Red Tree Investments. Ryan and Jennifer left Baird Investments a few years ago when they purchased the municipal investments division of Baird to start their own company. Based on the recommendations of other communities, their experience and interview, the committee recommends that the village engage Red Tree as investment advisors.

Revenues for September were approximately \$1,175,000. Year to date revenues are \$12,032,000, up approximately \$560,000 over 2016.

The October agenda will included 4 ordinances **1.**Appropriation appropriation from law Enforcement Fund for equipment **2** . Appropriation from Mayor's Court computer Fund **3**. Appropriation of funds for additional costs on the Reading Rd project due to higher than expected bids and **4** Ordinance hiring Red Tree Investments

## **Administration**

Mayor Finan reported that he has included an ordinance on the October agenda to transfer \$75,000 to CIC

## **Evendale Cultural Arts Center**

The new air conditioning units are installed and working.

Ms Gordy reported that they have contracted with a company to work on capital projects to update several rooms in the ECAC and are investigating options for an elevator that will address the needs of the ECAC within reasonable budget guidelines.

43 people have signed up to attend the Blink Parade downtown on October 12.

Holiday Art Market is set for November 3-5

Evendale Community Church and ECAC are in discussions regarding the use of church facilities for future ECAC activities.

### **Recreation**

Ms Pielage reported that the Service Department is making great progress on the remodel of the Evendale Room

The Women's locker room floor at the pool needs to be replaced due to terrible odor and dirt that can not be removed. A proposal for the floor and several other pool related expenses will be included in the Capital Item request for 2018, to be considered at the council organizational meeting in early December

Phi is averaging about 25 teens on Wednesday nights, up over the past few years

The Rec Dept will have an Ordinance on the October agenda for the hiring of a Building Attendant, to fill a vacancy

### **Gorman Heritage Farm**

Ms Watts reported that the Sun Flower Festival is October 7-8, with expanded hours 10-6. Over 400 pre-order tickets have been sold.

School fieldtrips have sold out for the fall and the farm is currently coordinating "taking the farm" to schools

Chris Patterson initiated a discussion over the proposed reallocation of approximately 2 acres from crop fields to pasture. A very spirited discussion between Mr Patterson and Mr Schaefer with comments from Al Schutte and other volunteers from GHF ensued with no resolution.

On motion by Mr. Puthoff, seconded by Mr. Albrinck, the meeting adjourned at 8:40.