

## VILLAGE OF EVENDALE, OHIO 10500 Reading Road Finance, Recreation, Service and GHF Minutes September 7, 2021 4:30 pm, Municipal Building

Attendance: Mayor Finan, Jeff Albrinck, Beth McDaniel, Tom Sextro, Cynthia Caracci, Kim Pielage, Chris Patterson, James Jeffers, Dave Elmer and Barb Rohs

- 1. Finance
  - a. Finance update
    - i. YTD earning tax is down by \$1,000,000 below budget and making 2021 budget questionable
    - ii. Revenue still exceeds expenditures by \$378,000 but some big expenditures will take place before year end
  - b. Budget process
    - i. Working with department heads on budget
  - c. Ordinances
    - i. Then and Now- tuition
    - ii. Accounting software and server upgrade- CMI
    - iii. Fire department hiring

## 2. Recreation

- a. Department update
  - Moving to winter hours, effective November 1 will expand Saturday hours and Sunday hours.
  - Looking ahead Ms. Pielage is concerned with wages for seasonal wages and staff and wanted to make the committee of her concerns. Hiring ordinance is \$8.40 this month and very low in today's standards. Ms. Pielage is concerned with wages in other jobs higher outside of VOE. There is a national lifeguard shortage. GHF has the same issue. There is a salary study with other recreation centers and everyone is struggling. The committee asked Ms. Pielage to do more research and report back to council. Mr. Albrinck would like a study to compare wages and cost of membership in the surrounding communities.
  - Phi Lambda Phi is going well. 8-9 new members.
  - Soccer starting and other programs.
  - 1300 attended Eagles project
  - Remains play the last concert.
- b. Hiring ordinance- babysitting
- 3. Service/Engineering
  - a. Department update
    - Mr. Hammonds has officially returned to work
    - Dr. Lee, before his passing, has purchased plagues for Bell Tower

- Safety Task Force to use the Halloween Fest as a trial run and having a safety staff presence. This will also be in future events.
- Inwood Woods project/ Landmark sink hole- have been completed
- Founders Wall painting to take place
- Mr. Jeffers is getting quote on sweeper and will turn in other sweeper so possible ordinance for this month
- Kinetic Vision- waiting for some utility needs and site grading been completed
- Aero Hub signal activation- road way has been completed
- Punch list for I-75 project- 35 pages submitted with VOE items and will be forwarded on to contractors.
- Pipeline update- anticipated phase 2 completed next week. Will start from Wyscarver to Glendale Milford but will keep Kingports open as long as possible. So far running one week late.
- Road resurfacing project delayed- mid October milling and paving is planned
- Mr. Puthoff would like the weeds on soccer fields cutback
- Duke electrical pole replacement project is underway
- Griffin pond- clearing to bring electric back to the pond. Anticipated to be completed at the end of November.
- Paving project the contractors said the cost is 25-30% higher because working on a fill in basis and lots of overtime. Because of the surcharge, it will be bid out for 2022 and completed after Easter.
- Ordinance- Bell Tower Windows- Results for bid will be presented to council before council meeting.
- 4. GHF
  - a. Update
    - Row-by-Row- Great event that was sold out
    - iSPACE- Soil and Stars- working with architect and Mr. Patterson went through 3 different options and different price points. Front and inside plans have been delivered to the village. Bids went out and 2/3 weeks and hope to start mid-October.
- 5. Other business
  - a. Griffin pond cleanup Saturday Sept 11 from 8-12
  - b. Current COVID restrictions memo was distributed to all employees
  - c. Firing range is on hold until City of Cincinnati elects new council and new mayor
  - d. Christmas light-up has been cancelled
  - e. Town meeting will not have a meal and event will be in person and streamed
  - f. Electric aggregation program- July 2018- \$200 saving annual saving per household
  - g. VOE Chamber job posting board
  - h. 3<sup>rd</sup> reading of discount retail and pool fencing.
  - i. Homers contract does not include taking down the sign and taking up asphalt.

Motion to adjourn Jeff Albrinck and seconded by Ms. McDaniel. Meeting adjourned at 5:30.