



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

Attendance: Jeff Albrinck, Beth McDaniel, Tom Sextro, Tricia Watts, Chris Patterson, James Jeffers, Bill Puthoff, Dick Finan, Cynthia Caracci, David Elmer, Steve Berke, Kim Pielage and Barb Rohs

1. Finance
 - a. Finance update- trending to be down for the year. October expenditures exceeded receipts by \$163,829 – not including TIF funds. However, year to date receipts still exceed expenditures by \$457,575 (no TIF funds). On the tax receipts front: We ended October with MTD receipts of \$1,043,221.66, down \$93,892.22 compared to October 31, 2020. The YTD receipts at October 31, 2021 are \$12,003,941.49, down \$960,038.48 from October 31, 2020.
 - b. Budget- Ms. Caracci passed out the budget binder. Health insurance increased 11%. Capital items need to be passed in December 2021. With capital expenditures, plan for a net loss of \$937,000 for 2022. VOE has \$23,000,000 in reserve. Ms. Caracci went through the budget with members.
 - c. Ordinances
 - Extending Banking contract with Chase for one year and one-year option.
2. GHF
 - a. Update- Ms. Tricia Watts is resigning from GHF to take a position at Newport Aquarium. Nicole Gunderman will be the interim Executive Director. Ms. Watts has been with GHF for 6.5 years and done a tremendous job.
 - b. Renovation on Soil and Stars Phase 1 to be complete mid-January.
 - c. GHF received the annual VOE Chamber of Commerce grant of \$1000
 - d. Over 5000 visitors, not including events, in 2021- more than 100% increase
 - e. Memberships have grown from 200 to almost 500 in 6 years
 - f. Educational classes are doing well
 - g. Sold out of turkeys

3. Recreation

a. Department update

- Mike Stroh and Bill Puthoff, representing Recreation Commission reviewed recommended fee increases for membership. The primary change will be to eliminate options for the various recreation amenities and charge one flat fee and program and membership fee increases.
- Halloween event update- 840 attendees
- Veterans Day celebration
- Playground bathroom renovation
- Additional camera monitoring for outside area
- Pool winterized
- Indoor spa reopening
- New fitness equipment

4. Service/Engineering

a. Department update

- Ordinance: Exercise 2-year option with Rumpke for garbage collection
- Ordinance: Aero Hub for running utilities
- Sweeper has been delivered and put in service
- Amphitheater lighting has been delivered
- 22,700 leaf bags handed out
- Punch list on I-75 still in the works
- Phase 8 through Sharonville has started and will change traffic patterns in Evendale
- Pole project starting soon
- Reading Rd bridge, at Reading border, will be completed within the month.
- Duke Pipeline update- all pipe is in the ground and paving almost complete. Repaving of Glendale Milford road was estimated to save VOE \$750,000
- Update 5 yr. street program
- Stone wall repair is in the process
- Amphitheater needs to be power washed

5. Other business

- Ordinance: Horan insurance renewal distributed by Dave Elmer. Only 2 companies quoted- Humana and Anthem. HIRT wellness committee approved a 11% increase with a deductible increase. Paying more for less coverage is the trend. The plan with a 7% increase had a significant increase in out of pocket.
- Dental renewal was a 7% increase so switching to Superior Dental who quote 5% decrease in cost.
- 10.4% increase which combines increase in medical and decrease in dental
- Currently 100% participation of employees in wellness plan.
- Cardno contract for cleaning up the Griffin Nature Preserve. The first part of the contract was approved by the mayor. Mayor Finan would like council's approval to continue the contract for multi-year contract. Mr. Puthoff would like funds for one more year in the budget. Mr. Schaefer wants to make sure the contract is not above the bid contract. Future commitment will be evaluated by council in 2022.
- Aero Hub drive stream situation was explained by Mayor Finan