

FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETING

March 26, 2020

5:00 p.m.

Members present: Joette Dedden, Brian Blankenship, Connie Miller

Staff Present: Jamie Morley, Clerk to Council; Gary Copeland, Village Manager and Director of Public Safety

Guests in attendance: Chris Colvin, Kimberly Kaan

1. Mr. Blankenship made a motion to approve the Finance Committee minutes as written for February 27, 2020 and was seconded by Mrs. Miller.
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2. Ms. Morley informed the Committee that the County Auditor did return the certification of a 2-mil and a 4-mil additional street levy. The Auditor certified a 2-mil would bring in \$121,315 and 4 mil \$242,631. The Committee discussed the costs for past repaving projects with Preston costing about 80K and Lytle about 110K. It was determined that ½ mile of road was about 90K. Chief Copeland stated he would like to see South and Edwards get repaved next. Edwards is part of Phase III, therefore will be repaved as part of the OPWC grant and he is hoping to repave to the top of High Street as well. Mr. Blankenship stated he felt an additional 2 mil would be appropriate. Mrs. Miller asked when the deadline was to get a new levy on the ballot, as she is unsure about the current economic state of the community due to Covid-19. It was determined the Committee can wait and see and had until June/July to decide to move forward or not.
3. Chief Copeland addressed the Committee with his plan to pursue a Health and Fitness Room for employees. He stated that this would benefit employees and the Village for numerous reasons. 1) Better employee health equals a happier and healthier employee. Therefore, it would increase productivity and less sick time would be used. 2) It would help with Employee retention 3) It could possibly reduce insurance premiums. The current MEWA plan looks at the employees' health and if they are healthier, the premiums could possibly go down. Mr. Blankenship asked if this was budgeted. Chief Copeland responded that he spoke with the Finance Director and there is 25K earmarked for this purpose if the Committee and Council are okay with the idea.

- Mr. Blankenship made a motion to present to Council to give the approval for the Village Manager to set up a gym in the basement for staff and the motion was seconded by Mrs. Miller.

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4. Mr. Blankenship asked if Chief Copeland had received any quotes for the cost on the demolition for the Sawyer building. Chief Copeland stated that he has spoken with Charlie from E Panel and he will construct a 4 x 4 small shed building that will be used as a temporary fixture at a fire hydrant during demolition so water hauling station will not have to be shut down. The same small building will be moved to a foundation and used for the permanent facility. Chief Copeland stated he would like the building to be a little larger and is having Charlie investigate that option.
5. Ms. Dedden stated the next Finance meeting will be on April 23 at 5:00 pm via Zoom.
6. Mrs. Miller made a motion to adjourn at 5:36 pm and Mr. Blankenship seconded the motion. All were in favor.