

Village of Fontana-on-Geneva Lake
Finance Committee Meeting
Thursday, April 24, 2008
3:30 p.m.

The Finance committee meeting was called to order by Chairman Ron Pollitt at 3:39 p.m. in the Village Hall conference room.

Present: Jim Feeney, Arlene Patek (left at 5:45), Ron Pollitt, Rick McCue, Drew Gilchrist (left at 5:45) and Lou Loenneke.

Also Present: Treasurer Peg Pollitt, DPW Craig Workman, Library Director Nancy Krei, Asst. Fire Chief Tom Westphal and Police Chief Steve Olson.

Approval of the March 27th, 2008 meeting minutes:

Loenneke made a motion to approve the March 27, 2008 Finance meeting minutes as distributed, Patek seconded, and the motion carried without negative vote.

Assessor Errors-referred back from Village Board

The Village Board minutes referring to this agenda item were passed out to the committee. Ron Pollitt stated that he had a voice message from Jim Danielson but had not connected with him yet. Loenneke made a motion to table this item, Patek seconded, and the motion carried without negative vote.

Financial Reports and Court Report:

Treasurer Pollitt distributed the March financial reports and the Court report. The committee requested that Administrator Hayden-Staggs let the new municipal judge know that the Finance Committee receives/reviews these monthly court reports.

2007 Budget Amendments:

Feeney made a motion to recommend to the Village Board, the final 2007 budget amendments as presented, McCue seconded, and the motion passed.

PSC Water Rate Increase Update:

The Public Hearing for this rate increase was held on Friday, April 18th at 9:00a.m. Cary Kerger from the Abbey Resort spoke out against the elimination of quantity discounts for water used. We are awaiting the PSC final decision.

Final 2007 and 1st Quarter 2008 Department Reviews:

Library: Director Nancy Krei discussed the 2007 and 1st quarter 2008 library budget. The Committee was pleased with the results.

Police: Chief Steve Olson stated that vehicle repairs are coming in higher this year due to unexpected repairs and that fuel costs may be an issue also. The committee asked if there was any unused/excess equipment that could be sold on E-bay. Chief stated the he would look.

Fire: Asst. Fire Chief Tom Westphal explained the safety building 2007 budget overage of \$6,000. The washing machine they installed needed an ejector pit that had to go through 1½ feet of concrete. Ron Pollitt explained that in 2008, mudjacking of the safety building for \$18,000 wasn't budgeted and needs to be done. Westphal stated that in 2007, the number of fire calls were down resulting in less call pay. In 2008, some additional purchases were made to equip the new fire truck but they will be within budget. The committee asked if there was any unused/excess equipment that could be sold.

Public Works: Director Craig Workman stated that in 2008, the public works building will have an unbudgeted heating system repair of \$2,500, the Duck Pond pavilion will have a faucet repair totaling \$500 and that truck expenses are going to be over budget due to unexpected repairs. The committee asked Craig for items to sell that are no longer used or needed.

2008 Water/Sewer Utility Budget:

The committee reviewed the 2008 utility budget with Craig. A discussion was held on borrowing and the committee was against borrowing for anything but capital items. Some items were cut and Loenneke made a motion to recommend only doing Upper Harvard because of budget constraints, seconded by McCue and motion passed. Craig stated he would pass this along to the PW committee. Feeney made a motion to recommend Village Board approval of the 2008 Utility Budget as adjusted, 2nd by McCue and the motion passed.

Set next meeting date & adjournment:

The next Finance committee meeting will be held on May 15, 2008 at 5:00 p.m.

Loenneke made a motion to adjourn the Finance committee meeting at 6:00 p.m., Feeney seconded, and the motion carried.

Minutes prepared by Peg Pollitt, Village Treasurer

These minutes are subject to further editing until approved by the Finance committee.