

**VILLAGE OF FONTANA ON GENEVA LAKE
WALWORTH COUNTY, WISCONSIN**

(Official Minutes)

Finance Committee Budget Planning Meeting

October 7, 2016

The Finance Committee meeting was called to order by Chairman Pat Kenny at 4:30 pm on Friday, October 7, 2016.

Members Present: Village President Pat Kenny, Jim Feeney, Tom Marek, Duane Ratay, Mike Sheyker

Members Absent: Karl Floody, Tom Freytag

Also Present: Clerk Theresa Loomer, Administrator Dennis Martin, Trustee Rick Pappas, Treasurer Scott Vilona

General Business

Approve Minutes for Meeting Held October 4, 2016

Feeney/Sheyker 2nd made a MOTION to approve the minutes as submitted for the October 4, 2016 meeting, and the MOTION carried without negative vote.

2017 Budget Planning: Fire & Rescue Staffing Proposal Funding Options, Finalize Preliminary Draft for Presentation to Village Board

At the direction of the Finance Committee at the October 4, 2016 meeting, Vilona presented possible options for financing EMS coverage as well as the updated budget which he said was equal to the levy. In order to reflect more accurate revenue Vilona increased the amount collected for room tax, Walworth building permit revenue, court penalties and court revenues. The committee went through expenses and reduced the amount in the Lakefront budget allocated to the Pioneer Park bathroom project from \$10,000 to \$7,000; however, the Park Commission has allocated \$20,000 for the bathrooms for a total amount of \$27,000 in the 2017 budget. Additional expenses removed from the budget were bumpers for under the bridge in the amount of \$4,812 and the proposed sand volleyball court for the Duck Pond in the amount of \$2,500. There is a possibility of reducing the cost allocated for Northwind Perennial to maintain the medians from \$17,000 to \$10,000 if the contract is awarded to the village landscape maintenance company Blackstone. There also was a \$15,000 allocation to cover expenses to move and equip an old cellular tower equipment shed to replace the current shed that stores Walworth County Sheriff's Dept. and Fontana police, fire and DPW radio equipment; however, total estimates are now up to \$50,000 so the item was removed from the budget altogether. The Big Foot Lions Club Pavilion requested that the Village allocate funds to assist with the initial construction costs of the project, which is underway in Reid Park, and a \$10,000 allocation was added to the preliminary budget. There was discussion about whether to recommend the budget include funding for 24-hour EMS coverage, or if the Village should go back to the initially approved 12-hours-per-day Paratech coverage, the way it was before the bridge was shut down for emergency repairs and then reconstruction. The cost difference in 24/7 Paratech coverage and 12-hour daytime coverage is \$420,000 and \$210,000, respectively. Feeney recommended cutting the coverage back to the service level pre-bridge.

Feeney/Sheyker 2nd made a MOTION to go back to 12-hours-per-day daytime Paratech service as it existed prior to the bridge project, and the MOTION carried without negative vote.

Vilona stated the new ladder truck for the fire department was purchased in 2015 with money from working capital and was replaced with bonded funds in 2016. Pappas stated his concern about reduced revenue from the new room tax legislation going into effect in 2017. The committee discussed whether to reduce the budget by \$210,000 or keep the numbers the same and add that amount to working capital. Vilona stated it would be a 7.34 percent MIL increase over last year if the \$210,000 was put toward working capital in addition to the \$250,000 already

allocated. Without the addition of \$210,000 toward working capital, the MIL rate would increase 1.4%.

Feeney/Sheyker 2nd made a MOTION to present the 1.4 percent MIL rate increase budget to the Village Board for approval, and the MOTION carried without negative vote.

Next Scheduled Meeting Date

The next meeting is scheduled with the Village Board on Thursday, October 13, 2016 at 6:00 pm.

Adjournment

Feeney/Sheyker 2nd made a MOTION to adjourn the meeting at 5:05 pm, and the motion carried without negative vote.

Minutes prepared by: Theresa Loomer, Village Clerk

Note: These minutes are subject to further editing. Once approved by the Finance Committee, the official minutes will be kept on file at the Village Hall.

APPROVED: