

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

**(Official Minutes)**

**Finance Committee Monthly Meeting**

August 27, 2015

The Finance Committee meeting was called to order by Chairman Pat Kenny at 6:00 pm on Thursday, August 27, 2015.

**Members Present:** Village President Pat Kenny, Karl Floody, Jim Feeney, Tom Marek, Rick McCue, Tom Freytag

**Member Absent:** Craig Workman

**Also Present:** Jade Bolack, Village Clerk Theresa Linneman, Administrator Dennis Martin, Trustee Rick Pappas, Treasurer Scott Vilona

**Visitors Heard**

None

**General Business**

**Approve Minutes for Meeting Held June 25, 2015**

McCue/Freytag 2<sup>nd</sup> made a MOTION to approve the minutes as submitted for the June 25, 2015 meeting, and the MOTION carried without negative vote.

**Appointment to Fill Open Committee Position**

Michael Sheyker was recommended to fill the Finance Committee seat being vacated by Craig Workman, who has moved out of state. Sheyker is a former member of the Finance Committee and stepped down at the end of 2013 after his house sold in Fontana and he was temporarily residing in Arizona. He and his wife have since purchased another residence in Fontana and he is now a full-time resident.

Feeney/McCue made a MOTION to accept Craig Workman's resignation and to appoint Michael Sheyker to fill the vacant Finance Committee position, and the MOTION carried without negative vote.

**Establishment of Tourism Commission**

This year's state biennial budget passed Wisconsin Act 55 which requires starting in 2017 that 70 percent of Room Tax that is collected from hotels, motels, and other short-term lodging rentals be used solely for tourism promotion and tourism development. Each municipality has the option to create its own commission or contract with a local tourism entity that meets specific requirements, such as a Chamber of Commerce. If a municipality chooses to create its own commission, there are certain requirements that must be met. The commission must consist of five to seven members and must include at least one local representative from the lodging industry. Act 55 will not commence until 2017, but staff stated they wanted to get ahead of the game and recommended establishing a tourism commission in order to maintain control of the room tax funds. There are still questions on how the new legislation will be imposed and what the specific requirements will be, but additional clarification is expected to come from the Wisconsin League of Municipalities.

Freytag/McCue 2<sup>nd</sup> made a MOTION to recommend Village Board approval to create a Tourism Commission, and the MOTION carried without negative vote.

**Review of 2015 Department Budgets**

Vilona presented for review the year-to-date 2015 spreadsheets detailing revenues and expenditures. Vilona went over a few of the department budgets including the Department of Public Works which has come in vastly under budget since new DPW Manager Brett McCollum has been able to do some or all of the 2015 budgeted projects in-house, which resulted in a cost savings. Upcoming fall expenses include the bridge replacement, burying the lakefront utilities in

the bridge area, the Indian Hills Storm water project, and the Second Avenue water main relay project. Kenny said all the fire hydrants that were budgeted for this year have been replaced and DPW employee Dennis Barr has requested additional hydrants to continue with trading the ones that need to be replaced. Vilona stated he would go over the utility budget at the next meeting.

**Next Meeting Date**

Since President Kenny will be out of town on the last Thursday in September, the committee decided to schedule the meeting for Thursday, September 10, 2015. The 2016 Budget schedule will be presented at the September meeting and will allow departments to start working on their 2016 budget requests.

**Adjournment**

McCue/Floody 2<sup>nd</sup> made a MOTION to adjourn the meeting at 6:17 pm, and the motion carried without negative vote.

Minutes prepared by: Theresa Linneman, 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: 10/1/2015