

APPROVED
Finance Committee Meeting
Wednesday, September 14, 2011
Room 130, Village Hall

Called to Order – 7:03 pm

Present Trustees Tucker, Brewer, Hedges

Also Present, DPW Director John Wielebnicki, Village Engineer Jim Budrick, Village Manager Tom Barwin, CFO Craig Lesner

Moved by Tucker seconded by Brewer, to approve minutes of September 7, 2011 Finance Committee Meeting.

CFO and DPW Director Wielebnicki introduced DPW budgets.

Discussion on brush removal which could be put in solid waste at \$200,000 as residents continue to bring out brush to curb even well after storm damage incidents. 5 times per year at \$40,000 per collection. Is taking people off of other assignments. Other option is sticker enforcement.

Trustee Hedges discussed unintentional consequences. Director Wielebnicki is hopeful that with pickup people will wait and time placing out, estimated cost is \$1.35 per account, per month, for 5 sweeps per year, pass through to solid waste bills.

Other new budget item is 5 seasonal employees for spring break application for summer jobs, if we can do without having to have unemployment. Trustee Hedges mentioned winter break could be a good application period as park district has done, a \$25,000 line item.

President Pope joined the meeting at approximately 8:20 pm.

Director Wielebnicki discussed cost savings efforts and positive experience with selected outsourcing.

Some talk investigating permitting removal of trees on private property by size. Will check forestry commission discussions on this subject.

President Pope discussed status of ordinance for higher fees for utilities for fresh road cuts after Village just repaves roads. Graduated schedule if done within so many years of new street as an incentive to keeping roads in better shape for greater longevity. Engineer Budrick discussed new repair standards requiring better repair of roads after work.

Road salt usage, storage and fuel rates were reviewed, also discussed were budget amendments.

Discussion focused on projected \$7.5 million public works 2012 budget, versus projected \$7,032,000 2011 budget. Difference is budgeted for all salt authorized, which may not be purchased if not needed. Current year purchasing less than budgeted as 2,000 tons on hand.

Tree trimming was discussed and a \$50,000 increase due to area and size of trees trimming into a four

year tree trimming cycle and \$25,000 addition into stump removal in forestry.

Trustee Tucker excused himself from the meeting for a previous commitment.

Discussion occurred on projecting public DED removals and Emerald Ash. Staff will do some research and monitor to anticipate as tree disease emergency fund and perhaps to anticipate on bell curve basis. 2,000 removals if \$ 3,000 to remove, stump and replace will equal \$6 million.

CIP budget reviewed beginning with vehicle fleet and replacing before costs get too high for maintenance. Schedule of vehicle type use goals including 8 to 10 years of admin vehicles, etc.

Administrative vehicles per department were discussed, i.e. pool cars and options. Manager Barwin briefed committee on upcoming I-Go car sharing of solar cars also to be shared as a village pool car and I-go car member's car.

Discussion occurred about long term replacement of the Quint and request was made to review the agreement and think about setting aside money for future replacement.

Note was made of heavier vehicle DPW replacement costs beginning in 2013 as DPW replacement vehicles have to be made after deferments and fire replacements.

Street sweeping vehicles were discussed and benefits of outsourcing and less use of remaining vehicles for special needs or events.

Staff reviewed construction budget with discussion on CDBG changes in 2012 moving some funding into water and sewer.

Street maintenance was discussed and overall gains and being rated overall plus 70.

Alleys are in less rated category. Question was asked how much investments in alleys to get them up into 70's. But we have gone from a rating of 49 to 56. At current rate would require ten years.

Discussion occurred with long term arterial projects on radar screen, needs and debt policy. Austin and North Avenue were discussed for planning upgrades and grants in conjunction with Chicago policies.

Discussion was held on village hall chiller replacement, \$475 K estimated cost, building chiller is being broke into council chambers and rest of building and review will include geo-thermal.

Also underground concrete driveway improvements need to be addressed.

Meeting adjourned at 10:20 pm.