

Finance Committee
Monday, September 28, 2020
6:00 p.m., Rotunda

In attendance: J. Coyne - Chairman, E. Heffinger, P. Rose, and J. Shields, D. Simpson, and J. Hazeltine. Bill Lamb was absent.

Also present: Greg Huber, Patrick Patton, Nino Piccoli, Chief Kinney, Chief Painter, Miles Reed, Kathy Patton, Jansen Wehrley, Dan Gladish, Kimberly Marshall, Cindy L., Lori Bowers, Nathan Cash and Rick Kirby.

1. Assignment of Requests for Council Action

2. 20-181-9/28 - Budget Amendments

#20-035 – Accept check #2338 from Odd Fellows
Mr. Shields moved to approve, seconded by Mr. Simpson. Motion passed 6-0.

#20-026 – Accept Donation for Police Department
Mr. Shields moved to approve, seconded by Mr. Simpson. Motion passed 6-0.

#20-032 – Clear Negatives / increase Purchase Orders for legal services
Mr. Shields moved to approve, seconded by Mr. Simpson. Motion passed 6-0.

#20-036 – Appropriate Funds from Cares Act 481
Mr. Dirham stated there may be more coming later but this is to appropriate the rest of it so that we will have the money available to spend and will discuss what we will spend it on. Mr. Shields moved to approve, seconded by Mr. Simpson. Motion passed 6-0.

#20-039 – Accept Check #21791 from Alternative Paths
Mr. Shields moved to approve, seconded by Mr. Simpson. Motion passed 6-0.

#20-034 – Cover Negatives / Advances for Grant Projects
Mr. Shields moved to approve, seconded by Mr. Simpson. Motion passed 6-0.

3. 20-182-9/28 – Discuss uses of Covid-19/CARES Fund

Mr. Dirham discussed this after BOC with Council President Coyne. Keith gave his proposals in basic ballpark numbers. We received about \$809,000.00 in funding. We have about \$70,000.00 spent in payable side, not payroll but paying vendors, and there is another \$56,000.00 that is encumbered but not yet spent. We also have about \$191,000.00 estimated in payroll, we have more than that allocated to it. Some of that will be ongoing. Bottom line is we will have about \$480,000.00 left available for us to spend. Our timeline is November 20th having it spent by December 28th although there might be some flex in that. If we don't spend it, we have to return it. Keith would like to ask all the department heads to give him a list within the next week of their proposals. We will talk to them individually about things that qualify. We will need to know from their list if those things can be done incrementally. Keith will put together the list based upon

what the department heads give him and then council can go through that list with input from the administration, determining what the highest priority is for the use of the money. Then we have to get purchase orders out right away because the P.O's have to be done before November and money spent before the end of December. Mr. Coyne stated that the municipal court is eligible for the money also. Mr. Shields spoke of making Wi-Fi available in Union Square for the school children with some of this money.

4. 20-183-9/28 – Then & Now – Ohio Alcohol Monitoring Systems – Municipal Court

Cindy Lastuka stated they had a new billing clerk start in September and then they lost Mary Rose at the same time so it was a catch 22. All of the invoices were going to her old email. We cleaned up the 2019 invoices. This is what is left over. Mr. Shields moved to approve with the emergency clause, seconded by Mr. Simpson. Motion passed 6-0.

5. 20-184-9/28 – Increase P.O. #2020-721 – Davis Tree Farm – Forestry Department

Mr. Wehrley stated this is to increase previous P.O. that has about \$6,000.00 left on it, not to exceed \$20,000.00 so we can purchase trees for our fall tree planting project. Mr. Shields moved to approve, seconded by Mr. Simpson. Motion passed 6-0.

6. 20-185-9/28 – Discussion – Montville Twp. / Medina Twp. Fire Contracts

Chief Painter stated the city provides fire protection for Montville Twp. and Medina Twp., and both contracts are ending this December. At the request of Medina Twp., because they had some concern, the Mayor set up a long term planning committee consisting of the Mayor, trustee's from each community, Councilman Simpson, Chief Grice from Montville, Jim Mattis from the Hospital and himself. A lot was discussed, Montville and the City of Medina seemed to be arm and arm and where we were headed and in what we needed, but the Township had a lot of new ideas.

Chief Painter stated currently they staff Monday through Friday 8 a.m. – midnight and that is the peak volume time. The 24/7 engine would put 4 guys on between midnight and 8 a.m. during the weekdays and 24 hours on Saturday and Sunday. The other big change was we decided instead of a flat rate that they are getting we want to do like LST has done for years and divide it by call volume. Everyone at the meeting seemed to be agreeable. We took our operating budget of \$1,182,000.00 current and broke it out by 2019's calls.

Chief Painter stated they received a letter wanting a formal proposal. His recommendation at this point is to wait a couple of meetings. They are going to make some kind of decision this Thursday on this. He doesn't think it is a matter of safety and providing service it is a control issue for them. Chief has reached out to Montville and they are on board and will work with us, whatever we want.

Mr. Coyne stated he thinks it would be appropriate if Chief Painter could just prepare an email and send it to the Trustees outlining where we are, and the meetings that you and Mr. Simpson and the Mayor have had, outlining the requests you've done over time because this is more for the residents so that they understand that we the city haven't just been sitting around doing nothing. We have been trying to get the information and that way at least if there is a question that ever comes up asking why the city didn't ask for this or do this, you will have an email showing you sent it on this date for a public record. Our goal as a city has always been to provide the best service we can at the most affordable cost. If they can prove that they can do it better for less money then that's fine, maybe we can learn something. If that doesn't happen

then that would be a disservice to the residents. We just want to make sure that everyone is safe.

Mr. Simpson thanked Chief Painter stating that he has been very forthcoming on everything that this committee has asked for. Dennie agrees with Mr. Coyne in that he just wants the residents of the Township to know that we are doing everything that we can to provide a service. After all it was Medina Twp. previous Trustees that came to us to ask if we would be interested in offering them the same type of contract that we offer Montville and this council and administration agreed to that. We are interested in providing the best possible service for the best dollar. If Medina Twp. does decide to move in a different direction we would wish them the best of luck. We've done the best we can and if we can do anything else to assist the trustees from Medina Twp. we are more than willing to do that.

7. 20-186-9/28 – Increase P.O. #2020-625 – Walter Haverfield – Law Dept.

Mr. Huber stated this increase is necessary to pay Walter Haverfield. Mr. Shields moved to approve with the emergency clause, seconded by Mr. Simpson, Motion passes 6-0.

8. 20-187-9/28 – Outfit two new 2021 Ford Explorers – Police Department

Chief Kinney stated this is to outfit the two new vehicles. Mr. Shields moved to approve, seconded by Mr. Simpson. Motion passed 6-0.

9. 20-188-9/28 – Retro Pay/Healthcare Coverage Probation Officers – Municipal Court

Cindy stated this is for both of their probation officers that are paid through the JRIG Grant and the CCA Grant. Retro pay would be from July 1st 2020 to June 30, 2021. Mr. Shields moved to approve with the emergency clause, seconded by Mr. Simpson, Motion passes 6-0.

10. 20-189-9/28 – Approve/Disapprove Draft Solid Waste Management Plan Update

Mr. Piccoli stated council has the final draft plan from the County Solid Waste District and once in receipt the council has 90 days to approve or disapprove the final draft plan per the EPA. It's over 300 pages long.

Mr. Coyne stated they don't have anything against the county pursuing a recycling plan at the county level. The problem is once the recyclable material is collected and goes to the recycling plant it does not necessarily mean it gets recycled, it could go to landfill and that has been proven based upon the latest things we have with trackers. It's not accomplishing the end goal. According to plan there are many different things going on, we are going back up to a \$59 tipping rate, other charges occurred, it doesn't seem like the solution of the ultimate not what the county says they are recycling but coming through the private individual of the private companies who have the recycling plants and actually recycling that material that is being delivered to those plants. There are two different things, they are counting just the numbers of the material being delivered they are not counting the material actually being recycled at the plant.

Mr. Piccoli stated this is a 5 year plan and the EPA requires the Solid Waste District to forecast a 15 year future based on expenditures and revenues. That is difficult in itself but again their contention is to hold that rate in 2028 to \$59 per ton. There is a trash bag fee \$1.45 for a 13 gallon trash bag. Only allowing 3 bags that can be deposited there at the CPF costing the public \$4.35 and this is in the plan currently.

Nino stated in regards to the drop off bins, the current contract is with Rumpke and they are to

provide monthly reports for all recyclable materials collected and processed. The commercial side of business with Rumpke requires the contractor to provide the name and addresses of the company or companies receiving individual commodities of materials recycled.

Mr. Coyne stated we talked about this with the Mayor on several occasions and tried to request that information in the past, but were never able to get it. Nino stated that is correct.

Nino stated he personally doesn't think there is a lot of material being recycled. The county does have good intentions but again it's the nature of the beast, he does not like the push for the curb side recycling. Brunswick just gave him their numbers and it's at 13%. Why would we spend almost a million and a half dollars to go to curbside recycling and then save 13% of the materials from going to landfill.

Mrs. Hazeltine asked what happens if council decides to not approve the plan?

Nino stated the way it works is there are 3 cities that equal 47% of the population in the county. There are 178,000 residents in Medina County. Brunswick has the most population and they would have to vote in favor of in order for this to pass. Most jurisdictions will pass this plan, that's the honest answer.

Jessica Hazeltine stated for the record that the Solid Waste Management Plan that the county has put together does not appear to be serving the needs of our city or residents. She feels Mr. Piccoli has done a fantastic job doing our trash. They go above and beyond.

Mr. Simpson thanked Nino and his crew for all their hard work and agrees that curbside recycling should not be an option for us right now simply because of the cost and the unknown percentages that actually would be recycled. The market just isn't utilizing recyclable materials.

Mr. Shields stated they have had a lot of conversation on why curbside will not work in this city but could we put a mailer together for the water bill and explain that.

Mr. Heffinger stated if this plan is not ratified, the director of the Ohio EPA is required by state statute to prepare a solid waste plan for the district and order the district to implement the State's plan. Do we have any idea what the State's plan would be?

Mr. Piccoli answered with the state's plan is 25% and that's what would have to be achieved, the metric is 25% of recycling and that is the minimum.

Mr. Rose stated he agrees with Jessica Hazeltine in that this does fall short and understands the cost involved with the curbside recycling and he would vote no.

Mr. Coyne stated that last time we did this we voted no, and it was for similar reasons but now that it is becoming more clear of what's happening to the recyclable materials this becomes more disappointing and it's hard to support something when it's just not happening. Let us try to get a letter together and then the next finance meeting we can address it while we still have the 90 days.

Mr. Rose stated this is all based off of a law that was passed in 1989 or 1992 why don't we push our legislators to look at that law and revamp it, because it is causing more problems than it is

solving.

11. 20-190-9/28 – Fund Advance Request

Mr. Dirham stated these are advances to cover mostly grant projects and we hope to be reimbursed when we get the grants. Mr. Shields moved to approve, seconded by Mr. Simpson. Motion passed 6-0.

12. 20-191-9/28 – Fund Transfer

Keith stated this is budgeted, the parking fund does not have sufficient revenue to cover its costs so we budgeted an annual transfer. Mr. Shields moved to approve, seconded by Mr. Simpson. Motion passed 6-0.

There being no further business before the Finance Committee, the meeting adjourned at 6:42 p.m.

John M. Coyne, Chairman