

Finance Committee
Monday, February 11th, 2019
5:30 p.m., Multi-Purpose Room

In attendance: John Coyne-Chairman, Jim Shields, Paul Rose, Bill Lamb, Dennie Simpson, Eric Heffinger, and Bob Starcher

Also present: Mayor Hanwell, Greg Huber, Keith Dirham, Patrick Patton, Nino Piccoli, Jansen Wehrley, Jonathan Mendel, Dan Gladish, Kimberly Marshall, Mike Wright, Chief Kinney, Stan Scheetz, and Kevin McManus

1. Assignment of Requests for Council Action

2. 19-005-1/14 – Bulk Water Rates

Mr. Starcher stated Water & Utilities committee met and with the advice of Mr. Dirham they decided when you purchase bulk water there will be a minimum fee if you buy under the 4,000 gallon amount. Mr. Dirham stated that would be an \$18 bill for anything under 4,000. There is no increase for Bulk Water Rates. Mr. Shields moved to approve, seconded by Mr. Simpson. Motion Passes 7-0

3. 19-016-1/14 – Petition for Detachment from City to Lafayette Twp.

Mr. Scheetz gave Council members and the Mayor some additional information for tonight's meeting. He wanted to clarify some concerns and thoughts from Council at the last meeting: Mr. Simpson had concern for noise complaints since there have already been some in the past from the Strawberry Fields development.

Mr. Starcher questioned what benefit does this have for the City of Medina, and Mr. Scheetz replied there is no benefit really except the collector street, it might get some traffic off of the street eventually because people coming in from the south would have another way to get over there. Mr. Scheetz stated it's supposed to be about the whole county and the synergy of everything going on. There are benefits to the Township, they are putting in over \$6 million in investments in this land, and already have \$150,000 in sewer and water crossing it.

Mr. Lamb stated he feels it doesn't fall into the category of not being cooperative with the Township, the City of Medina has unprecedented cooperation and collaboration with the townships. If you look at how we've related to the townships, the benefit the residents in this city, as well as the people in the townships, we stack up. Some of the people Bill has talked to have simply asked what are you getting in return, why should the City give away a piece of industrial property in the City to the Township when at some point, maybe not now but maybe in the near future, we may have an expansion or someone may be interested. Mr. Lamb stated the City of Medina is framed in, what we have in land is what we have, we can't birth anymore land.

Mr. Coyne stated we aren't really framed in, we have cooperative agreements, and JEDD agreements.

Mr. Starcher stated he realizes it is a delicate balance, but it doesn't make sense to him to just give this land away for the addition of a collector street. As the representative of Ward 1 and a resident in a development that deals with the issues of a residential development butting up against an industrial development, he can't vote for this.

Mr. Rose stated looking down the line to future plans, the county has a plan to extend that street over to Lake Rd. and once that happens this land becomes of more value to an industrial person because there will be access.

Mr. Heffinger is in agreement with rest of council.

Mayor Hanwell stated he attended a meeting with Nate Eppink, Jansen Wehrley, Patrick Patton and Greg Huber where Nate stated he didn't want your parking lot. Nate then stated he may be interested in a parking lot, but he wouldn't want it on the north end there because they have ideas of connecting the park across Lake Rd. Mayor Hanwell stated his concerns were raised by Councilman Starcher and is ongoing not only with Strawberry Fields, with the expansion of Carlisle, but the Yorktown Development and the Patriots Way Development, and none of these are in as close proximity as this piece is and just leans itself to further problems, Our Police Department handles the policing for Lafayette Township through a cooperative agreement, and the residents, if this is approved would be in Lafayette Township, and we would be tasked with each one of the complaints be it from the rail, be it from the noise, be it from the trucks whatever the case is there is noise in industrial operations like this.

Mr. Coyne feels they have all the information and everyone had the opportunity to ask questions regarding this parcel whether to detach or not, and Council felt ready to put it to a vote.

Mr. Shields made a motion to detach the property from Medina City to Lafayette Township, seconded by Mr. Simpson. All voted no. Motion failed 0-7.

4. 19-031-2/11 – Then & Now – Payment to Civica CMI – Municipal Court

Mr. Dirham stated this is a bill they need to pay for the court and he needs authorization to pay it. It is a maintenance agreement and he thinks they just didn't get it over in time. Mr. Shields moved to approve with the emergency, seconded by Mr. Simpson. Motion Passes 7-0.

5. 19-032-2/11 – Then & Now – Payment to Huntington Bank – Municipal Court

Mr. Dirham stated again this is for the court and emergency clause is needed. Mr. Shields moved to approve with the emergency, seconded by Mr. Simpson. Motion Passes 7-0.

6. 19-033-2/11 – Elected Official Salaries

Mr. Dirham stated our Charter has a provision that elected official salaries can't be changed except before the term before the filing deadline for the terms which is before August of this year for the four positions of council that are up for full terms this year. The President of Council, Mr. Lamb's At-Large, Ward 2 and Ward 4. We have salaries set out through 2021. We do not have salaries set out for 2022 and 2023 and those four positions are up this fall for full terms and will run 2020 through 2023 so we need to set salaries for those two years. Mr. Dirham stated when we did this last time, we were considerably lower than Brunswick and we were lower than Wadsworth as well. Mr. Coyne feels the compensation is modified even though they are still the lowest in the county. Mr. Simpson stated where he thinks it would be a problem that maybe in 2023 and 2024 if OPERS increases the monthly requirement. Mr. Coyne feels going forward remain the same as whatever the last year is and remain the same there after. Is everyone ok with an amendment to Ordinance 103-17 to clarify the Ordinance? Mr. Shield moved that the 2021 rate of all council members as shone on the ordinance will not change going forward it will be the same rate in 2022 going forward will be the same as 2021 until amended, seconded by Mr. Simpson. Motion Passes 6-1. Bill Lamb cast a no vote.

7. 19-034-2/11 – Letter of Arrangement with Auditor of State

Mr. Dirham stated this is the letter of arrangement for the audit of 2018, we've asked for \$40,000 that's not to exceed. It should be less but if they come up with a federal program that they need to do additional work on it may be the whole \$40,000. Mr. Shields moved to approve, seconded by Mr. Simpson. Motion Passes 7-0

8. 19-035-2/11 – Increase Expenditure – Goodyear Tire & Rubber - Sanitation

Mr. Piccoli is asking to increase this by \$25,000.00 to a total of \$40,000 to get to the end of the year. Superintendent received quotes from North Gateway Tire and Tread Max. There is a system the guys follow with respect to getting the most out of the tires. Mr. Shields moved to approve, seconded by Mr. Simpson. Motion Passes 7-0

9. 19-036-2/11 – Expenditure Over \$15,000 – HSH Construction – Streets

Mr. Piccoli stated the contractor is used in emergency situations where we don't have equipment or staff to do it. Mr. Shields moved to approve, seconded by Mr. Simpson. Motion Passes 7-0

There being no further business the Finance Committee meeting adjourned at 7:05 p.m.

John M. Coyne, Chairman