

Minutes  
Seville Finance Committee  
December 17, 2012

Mrs. Schwartz called the meeting to order at 9:25 PM.

Present: Barb Schwartz, Leslie Miller, Rick Stallard, Larry Landis and Kathy Rhoads.  
Absent: None

Mrs. Miller moved to approve the minutes from 10-15 amended to read inheritance tax in place of inheritance task. The motion was seconded by Mr. Landis. The motion passed unanimously.

The minutes from the 11-05 meeting were not complete. Mrs. Schwartz also pointed out that the audio she had received for the 11-05 meeting was incomplete. She had only received one of the two parts. The committee did not approve the minutes from 11-19 until the minutes from 11-05 were approved.

Privilege of the floor:  
None

The Fiscal Officer reported on the Villages' financial status as of November 30<sup>th</sup>. A copy of the report is attached to these minutes. All fund balances continue to meet or exceed projections. Revenues are exceeding projections while appropriations are running below budgeted amounts. Mrs. Schwartz noted that the grand total line on the appropriation report did not balance with the individual department totals. The Fiscal officer will look into the cause of the error. Mrs. Schwartz noted that revenues are not growing at the same rate as spending and this may lead to budget problems in the future.

Mrs. Schwartz made several points concerning the latest CCA report. The revenues from the top ten tax payers are up 5.5 % for the year and but this is due to a large, one-time \$30,000.00 payment by Panther Trucking. Resident payments are up for the year. Mrs. Schwartz asked if the loss of income of approximately \$65,000.00 from the closing of the Seville Elementary School and the loss of Health Care Innovative Solutions (HCIS) was factored into the CCA income estimates for 2013. The Fiscal Officer was asked to follow up with CCA. Mr. Stallard noted that a new business has moved in the space vacated by HCIS.

The wording for the reasoning for placing either of the levies on the ballot in November was brought up. The options discussed included decreasing revenue or increasing costs. The committee made no recommendation on the wording to Council. Mrs. Schwartz noted that generally, levies are asked for to cover a specific budget item. That would not be the case for Seville right now. Mr. Stallard noted that the cost of doing business has gone up.

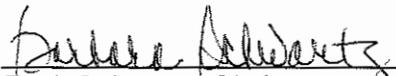
The completed payroll audit performed by Varney and Associates was discussed. Errors were discovered by the audit. The debate centered on the issue of whether the Village should attempt to recover any overpayments owed the Village, or if the Village should

make procedural changes to be sure the errors were not made again but not attempt to recover previous losses. Mrs. Schwartz felt that as stewards of taxpayers' money, Council had a duty to make things right and pursue any money owed the Village. Mr. Stallard agreed with Mrs. Schwartz. He also stated that Council should work with any employees that owe money to the Village and come up with an equitable reimbursement plan. Mrs. Miller and Mrs. Rhoads asked that the dollar amount of the recovery be made available first. They felt that the cost of recovery and the amount likely to be recovered had to be considered before spending significant amounts to recover only a small amount. It was noted that Council would have to pursue the errors equally and could not pick and choose which ones to pursue. There were other questions raised about the audit report that would need to be directed to Scott Varney directly. It was determined that Mr. Varney would be invited to a future Finance Committee meeting to review the report. It was suggested that anyone with questions should have them prepared and submitted to Mr. Varney in advance of the meeting. This would allow Mr. Varney to spend time preparing for the meeting and prevent him having to attend a second meeting if any questions required more research than he could perform at the first meeting. Mrs. Rhoads asked if there was a summary letter included with the report. Mrs. Schwartz said she would provide that information to the Committee. The Committee made no recommendation to Council on the audit at this time.

Old business:

New business:

Mr. Stallard moved to adjourn. The motion was seconded by Mrs. Landis. The motion passed unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 10:55 PM.

  
Barb Schwartz-Chairwoman

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