

VILLAGE OF SEVILLE  
FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETING  
21 MAY 2012

Mrs. Schwartz called the meeting to order at 7:08. The meeting opened with the pledge of allegiance.

Present: Barb Schwartz (Chairman), Kathy Rhoads\*, Rick Stallard, Larry Landis, Leslie Miller, Roger Kilgore (alternate)

\*Mrs. Rhoads arrived at 8:05.

Absent: None

Mrs. Miller moved to approve the minutes from the April 16<sup>th</sup> meeting. The motion was seconded by Mr. Stallard. The motion passed unanimously with the exception of Mr. Kilgore whom abstained.

Privilege of the floor

Mayor Sulzener is scheduling a meeting with county officials concerning grant money to tear down the vacant building at 51 West Main Street.

Fiscal Officer Report:

All Village funds remain at or above expected levels. The income tax receipts for the year are ahead of last year. The appropriation line items for liability insurance, worker's compensation, and the police capital outlay appear high. Because the entire bills for liability insurance, workers compensation insurance and the three new police cruisers have been paid in the first part of the year, the year to date percentages are skewed higher and will be under budget at year end. Most of the other categories for both receipts and expenses are in line or better than budget projections. Budgets for next year will need to be increased with wages taking up the bulk of the appropriations. The need for six police cars was briefly discussed and will need to part of budget discussions for 2013.

Clarification on "miscellaneous income" lines need to be footnoted on the income reports.

The tagging of Village assets for inventory purposes has not been started and will cost approximately \$560.00 for the tags. The Board of Public Affairs should be contacted to co-ordinate the tagging procedure.

Money will need to be appropriated in future years to cover the sidewalk repairs the Village does and bill to the homeowners through property tax bills.

Ordinances under consideration:

ORDINANCE NO. 2012-04

AN ORDINANCE OF THE VILLAGE OF SEVILLE, MEDINA COUNTY, OHIO, AMENDING THE VILLAGE OF SEVILLE'S SALARY AND BENEFITS CODE RELATED TO WAGES FOR THE YEAR 2012.

The second reading was on February 13th. The ordinance was tabled on March 12<sup>th</sup>.

The ordinance is only needed if the value of the jobs is going to be increased.

There was a discussion concerning how level raises are achieved. The Solicitor will need to clarify the process.

Updated job descriptions and levels will be needed for all Village employees.

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Old business

The CCA forecast for 2013 does not allow for the loss of the school. Council will need to be aware of that fact when projecting income for 2013.

Rea and Associates has informed the Village that if they do the payroll audit they will not start until July. Varney-Fink has submitted a lower bid and can start sooner. Mrs. Miller moved to go forward with the audit using the lower estimate. The motion was seconded by Mr. Landis. The motion passed unanimously. The expense may be covered by re-appropriating the overage in liability insurance appropriations.

Mrs. Miller met with Chris Jacobs to gather information concerning block grants. There are certain standards for the grants but the Village should be able to meet the standards. Mrs. Miller praised Ed Steele for his efforts in the process. There are 51 ADA sidewalks that need to be completed, paved sidewalks to the park pavilions and the updating of the building at 6 Spring Street were among the items discussed. The demolition of abandoned homes was also discussed.

New business

There was a discussion of the Kilowatt Hour Tax and whether council should return the all of the money to The Board of Public Affairs instead of just the BleachTech portion. The net for 2011 was about \$120,000 for the Village. Mr. Stallard pointed out that the rate village residents pay for electric service is already lower than any other local communities.

The projected 2013 Worker's Compensation rates have not been received from the Ohio Municipal League. They will be issued later this month.

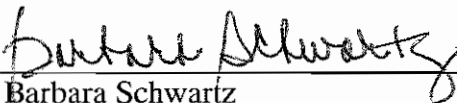
There was a discussion about increasing the amount of employee contribution to the health care plan. A percentage or flat rate increase were both discussed.

The building fund will need to be increased dramatically. With some of the projects being discussed, an appropriation of \$50,000 to \$60,000 may be necessary.

Mr. Stallard updated the committee on an Issues Mobilization Grant. The request was turned down but a Smart Growth grant may have a better opportunity for approval.

Mr. Stallard moved to adjourn. The motion was seconded by Mrs. Miller. The motion passed unanimously.

Adjourned at 9:10 PM



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Barbara Schwartz  
Committee Chair