

SEVILLE VILLAGE COUNCIL
FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETING
AUGUST 16, 2010

Mrs. Schwartz called the meeting to order at 7:07 PM.

Present: Mayor Carter, Barbara Schwartz, Rick Stallard, Roger Kilgore, Kathy Rhoads, Richard Barbera, Jim Lovejoy, Fiscal Officer Jim Carrick

Motion to approve the 7-19-10 as amended made by K. Rhoads; seconded by R. Stallard. Aye votes all. Minutes approved as amended.

Motion to approve the minutes from 8-2-10 made by R. Kilgore; seconded by R. Barbera. Aye votes all. Minutes approved.

The amendment to the 7-19-10 was to clarify that the \$7,000.00 CRA fee paid in 2010 was for the year 2010. The contract and the amount for future years have yet to be determined.

Fiscal Officer Jim Carrick reported that we are looking into paying more bills on line. These would be ACH's. He will look into the costs and any related savings in regards to postage vs. fees.

The budget numbers were discussed and reports passed to everyone. 2009 and 2010 fund balances have been added to the report. The General Fund balance is greater this year than last year. We are showing a positive of approximately \$97,000.00. In revenues we have collected approximately \$53,000.00 more this year than last year in the General Fund year to date. Overall General fund expenses are down \$126,000.00 for 2010.

Police are within budget. Total expenses are down \$234,000.00 when compared to last year. R. Stallard questioned the 3101-bond obligation fund. This fund was used for building payments. K. Rhoads addressed that expenses down in the General Fund are a reflection of personnel cuts made earlier this year. We will continue to monitor to make sure we are accomplishing what was needed.

J. Carrick told the committee that he has been advised by the County Auditor's office of an estate tax we will get in the amount of approximately \$147,000.00. This is not guaranteed money. Many ideas were discussed. Several members were in favor of setting the entire amount aside. As a committee we will look at potential budgets and factor in needs as far as repairs and replacement of equipment. It was determined that any monies would not be spent on personnel or wage increases as there would be no way to maintain them. This will be discussed at future meetings.

B. Schwartz addressed the recent CCA report showing that our top 10 companies, with the exception of one are down, some by significant percentages.

B. Schwartz discussed that the audit continues to be ongoing. She also addressed our continued desire to have a good audit, and used the example of the recent Circus. When monies come into the Village, we also need documentation as to where it came from. The circus money order also requires reconciliation and a contract for documentation. This information will be requested from the Circus. For auditing purposes we need this information on every issue.

B. Schwartz has gone through all of the personnel files. She will complete a report and give to the Committee Chairs for budget planning.

B. Schwartz advised there is a concern that Seville School will be closed. She referred to a recent article in the Trading Post.

Mayor's Court will be discussed at a future meeting.

R. Stallard advised the windows for the BOPA building have been ordered and the tenant will install free of charge.

A copy of the CRA files will be obtained and R. Stallard will look into renegotiating any future contract.

B. Schwartz asked for the status of the grant that is currently in house. This will be addressed at a future meeting. B. Schwartz was concerned if there was a time frame on it. J. Carrick will look into this.

During privilege of the floor Al Pipa brought the committee up to date on the Food Pantry. He also questioned a line on the budget that was BOPA funds. He was referred to a BOPA meeting. K. Rhoads will also take this to a future BOPA meeting. The fund number was 5301.

Mr. Pipa asked J. Carrick the specifics of the \$145,000.00 estate tax money. Mr. Pipa asked whose estate it was from. J. Carrick advised him that he is not allowed to reveal this information to anyone. Mr. Pipa also asked if his boss, referring to the mayor, was aware of everything he knows. The fiscal officer advised that he technically answers to the council. Mr. Pipa wanted to know why the auditor's office contacted him and not the mayor. B. Schwartz advised that as fiscal officer, Jim Carrick is entitled to privileged information and no one else. Mr. Pipa also asked why the money would be released before final determinations will be made as to what the Village will ultimately be able to retain. B. Schwartz advised Mr. Pipa that the Auditor's office is a conveyance only. They do the distributing of money from the state.

B. Schwartz stated that it really does not matter whose estate it was and that it is just a point of interest. It is no one's business. B. Schwartz advised Mr. Pipa that anyone can ask, but we cannot tell.

J. Lovejoy asked Mr. Pipa and K. Rhoads if after the August 5th meeting, was the Baptist Church members ok with the Food Pantry. K. Rhoads advised that the Food Pantry is going to make every effort to include all the area churches.

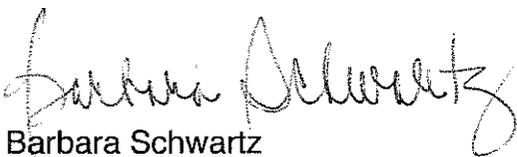
B. Schwartz discussed the Food Pantry wanting to pay the difference in the electric bill. She wanted to make sure everyone understood that the building was on one meter and it included Jon Sobczak's office, the workout room in the basement and the Food Pantry. Mr. Pipa was not aware that Jon's office was in that building on the same meter. B. Schwartz asked about the date of possession. She was advised that the contract would be signed the next day, August 17, 2010. If this changes, we will all be advised. K. Rhoads advised that the bill would have to be equitably divided into thirds.

K. Rhoads told the committee that she has heard concerns about the Village hiring a Village Forrester after laying off people. She thought that we needed a clarification from this committee. B. Schwartz said she could explain the finances but thought the explanation of the need for the Forrester would be better coming from the Park's Committee. J. Lovejoy asked why we were discussing this issue when we haven't spent any money yet. B. Schwartz said that resident's concerns needed to be brought to the committees so that everyone was on the same page.

Staff Sgt. Mark Milton had a question about the funding of training in next year's police budget. R. Barbera asked that it be submitted in priority order to the Safety Committee with anticipated costs. B. Schwartz asked about estimated expense for training and supplies. B. Schwartz advised that any amount under a \$1000.00 should be very workable. She thanked Mark for bringing this information and request forward.

Motion to adjourn made by R. Stallard; seconded by J. Lovejoy. Aye votes all.
Meeting adjourned at 8:25 PM.

Minutes respectfully submitted by-



Barbara Schwartz
Finance Committee Chair