



FINANCE COMMITTEE REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

Location: 120 Royal Crest Drive, Seville, OH 44273

Date: 1/6/2025

Call to order at 8:16 p.m.

Present: Kathy Rhoads (Chair), Dennis Gordon (Member), Randy Eby (Member), Leslie Miller (Member), Matt Sturgeon (Member), Jessica Harper-Bigley (Fiscal Officer)

Absent: Brad Demiter (Member)

Approval of Minutes: Mr. Eby made a motion to approve minutes from the 12/2/24 meeting, the motion was seconded and carried. The minutes were approved as written.

Mr. Sturgeon made a motion to approve minutes from the Special Meeting from 12/09/24, the motion was seconded and carried. The minutes were approved as written.

Privilege of the floor: NONE

Amendments to the Agenda: NONE

Approval of Financial Reports: The November Financial Reports were approved at the Special Meeting on 12/09/24

Fiscal Officer Report: Nothing to report that is not already on the agenda.

New Business: None

Old Business:

- **2025 Preliminary Budgets** – Martha Evans, who is helping out our Fiscal Office, passed out preliminary 2025 budgets and went over important points and answered questions from Council.
 - **Streets & Parks update to budget** – Martha explained their budget in detail including the Capital funds for both Streets and Parks. Mr. Manges, the Superintendent, was present and asked if he could increase his supplies and materials that was originally budgeted for so he could upgrade some technology items. He will get estimates for what he wants and present at Streets & Parks Committee Meeting. Mrs. Rhoads stated the committee needs to determine how much we need to spend on downtown Christmas decorations by February Finance Committee Meeting.
- **Credit Card update:** The Fiscal office has received their new credit card. The cards for the other departments are on the way. They should receive them by the end of the week.
- **Update on the purchase of new vehicle for the Police:** The new vehicle has been purchased and in our possession. Officer Banks has been working on outfitting it.
- **Merit Raise Discussion:** The Fiscal Officer stated after going over the budget with Mrs. Evans and how much we put into for the health care and other benefits

for our employees, she does not recommend we pass the ordinance for Merit raises. We have already approved a COLA raise. Most of the employees are already at the top of the pay scale. She does not feel it is financially responsible to give merit raises this year after COLA raises have already been approved. The Finance Committee agrees with Jessica and feels that both are not necessary at this time. Mrs. Miller made the motion to untable ordinance 2024-48 and recommend to Council to vote it down. The motion was seconded and carried.

Mrs. Miller made the motion to adjourn, the motion was seconded and carried. The meeting adjourned at 9:25 p.m.

X Kathy Rhoads 2-10-2025
Kathy Rhoads (Chair)