

**VILLAGE OF FONTANA ON GENEVA LAKE  
WALWORTH COUNTY, WISCONSIN**

**(Official Minutes)**

**Finance Committee Meeting**

September 17, 2009

The Finance Committee meeting was called to order at 5:00 pm on Thursday, September 17, 2009 by Chairman Patrick Kenny.

**Members Present:** Trustee Kenny, Arlene Patek, Rick McCue, Jim Feeney, Lou Loenneke

**Members Absent:** Drew Gilchrist, Michael Sheyker

**Also Present:** Municipal Court Clerk Jan Armonda, Walworth Township Supervisor Larry Austin, Administrator/Treasurer Kelly Hayden, Municipal Court Judge David Jensen, Rescue Squad Chief Jon Kemmett, Keith Lukes, Village Clerk Dennis Martin, Trustee Micki O'Connell, Police Chief Steve Olson, President Arvid Petersen

**Visitors Heard**

None

**General Business**

**2010 Budget Review for Municipal Court, Building Inspection, Police Department, Rescue Department, Debt Schedule & Administration**

Hayden presented the preliminary budget figures and stated that this year's budget will be tight due to decreasing room tax, permit and court revenue. Hayden stated that the beach and launch revenue accounts are on target, but all the other areas are coming in lower than budgeted. Feeney stated that the Village may have to make some serious cuts this year, and the department heads need to be aware. Chief Olson presented the preliminary Police Department budget, which includes a proposal for a new or used SUV to replace the department's 2000 Ford Explorer, and a new server for the department's computer system. Olson stated that with increased maintenance, the 2000 Ford Explorer could meet the department's needs for another year or two; however, the current computer system server has to be replaced before it reaches its capacity or crashes. Keith Lukes, from the village's computer service provider Util-IT, Inc. (formerly THz3), presented the proposal for the new computer server and stated that the total cost for purchasing and installing the server will be about \$13,520. The preliminary Safety Building budget includes some building maintenance work. Rescue Squad Chief Kemmett presented the preliminary budget for the department, which calls for no increase from last year. Hayden presented the preliminary debt schedule, which could decrease in the next few years if more borrowing is not approved; however, the Village Board has previously indicated that it will borrow for the proposed storm water utility district projects. Judge Jensen and Court Clerk Armonda presented the preliminary Municipal Court budget. Jensen stated that the budget is the same as last year, with the exception that the travel account was increased so that he can attend all the required continuing education seminars, which typically take place in north/central part of the state. Jensen stated that he likes to attend as many continuing education seminars as possible since he is still a new municipal court judge. Jensen stated the court revenue is down considerably this year; however, the total number of citations issued also is down and the average fine per citation issued is actually higher this year. Hayden distributed the preliminary Building Inspection budget; however, salary and benefit expenses still have to be calculated.

**Sewer Rate Increase Proposal for 2009, 2010 & 2011**

Hayden distributed the proposed sewer rate increase projections for the fourth quarter of 2009 and for 2010 and 2011. Kenny asked if the rates would go back down in 2012 or if they will have to

be increased. Hayden stated that the projections through 2011 will qualify the village for the Clean Water Fund Program loan and matching fund DNR grant for the Fontana/Walworth Water Pollution Control Commission's wastewater plant improvement project. Hayden stated that the Village of Fontana will qualify for about \$2 million in grant funds for the Village's portion of the project. Hayden stated that once the loan is paid off, the rates could be lowered at that time, but the future is not certain. Hayden stated that the proposal will be fine tuned and presented as an ordinance for the Finance Committee's consideration at the September 24, 2009 meeting.

#### **Town of Walworth Review of Fire and Rescue Services IGA**

Walworth Town Board Supervisor Larry Austin was present to answer questions regarding the proposal to have the Village of Fontana Fire Department and Rescue Squad provide first response services to quadrants of the township that are currently covered by the Village of Walworth department. Austin stated that it is the Town Board's goal to provide the best emergency service possible for its residents, without passing on any additional costs to the Village of Fontana. Following discussion on the proposal's impact on the worker's compensation insurance, Austin stated that he will consult with the township's insurance provider to make sure he has the correct information. The Village of Fontana insurance provider informed village staff that the worker's compensation insurance premium rate is multiplied by the total number of residents that the fire department and rescue squad provides first response emergency services. The preliminary information Austin received was based on the Village providing mutual aid, which would have no impact on the worker's compensation premium. Austin stated that the Town Board is proposing a one-year trial agreement, which can be adjusted if necessary. Hayden stated that the other than the worker's compensation premium issue, the proposed rate structure should cover the village's expenses.

#### **Next Meeting Date**

The committee directed Martin to schedule the next meeting for Thursday, September 24, 2009 beginning at 4:00 pm.

#### **Adjournment**

McCue/Patek 2<sup>nd</sup> made a MOTION to adjourn the finance committee meeting at 6:46 pm, and the motion carried without negative vote.

Minutes prepared by: Dennis L. Martin, village clerk

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APPROVED: 9/24/09