Finance Committee

February 10, 2020

The Finance Committee met on February 10, 2020, at 6:00 pm to discuss the 2020 Permanent Budget. Present were committee members Rob Maurer, Dean Holland, and John Zucal. Also, in attendance were Dan Lanzer, Kelly Ricklic, Aimee May, Cheryl Ramos, Marvin Fete, Joel Day, Julie Courtright, Don Kemp, Tom Gerber, Greg Popham, and Beth Gundy.

The first item discussed was Resolution 4-2020. It allows for the Service Director to bid for material and enter into contracts for items such as water softener salt, stone, meters etc. Mr Holland asked if this was protocol and the Service Director said yes. A motion was made by John Zucal to add to tonight's agenda and pass on next reading. Mr Holland seconded. Motion passed with all three members voting in the affirmative.

The second item discussed was the 2020 budget. Auditor Gundy stated that we had nearly 1 million carryover and tax receipts were up a little over 4%. She said in our current copy of the budget, that it does not include medical insurance increase. She estimated that it shouldn't be more than 10%.

Mayor 101-0100
Zucal asked about Economic Development increasing from $20,000 to $40,000. Mayor Day said he added $16,000 for the Master Plan, $15,000 for NPBCA, and $5000 for the Connectivity plan. Zucal stated he wanted to meet with the Mayor regarding something that may impact this line item. He was not ready to discuss as of yet.

Human Resources 101-0200
No questions

Auditor 101-0300
No questions

Treasurer 101-0500
No questions

Law Director 101-0700
Law Director Fete said it's the same as last year with the exception of pay increases. Holland asked if he had office space since he is full time now. Mayor Day said he has all the space he needs above the former Fire Dept.

Police Prosecutor 101-0800
No questions

Civil Service 101-0900
Mayor Day and Safety Director Popham have been discussing Civil Service Commission members salaries. Neither can recall the last time they have had an increase in salary. The current total budget for members is $115. Popham stated with the increased amount of testing, more questions come up that are legal in nature. Committee agreed to increase it to $800.

Council 101-1100
Mr Ricklic questioned the line item for equipment was zero. Auditor Gundy said the laptops were coming out of the newly created fund. Mr Zucal asked about the possibility of getting Clerk Courtright a new printer. The committee recommended that Julie research and get quotes and bring back to the Finance Committee. Auditor Gundy said we could take it out of the supplies line. Inventory control was also brought up and anything over $50, the department head is in charge of keeping track.

Service Director 101-1300
No questions

City Hall 101-1700
Zucal asked the Capital Improvements line and Service Director McAbier stated the roof needs replaced at city hall. Its made of rubber and they have had it repaired numerous times.

Airport 101-2100
No questions

Police Dept. 101-2300
Maurer questioned the increase in line item for fuel. Gundy stated that it was probably coming out of 225. Maurer also questioned tactical response and operating expenses and what that encompasses. Nobody was 100% sure so he will contact Chief Goodwin.

Fire Dept. 101-2500
Mr Holland asked if there has been any discussion on replacing the ladder truck. Mayor said no formal discussion has taken place but they will be meeting with Goshen Township and estimated the cost at upwards of 1 million dollars.

Public Health 101-2700

No questions

Parks and Recreation 101-3100

Mayor stated roof on Park Place Teen Center will need replaced and the restrooms are also being painted. Mayor also stated that a goal is to replace the restrooms on Al Maloney Dr.

Municipal Court 101-3500

No questions

The Finance Committee will meet again February 24, 2020 at 6pm to continue discussion on the 2020 budget

Motion to adjourn by John Zucal at 6:49 PM

Sincerely,

Rob Maurer
Chair