



City of Reminderville
Finance Meeting
October 25, 2022

Call to Order

Meeting called to order by Mr. DiCarlo at 5:33pm

Roll Call

Mr. DiCarlo, present
Mr. Wiggins, present
Ms. Berthelot, excused
Mr. Milani, present
Mr. Putnam, present

Approval of Minutes

Mr. Wiggins moved to approve the minutes from October 11, 2022. Mr. Milani seconded. All in favor.

Mr. DiCarlo started going through the payment register. There were no questions or comments.

Mr. Putnam moved to accept payments totaling \$161,847.03. Mr. Milani seconded. All in favor.

Chief Plunkett presented the Fire Department 2023 budget request. Ms. Wordell stated the fire department started in 1955 as strictly volunteer with members being paid \$7 each time they went out on a run. A few decades later it became a part-time department and an income tax levy was passed by the residents for ½% to go to the fire department. That levy was passed in 1998 and in 2001 the station was fully staffed 24/7 with all part-time firefighters as it is today. Chief Plunkett stated his personnel budget increased 3% for customary annual staff raises and also includes additional proposed increases to add three full-time firefighters which he has legislation for approval at the Council meeting. Due to persistent staffing shortages, he would like to transition three part-time firefighters to full-time. This would cut 90 shifts from the schedule that are difficult to fill with the firefighters all having full-time jobs as well in other municipalities. It would cut down on overtime and ensure the response time and quality of care would stay the same. Chief Plunkett added there are grants available that are specifically for assisting with the salaries of full-time

firefighters. He continued there will also be a cost increase in the dispatching services with Twinsburg but there will be an increase coming in from ambulance billing due to increased billing fees for insurance companies. Chief Plunkett added he does not charge Reminderville residents for ambulance service fees over what their insurance covers.

Ms. Rockhill presented the Reminderville Athletic Club 2023 budget request. Ms. Wordell stated the RAC was opened in October 2016. Ms. Rockhill stated there will be a decrease in expenses for the phones line item and for pool contractual services due to Ms. Rockhill being pool-certified. She continued the requested increase shown in personnel is 3% for the customary annual staff raises but due to the minimum wage increasing to \$10.10 per hour, that percentage is 6% above the current minimum wage so she is requesting the other staff members currently above minimum wage also receive 6%. She kept her own raise request at 3%. Revenue adjustments include continued support from transfers from the JEDD and an increase in membership rates. After examining the surrounding community facilities, she is proposing a 5% increase for resident rates and 10% increase for non-resident rates. The RAC would still be below what Twinsburg charges for their fitness center. The revenue rate for the latchkey program has not yet come back to the level it was at before COVID so that is shown as a decrease. Ms. Wordell commented Reminderville pays the credit card fees when members pay with a credit card which totaled approximately \$5,000 a year for the last four years. Council will have to approve the rate increase and consider charging credit card fees to all members. Ms. Rockhill stated there is a request for funds to redo the pool deck with a textured paint to make it a safer surface. She will get multiple bids for Council to consider.

Old Business

New Business

The next meeting will be on November 8 at 5:30pm to review the 2023 budget for the Police Department and the Service Department.

Mr. Wiggins moved to adjourn. Mr. Putnam seconded. All in favor.
Meeting adjourned at 6:52pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Stacey Task, Clerk of Council

Thomas DiCarlo, Chairman