

City of Reminderville Finance Meeting November 14, 2023

Call to Order Meeting called to order by Mr. DiCarlo at 6:23pm

Roll Call Mr. DiCarlo, present Mr. Wiggins, present Mr. Milani, excused Mr. Putnam, present

Approval of Minutes

Mr. Wiggins moved to approve the minutes from October 24, 2023. Mr. Putnam seconded. All in favor.

The committee went through the payment register. Mr. Putnam moved to accept payments totaling \$921,816.01. Mr. Wiggins seconded. All in favor.

Mr. Herrera presented the 2024 Service Department budget. The budget includes a new pickup truck and a \$2.00 per-hour raise for the department employees rather than the traditional 3%. Everything else is in line with cost trends for next year. Mr. DiCarlo asked about an additional building which would be used to store equipment that is currently being stored outside. Mr. Herrera stated they received three cost options that were given to engineering to research location options. An idea to share a new storage building with the police department at their location did not pan out. Mr. Herrera will meet with Mr. Gorog regarding possible locations. Mr. Herrera reported the leaf vacuum unit needs repaired again. The vacuum unit is shared with Twinsburg Township. He feels it is not worth it to try to repair it over and over every year and he is concerned the leaf pick-up program will have to be cancelled for the rest of the season. He feels a new one is necessary. There is a leaf vacuum unit available for pick up right now. Mr. DiCarlo will look into using a storage building where he works as temporary storage for a new vacuum unit. Mr. Putnam asked about the 150% increase for operating supplies. Mr. Herrera said he raised it due to increases that happened this year where he had to ask for more money; he is anticipating increasing costs and would like to not have to go to Council at all next year to ask for more money.

Mr. Wiggins asked Mr. Huff for a historical analysis against the projected rate of spending at the end of the year for the past several years. Mr. Huff will have it available for the next meeting. He feels the STAR Ohio account is generating a significant amount of money and would like to invest more.

Mr. DiCarlo stated the 2024 capital projects requested include a new storage building for the Service Department and a new pumper truck for the Fire Department which will cost approximately \$800,000 depending on payment options and will take 30 months or more to be delivered. Mr. Huff suggested putting the \$800,000 in the STAR Ohio account to make money on it while waiting to make the payment once the truck is delivered.

The committee will recommend to Council to approve the 2024 budget as presented with the following recommendations: to review proposed salaries and wages especially those who are more than the traditional 3% increase; to purchase a Service Department storage building; to purchase a police cruiser; and to invest \$800,000 to the STAR Ohio account for a future payment for a new pumper truck.

Unfinished Business

New Business

The next meeting will be on November 28 at 6:00pm.

Adjournment

Mr. Wiggins moved to adjourn. Mr. DiCarlo seconded. All in favor. Meeting adjourned at 7:01pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Stacey Task, Clerk of Council

Thomas DiCarlo, Chairman