

OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS
FINANCE COMMITTEE

A meeting of the Finance Committee was held February 13, 2013 at 4:00 p.m. at Village Hall, 1202 4th Street, Orion, Illinois. Members present: O'Leary, Drucker, and Sampson. Absent: Newman. President Cooper was also present.

The credit card statement and receipts were reviewed and found to be in order.

The committee reviewed the 3rd quarter revenue and expenditure reports and discussed line items not meeting budget expectations. Water and sewer customer accounts were also reviewed as related to disconnect notices. Clerk Sampson said she contacted Quad Corp., a collection agency, for the second time, and was able to speak with a representative about collecting past due accounts for the village. The representative did not sound enthusiastic after hearing the small volume of business the village would provide, but he said he would call back with cost information. Clerk Sampson will check with other collection businesses if Quad Corp does not respond in a reasonable time.

Clerk Sampson presented prices from two companies who bid on a new telephone system at Village Hall. Bidding were Hughes Telephone, Inc. at a price of \$2,509 and Professional Communications at a price of \$2,276. Clerk Sampson recommended the low bidder, which the Finance Committee approved. The phone system is included in the FY2013 budget.

Clerk Sampson said FY2014 budget forms would be available by February 15th and should be completed by March 15th. The schedule to review and approve the proposed budget will be available by the February 18th board meeting.

The committee discussed projects to add to a list to be presented to legislators in Springfield later in the year. Trustee Drucker recommended leaving the sewer relief main on the list at a cost of \$400,000, even though the project has already begun and the village has obtained a loan. Also, the 5th Street resurfacing project will be left on the list. In addition, the committee discussed asking for funds for land purchase and feasibility studies to spur economic development; the possible construction of a nursing home/assisted living facility; preservation/restoration of the band shell; replacement of original water mains; complete reconstruction of 13th Street from 11th Avenue to 14th Avenue A; complete reconstruction of 12th Avenue from 13th Street to 16th Street and 16th Street from 12th Avenue south to Orion Tool & Die. A list must be compiled and presented to the Henry County Economic Development Partnership by February 26th.

Clerk Sampson was granted permission to order Christmas display equipment prior to the end of the month. The project was not included in the current budget, but \$10,000 in Coulter Trust funds was granted in January for such a purchase and Temple Display is offering a 33% discount on the equipment through the end of February.

President Cooper said he wanted the board to consider financial incentives to spur construction in Prairie Knoll Subdivision, which is in the TIF district. Trustee O'Leary said he was opposed to any financial incentives. Trustee Drucker suggested any incentive come in the form of waiving fees versus allotting existing funds. The issue will be discussed with all board members during budget discussions for FY2014.

There being no further business to come before the committee, the meeting was adjourned.

Lori A. Sampson
Village Clerk

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