

FINANCE COMMITTEE MINUTES
MARCH 17, 2015

The Finance Committee meeting was held on March 17, 2015 at North Royalton City Hall, 14600 State Road. The meeting was called to order at 6:21 p.m.

PRESENT: Committee Members: Chairman Larry Antoskiewicz, Vice Chair Gary Petrusky, Paul Marnecheck; Council: John Nickell, Dan Kasaris, Dan Langshaw, Steve Muller; Administration: Mayor Robert Stefanik, Finance Director Eric Dean, Asst. Law Director Donna Vozar; Other: Louis Krzepina.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Moved by Mr. Petrusky, seconded by Mr. Marnecheck to **approve the February 17, 2015 Finance Committee minutes.** Yeas: 3. Nays: 0. **Motion carried.**

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

1. Monthly Finance report including tax collections status

Mr. Dean reported that the monthly income tax collections were \$1,030,184.77 for the month of February and distributed in March. This represents a \$4,523.15 increase compared to last year's collection at this time. Year to date collections are holding steady and we are up \$171,787.68 for the year. Mr. Kasaris asked Mr. Dean for his opinion on why we have an increase and if it is sustainable, and what does he think collections will be for the year. Mr. Dean responded that he budgeted for a slight decrease in collections which would continue last year's trend. Overall 2015 collection numbers look positive. It is hard to say what our numbers will be until after our filing date of April 15th. Our positive numbers could be more of a result of early filers as compared to years past. Mr. Dean said it is encouraging to see that our tax withholdings on businesses within the city are up, and the Mayor has mentioned seeing activity in the empty lots in the York Delta industrial plaza, which is also very encouraging.

2. Overtime

Mr. Dean reported that as of the end of January of 2015 our overall overtime was at \$100,222.61. He does not have a formal report due to not feeling comfortable with some of the overtime accounts being posted correctly due to the ADP conversion. He said he will have something to Council as soon as he reviews the current overtime postings and make corrections. Mr. Antoskiewicz asked where we stand for the year compared to our budget. Mr. Dean said last year's budget was \$835,000 due to the storm and we have budgeted \$750,000 for 2015. Mr. Kasaris asked what is the percentage of budget used this year vs. last year. Mr. Dean said that he does not have the exact percentages comparing year to date budget numbers. He said he would be happy to have something to Council as soon as he corrects the departments that ADP has overtime posted to in error.

3. Capital Improvements/City Hall Financing

Mr. Dean said that we are going to the market on Tuesday March 24, 2015 to sell our bonds for the City Hall and other outstanding notes the city has. The Federal Reserve Board is meeting tomorrow and we are hoping to not see an increase in rates, which would affect our ability to refinance our 2008 issue. As of now we are looking at around \$270,000 in savings by refinancing this bond issue. He said he will have something to Council shortly on how the rates are looking and will also give Council a report called the Official Statement, which is given to investors who are looking at buying our bonds. He said that he prepares this report along with our Bond Counsel and our underwriters and it has a lot of good information about the city including top tax payers and information about our debt capacity as a city. He said he will have this report out to Council once we get the actual rates from our bond sale on Tuesday.

NEW BUSINESS

1. Moral Claim – G & M Todorovic

Mrs. Vozar reported that the Law Director had previously provided Council with his review and recommendation summary regarding the Todorovic moral claim. Specifically, while the city has no legal liability in the matter, the Law Director recommends a moral claim award of \$750.00. The moral claim

procedure was reiterated. Moved by Mr. Marnecheck, seconded by Mr. Petrusky to **recommend approval of this moral claim to Council**. Yeas: 3. Nays: 0. **Motion carried.**

ADJOURNMENT

Moved by Mr. Marnecheck, seconded by Mr. Petrusky **to adjourn the March 17, 2015 meeting**. Yeas: 3. Nays: 0. **Motion carried.**

Meeting adjourned at 6:32 p.m.