

VILLAGE OF SOUTH BARRINGTON
MINUTES OF THE FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETING
AUGUST 14, 2017
2:00 PM

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 2:01 pm by Committee Chairman Stagno.

ROLL CALL

Members Present: Committee Chairman Stagno, Trustee Joseph Abbate, and Trustee Bernard Kerman.

Members Absent: None.

Others present: Mayor Paula McCombie, Treasurer Michelle Bodie and Administrator Bob Palmer.

PUBLIC COMMENT

None.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Trustee Kerman made a Motion to approve the Minutes of the Open Session Meeting and Executive Session Meeting held May 8, 2017. Trustee Abbate seconded the motion. By unanimous voice vote, the Motion passed.

AGENDA ITEMS

Amusement Tax Discussion

Treasurer Bodie presented information regarding the existing amusement tax. A developer agreement with AMC limited the ticket tax to ten cents after the sewer bonds were paid in full. Now that the agreement has expired, AMC Theatre is paying the full tax amount of forty five cents per ticket. The question has developed of whether the amusement tax should be expanded beyond movie theaters to other entertainment ticket venues. For example, Goebbert's farm has discussed a one-ticket system. The amount of the amusement tax is another question, as well as whether it should be a fixed amount or a percentage of the ticket price. Trustee Kerman noted that the proposed Rascal Flatts restaurant and music venue may sell tickets to live music performances. Mayor McCombie noted that they discussed eight shows per year at this location. Bodie noted that Willow Creek Church has ticketed events and generates a small amount of sales tax. Kerman suggested that for 'not for profit' uses a definition of 'fair share' should be identified. It was also noted that the tax change may be a challenge for businesses to implement, possibly requiring a change to computer software, so adequate notice should be given. Kerman asked for a definition of a ticket subject to tax, noting the Regency Homeowners Association sells tickets for certain events. Stagno recommended if a change was made to the Village's Amusement tax, January would be a likely time to implement it. Stagno asked about the total revenue currently generated from the current amusement tax, to which Bodie responded between \$160 and \$170 thousand dollars from the Village's two movie theaters. In regard to the proposed Rascal Flatts venue, Stagno wondered if their other locations are subject to a ticket tax and if so, what the amount is? Bodie said she will research the other locations for that information and also distribute sample amusement tax definitions from other municipalities' code. The consensus was to gather further information and continue the discussion at a future meeting.

Illegal Fireworks Fines

The Committee discussed recent events surrounding the Fourth of July and complaints regarding illegal firework displays. The Committee noted that there is a provision in the code for a permit to hold firework displays requiring specific personnel qualifications. Typically these permits have been issued to organizations in the Village with the capacity and land area to safely conduct such firework displays. The issue for discussion involved private citizens having their own displays without a permit. A permit for a private residence to hold a fireworks display was not something the Committee wanted to encourage.

After discussion, Trustee Kerman made a motion to recommend drafting a resolution to increase the minimum fine for illegal fireworks from \$50 to \$250 and to forward the resolution to the Village Board for approval at the October meeting. Motion was seconded by Trustee Abbate. On a voice vote the motion was approved.

Shredding Contract

Treasurer Bodie presented information regarding research on shredding services that had been conducted by the Police Department. Various vendors provide the service and the advantages are eliminating both the expense for a new shredder and personnel time wasted on shredding. Trustee Abbate noted that SWANCC through their sub-contractor (Groot) will provide shredding service. Trustee Abbate recommended, and the Committee was in agreement, that staff should investigate procuring shredding service with the SWANCC contractor.

STAFF REPORTS

Village Administrator

a. Electric Aggregation Contract End - Palmer explained that current contract for electric aggregation has ended and that residents who had signed up for the program will receive a letter from ComEd in the mail explaining that their energy supplier will now be ComEd. This change will occur with the August billing. While the aggregation program has ended for the time being, prices and markets will be revisited next year to determine if a better price can be achieved through aggregation at that time.

Palmer also reported on the following:

b. Magnolia Pointe Entrance Building and Gate – We are awaiting submittal of insurance and letter of credit prior to issuing the building permit for the entrance project.

Goddard School – A letter has been received withdrawing the proposal for a Goddard School to be located in the Executive Center Office Complex and seeking the return of escrow funds in the amount of \$15,000.

Service Call on Auto Doors – Palmer recommended setting up an account with Assa Abloy to make a service call to have the six auto doors checked for maintenance.

Cook County Grant for Bike Path on Barrington Road – The County will be issuing an IGA for the Village to execute as part of the procurement process for the \$76,000 grant for the construction of a bike path as part of the Barrington Road widening project.

Finance Officer

a. Audit Review with L&A Partner – Finance Committee Thursday 9/7 @ 2 pm.

Bodie noted the upcoming Audit Review with the Village’s auditors will be held during the next Finance Committee meeting.

b. Actuarial Review with L&A Actuary – Pension committee Tuesday 10/10 @ 4:30 pm.

Bodie also reported on the following:

Unemployment claim filed – The Village was notified in regard to an unemployment claim that was filed by a former Police Department employee.

Coalition Legal Fund – The Village has established a legal fund to assist with expenses associated with a lawsuit involving South Barrington residents and the proposed Plum Farm development in Hoffman Estates. These funds are a collection of donations from BACOG municipalities and the school district.

OLD BUSINESS

Mayor McCombie noted that the Police Commission rules were undergoing some revisions, involving such items as the hiring procedure for an officer going from part-time to full-time. Other rules will also be reviewed and presented. McCombie clarified that the Village Board will make the final determination on the rules.

NEW BUSINESS

Mayor McCombie announced that Lou Matuska has given notice that he is resigning from the Pension Board.

Treasurer Bodie mentioned a situation regarding the Village providing rain gear as an one-time clothing allowance is considered a taxable benefit to the employee per IRS guidelines.

CLOSED SESSION

No closed session was held.

ADJOURNMENT

Having no further business, Chairman Stagno asked for a Motion from the Committee to adjourn the meeting. Trustee Kerman made a Motion and Trustee Abbate seconded. By unanimous voice vote, the motion passed, and the meeting was adjourned at 4:02 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by,

Bob Palmer, Village Administrator

These Minutes were approved this

_____ day of _____, 2017