

**VILLAGE OF SOUTH BARRINGTON
MINUTES OF THE FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETING
NOVEMBER 6, 2023
2:00 PM**

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 2:12 pm by Committee Chairman Stagno.

ROLL CALL

Members Present: Chairman Stagno and Trustee Abbate.
Members Absent: Trustee Alvarado.
Others present: Mayor Paula McCombie, Trustee Guranovich, Wayde Frerichs Finance Director and Administrator Robert Palmer.

PUBLIC COMMENT

None.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Minutes were not available for the June 5, 2023 Finance Committee Meeting. Those minutes will be on the next Finance Committee Meeting agenda.

The Committee did not receive the minutes in advance of the meeting with enough time to review, October 9th minutes were tabled until the next meeting scheduled for December 11, 2023.

AGENDA ITEMS

1. Police Pension Fund Reports – to be placed on file

Frerichs presented The Police Pension Fund Municipal Compliance Report, The Annual Tax Levy Ordinance, The Annual Appropriation Ordinance, Revenue Estimates, Debt Service Report, a bar graph of the annual tax levy from 2014 to 2023 with a split between Police Pension Contributions and the General Fund and a graph from 2012 to 2023 showing the History and Projection of Assessed Equalized Valuation with % Increase/(Decrease) over Prior Year EAV. Frerichs noted that the Annual Tax Levy is proposed to be held at the same amount as it has been since 2018 – \$2.64 Million.

The Committee discussed the amount of contribution to the Police Pension Fund noting the Actuarial Report recommendation. Discussion on returns and market conditions in relation to the funding amount. Mayor McCombie noted that the Village is 7.17% of the total Property Tax Bill. The Committee discussed the current conditions with the state taking over the Pension Fund. Mayor McCombie commented on the recommendations in regard to when the funds should be fully funded and how many communities have lagged behind and the returns compared to other states have been poor. Chairman Stagno commented on the participants in the Pension Fund and the involvement level. He also commented on what the state recommendation is based on, what are the assumptions to arrive at a recommendation of \$778,000. The Committee discussed the

contribution amount and arrived at a recommendation of \$550,000 to be applied to the Police Pension Fund.

Motion by Abbate to recommend to the full Village Board that the Actuarial Report prepared by Lauterbach & Amen, LLP, be placed on file and the amount of contribution to the Police Pension Fund be made in the amount of \$550,000. Second was made by Stagno. On a voice vote the motion was unanimously approved.

Motion by Abbate to recommend to the full Village Board that the Municipal Compliance Report (MCR), be placed on file. Second was made by Stagno. On a voice vote the motion was unanimously approved.

2. 2023 Tax Levy Discussion (to be paid in 2024).

Frerichs noted that this would be the seventh year in a row that the levy amount has stayed the same at \$2.637 Million. Frerichs briefly added the SSA that is in place for the Arboretum and that the county handles the levy and collects payments for the SSA.

Motion by Abbate to forward the 2023 Estimated Tax Levy Resolution to the Village Board for consideration along with the FY 2023/2024 Annual Tax Levy Ordinance. Second by Stagno. On a voice vote the motion was approved unanimously.

NEW BUSINESS

Mayor McCombie reported on a proposal to increase the life insurance benefit for employees from \$25,000 to \$50,000, along with offering a program for employees to purchase additional life insurance at their option. The increase in cost to go from \$25,000 to \$50,000 is \$1,700/year.

Mayor McCombie also presented a proposal for a program that would allow employees to donate sick time into a 'Catastrophic Leave Fund'.

Both items will be on the upcoming Village Board Agenda for consideration.

OLD BUSINESS

No old business to discuss.

MAYOR'S REPORT

Mayor McCombie reported on a second letter of credit reduction request from the developer of the Sundance development and a meeting with NSMJAWA and Greeley & Hansen to discuss the next steps of the feasibility study to obtain Lake Michigan water for the Village.

STAFF REPORTS

Village Administrator

Palmer reported on the Arbor Day event scheduled for Thursday, November 9, 2023 at 10:00 am in the Conservancy and also the grant reimbursement for the 'Planting the Conservancy' project that was held in September.

Finance Director

No report.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

No Executive Session was held.

ADJOURNMENT

Trustee Abbate made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Trustee Stagno, on a voice vote the motion was approved and the meeting was adjourned at 4:05 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by,



Robert Palmer
Village Administrator

These Minutes were approved this

11th day of December, 2023