

**MINUTES FROM THE FINANCE AND ADMINISTRATION COMMITTEE:
JULY 27, 2015**

Committee Present: Mary Jensen, Josh Prescher and Mike Grant

Committee Absent:

Others Present: Kim Hopfinger, Pam Grant, Kim Koronka, Sue Zeman, Craig Hough and Dennis Uecker

The meeting was called to order by Finance and Administration chairman Mike Grant.

Discuss/Approve Minutes from June Finance Meeting:

Josh made a motion, seconded by Mary, to approve the minutes from the June finance committee meeting as presented. The motion carried unanimously.

Public Appearances:

Members of the Downtown Business Association were present at the meeting to discuss ways the Village could help in keeping current businesses in the downtown and also attracting new businesses. Mike mentioned he had seen where communities helped pay half of startup improvement costs on businesses such as for paint, new windows, etc. Mary suggested that the Association contact the Dodge County Planning and Development Department to see if there are any programs or grants that could help. There was discussion on having signs made that would alert people to the downtown businesses. Suggestions were that the signs be put on Ann Street because so many people use that street instead of going downtown on Lake Street. It was also discussed about putting a sign on the Village Highway 60 property directing people to where the downtown businesses are. The committee will consider putting money in the budget under economic development to help with the cost of the signs.

Craig Hough also had an example of the proposed sign for the sale of the highway 60 property.

Discuss Citizen Complaint Regarding Training Tower:

The Village Office received a written complaint regarding the Fire Department training tower at Firemen's park. There were also concerns from the committee members regarding the condition of the training towers put at the park. The issue has been addressed at the Fire board level. The Fire Department has indicated that the towers would be painted by next year.

Update on Highway 60 Property:

It was discussed that the Industrial/Commercial land available sign should be put up soon. \$500 has already been approved for the expense on this. It was discussed that the sign should be angled so it could be seen from both directions on Highway 60.

There was discussion on starting the process of changing the zoning on the highway 60 property. The plan commission will need to meet to make the recommendation.

The board will need to approve abandoning the private well on the property. This will go on the August full board agenda.

There is a strip of land that is owned by Dennis Fleischer that is connected from the Village owned portion of the land to Fleischer's land. The committee also will recommend that the board pursue the option to purchase or somehow obtain the small portion of land that would give them access to the Fleischer property in the future.

The committee also talked about looking in the possibility of creating a TIF District for this area in the future.

Discuss/Recommend Possible Changes to Ordinance 240-3 Section B Regarding Hunting in Village Limits:

This issue was tabled. The attorney is doing some research on the ordinance.

Review Proposed 2016 Fire Department Budget:

The committee discussed the fire department budget at length. The committee had concerns over the large amounts being budgeted for in the Vehicle replacement fund. The committee has not received the 2014 actual numbers from the fire department as Kim had requested. The committee will recommend that the board schedule a joint

meeting with the Town of Hustisford to discuss the budget and to come to some sort of agreement on what they think the budget amount from the municipalities should be. This would give the Fire Department a chance to make adjustments before the September joint meeting. A suggested date was August 10th at 6pm. Finance would possibly meet an hour before to review 2014 actual numbers if they have them. Dennis Uecker also stated he would like to research how the structure of the Fire Board was formed and if the Chief should be a voting member.

Review June Budget Report:

The committee reviewed the June budget report.

Update on Library Funding Discussions with Joint Boards and County:

The meetings that have been held were beneficial in getting the conversation on increasing funding started. The committee felt some progress has been made and more meetings are being scheduled. The hope is to come to a concrete funding plan that will help the municipalities.

With no further business before this committee, Josh made a motion, seconded by Mike, to adjourn. The motion carried.