

**MINUTES FROM THE FINANCE AND ADMINISTRATION COMMITTEE:
MAY 18, 2015**

Committee Present: Mary Jensen and Mike Grant

Committee Absent: Josh Prescher

Others Present: Kim Hopfinger, Dennis Uecker and Todd Tessmann

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

Discuss/Approve Minutes from April Finance Meeting:

Mary made a motion, seconded by Dennis, to approve the minutes from the April finance committee meeting with one correction. The motion carried unanimously.

Update on Village Attorney Services:

The current Village Attorney – Karen Christianson is retiring. Attorney Ian Prust who currently works under Karen will be taking over her communities when she leaves. The finance committee and the police committee have both discussed the issue and feel it is beneficial to stay with the firm at this time because of the working relationship that has been established. The police department uses the services of another attorney at the firm and is very satisfied with them. The Village will retain Ian Prust at this time. There was also discussion that if satisfactory service does not continue, at that point the village can explore options for attorney services. Prust was approved as the Village attorney by the full board at the regular monthly meeting in May.

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

The reason for this discussion has to do with the land that is owned by Dennis Fleischer and is adjacent to the property that the Village purchased on Highway 60 and annexed into the Village. In meetings with Fleischer, he has stated that he would be open to options for development on the land he owns. Fleischer would like to annex into the Village but he does not want to give up the income he gets from renting out a portion of his land for hunting. The Village ordinance book states that there can be no hunting in the village limits. The committee is exploring the idea of making hunting legal only on land zoned agricultural in the village. There is currently no land in the village zoned agricultural. If he were to

annex in, the portion that is rented out for hunting would then need to come in zoned agricultural if this ordinance change were to happen. Kim will check with the Village attorney if this is something that would be possible to do.

Discuss/Recommend Changes to the Street Closing Permit Procedure:

The police committee has already discussed this issue and would like to see the Chief be able to grant street use permits without board approval for annual events. Any event that is new or not held on an annual basis would be brought before the board for approval. Mike made a motion, seconded by Mary, to recommend the procedure change to the full board.

Review April Budget Report:

The committee reviewed the April budget report.

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