

FINANCE COMMITTEE MINUTES
November 19, 2007

The Finance Committee meeting was held on November 19, 2007, at North Royalton City Hall, 13834 Ridge Road. Meeting called to order at 5:33 p.m.

PRESENT: Committee Members: Chair Kurt McKee, Bob Stefanik, Don Willey; Council: Larry Antoskiewicz, Mrs. Uffman-Kirsch; Administration: Finance Director Karen Fegan; Other Attendees: Nick Cinquepalmi, Pat Jones, Gary Petrusky, John Nickell, Joanne Dumound, Kathy Fogg.

Approval of Minutes

Moved by Mr. Willey, seconded by Mr. Stefanik, to approve the minutes from October 15, 2007.
3 yeas/0 nays. Motion carried.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

1. Quarterly Economic Development report/available grant money – Jan/April/July/Oct

No report.

2. Quarterly Capital appropriations (Jan/April/July/Oct)

No report.

3. Monthly Finance report including tax collections status

Mrs. Fegan said that the finance report was distributed earlier and the tax collections report was distributed at the meeting and reviewed. There will be one more appropriations amendment to be approved in December at the first meeting. Mrs. Fegan said she is not certain if the tax revenues are coming in higher or just quicker and will keep an eye on the amount as time progresses.

The final numbers from the RITA subpoena program held last week will be reported as soon as they are made available.

4. Overtime Reporting (monthly)

No report.

5. January through June 2007 road construction expenditure update including labor costs

Mr. Willey said that the concern he has is with the change orders for Wallings Road where storm water improvements were made and the charges should be reflected in the storm water maintenance fund rather than road repair fund. Mrs. Fegan said it was budgeted in SCMR fund and that is from where the funds came. There was additional discussion on how the figures would be allocated and Mrs. Fegan will review this again.

6. 2008 Estimated Storm Project Funding

Mrs. Fegan reviewed information she distributed earlier. If Pamela/Parkdale remains as a city project there will be approximately \$58,000 next year. If Pamela/Parkdale is able to be included as a FEMA project then there will be approximately \$15,000 for next year for additional projects because our share would come out right away and not be bonded out.

Mrs. Uffman-Kirsch said then there would be no money available for the projects needed in Ward 6 and asked if there was any other place the money would be available as in carry over amount to next year. Mrs. Fegan said some of this money is already earmarked for projects that are already borrowed. Mrs. Uffman-Kirsch asked if there is any money found available at the end of the year, that the Administration keep in mind to consider that specific storm water projects discussed previously be included during the upcoming budget process.

- 7. Overtime report for all employees having 10% overtime pay or more, thus far in 2007**
Information for the end of the year is requested for the January meeting. Mrs. Fegan will include it in the budget packet.
- 8. OPERS option of deferring employee PERS contributions to pretax deduction**
Mr. Willey would like to see us implement this as soon as possible. Mrs. Fegan will get the information to the committee before the January meeting.
- 9. Proposed Ordinance 07-107 levying additional special assessments for York-Delta Drive**
Ms. Fogg said she spoke with the Mayor and was informed that there was an extension of paying until December 31, 2007, granted from the county.

There was discussion about the second assessment and requirement that it be assessed in the same manner as the original assessment since some property owners no longer own the land being assessed if the second assessment proceeds.

Mr. McKee said that Council has not received any information with regard to this from the Administration.

NEW BUSINESS

- 1. Proposed Ordinance 07-132 purchase of property for sports and recreation**
Mrs. Uffman-Kirsch said she is opposed to the legislation and the location for the field. She does not feel it is appropriate to plo down a sports complex in the middle of a residential area. She does not feel the infrastructure in the area is sufficient to be able to serve a sports complex of that size. The nearest and only east-west road feeding that location is Cady Road and this road for all practical purposes is a one-way road. It is very close to a major bend in the street that would require an intersection for ingress and egress traffic. She would like to see if there was a way for a major sports complex such as this proposal to be in closer proximity to the new town center district. The proposed pedestrian linkages study goal is to be able to have people drive less and walk more. It would benefit the economic viability of the downtown to have for the large captive audiences of the sports complex and fields to be within walking distance to the businesses in the downtown area. She feels that as we move forward with looking at the plans for the town center that it should be kept in mind some way of having this major sports complex a part of or close proximity to the civic component of the town center district. She feels it is important to keep people close to the area where we want them concentrated and this area should be the one feeding into the town center.

Moved by Mr. Willey to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Mr. Stefanik. 3 yeas/0 nays. Motion carried.
Meeting adjourned 6:09 p.m.