

FINANCE COMMITTEE MINUTES

September 15, 2008

The Finance Committee meeting was held on September 15, 2008, at North Royalton City Hall, 13834 Ridge Road. Meeting called to order at 6:30p.m.

PRESENT: Committee: Chairman Kurt McKee, Vice Chair Gary Petrusky, Vince Gentile; Council: Don Willey, Larry Antoskiewicz, Dan Kasaris, John Nickell Administration: Finance Director Karen Fegan; Other Attendees: Nick Cinquepalmi

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Moved by Mr. Gentile, seconded by Mr. Petrusky to **approve the July 14, 2008, minutes.** Yeas: 3. Nays: 0. **Motion carried.**

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

1. Quarterly Capital Appropriations (Jan/April/July/Oct)

No report.

2. Monthly Finance report including tax collections status

The tax collection paperwork came in, however, Mrs. Fegan has not had an opportunity to process it yet. The information will be sent out to committee members next week. The mini budget report was distributed prior to the meeting and Mrs. Fegan answered questions pertaining to that report. Mr. McKee asked if the biggest problem is fuel. Mrs. Fegan said that the Service Department has done a lot of moving around of funds to take care of their fuel expenditures for the rest of the year. She also mentioned that we were able to come up with a little more money for the Office on Aging. The other departments know they need to address this concern and are looking into it. The other issue we have to watch is that we have enough funding for snow plowing this year, not only for wages, but also for additional salt.

Mr. Gentile said that we have spent just short of \$300,000 through August 2008. Last year we spent \$320,000 in fuel for the entire year.

Mrs. Fegan said that some departments may have to cut projects they wanted to complete this year so that money is available for fuel.

Mr. McKee asked Mrs. Fegan if she will have some appropriations sometime within the next month. She said she will probably have one in October and one in November. She also said that she may have one in December. She likes to give three readings on these however, if Council decides to pass it, it will not be able to go three readings.

3. Email

Mrs. Fegan said that the email issues need to be resolved. Mrs. Fegan said that Mr. Nickell spoke to our consultant to explain the issues we are currently experiencing. Mr. Kasaris and Mr. Gentile are having problems receiving emails from city employees. Mr. Nickell said that the problem lies in the fact that our internet provider, WOWway, views our account as a residential address and therefore, won't assign the account a designated IP address. It then appears as though you could possibly be a spammer, so the email will be rejected/blacklisted. Mr. Antoskiewicz said that the best solution would be to get laptops for Council members. Mrs. Fegan suggested getting "dummy" laptops.

Mr. Gentile suggested having Robert Najjar from DIS attend the next meeting to discuss the capabilities of "dummy" laptops and demonstrate how they will work. Mrs. Fegan will contact Mr. Najjar and invite him to the next meeting.

NEW BUSINESS

No New Business

ADJOURNMENT

Moved by Mr. Petrusky, seconded by Mr. Gentile to **adjourn the meeting.** Yeas: 3. Nays: 0 **Motion carried.**
Meeting adjourned at 7:00 p.m.