

VILLAGE OF BENTLEYVILLE, OHIO

FINANCE COMMITTEE MINUTES

MARCH 15, 2017

The meeting was called to order at 6:03. Present were Fiscal Officer, Nickol Sell; Committee Members, Kathleen Hale and Alex Goetsch; and Council Members John Bourisseau, Kathleen Esposito, Ken Kvacek and Ryan Rubin. Mayor Leonard Spremulli joined the meeting while it was in progress.

Minutes of the February 15, 2017 Finance Committee meeting were reviewed and approved, corrected to indicate that Council Member Kathleen Esposito was also in attendance.

Accounts Payable were reviewed and approved, with the following discussion:

1. Mrs. Esposito reported to the Committee that the Utility Committee continues its work on reducing the cost of phone and internet services to the Village Hall and Garage.
2. In the transition between the former and current Finance Officer's tenure, procedures to pay some regular bills are evolving. The Committee approved the payment of these items forward, and future Accounts Payable may reflect that adjustment.
3. Payment of Bills: The Committee recommended the adoption of Ordinance 2017-8 for the payment of bills in the month of March in the amount of \$66,314.09.

Financial Statements were reviewed and approved. RITA revenues continue to come in ahead of projections by \$75,730, while expenses are on track with projections. Mrs. Sell provided the Committee with a graphic representation of historical RITA revenues, broken down by month, between years 2014 to 2017 YTD. The Committee found this report to be quite useful in showing yearly trends in a clear and concise way.

Old Business: Mrs. Sell researched the effectiveness of the **Uniform Accounting Network**, by consulting with Walton Hills, Ohio, which has adopted the program. Her report was favorable. The Committee recommends adopting the Network when the timing appears appropriate.

There was discussion about the **staffing needs of the Service Department** for 2017, and the probable need to adjust the budgeted amount for salaries. The amount discussed in last month's meeting (\$3,500) may need to be closer to \$6,000, to permit the hiring of a permanent part time employee, to replace departing staff.

New Business: The Mayor reported to the Committee about the failures of the Village Hall emergency **backup generator** in the last few months, and the cost of repair. The Committee agrees with the Mayor that an alternative service provider may be preferable. The Mayor provided the Committee with a flier prepared by Moreland Hills, Ohio, to support its proposed increase of local income tax.

The Meeting was adjourned at 6:50. Minutes prepared by Kathleen Hale.