

Finance Committee

Draft Minutes

May 13, 2020

Members present via Zoom: Gale, Gremel, Myers

Members absent: none

Staff present: Edmondson

Public: D. Tyrrell, L. Cavendish, F and P Steffens

Meeting called to order at 10:04 a.m.

Four members of the public were able to join the meeting by telephone.

The Liaison provided an update on the Homewood Cottages water project. The survey has been completed and a report is expected within a week. Construction is still planned for the fall, contingent on COVID-19 guidance issued by the State.

The final date for submitting Waterways grant applications was extended to May 15. We expect a decision shortly thereafter. The Clerk is expecting a call from bond attorney Steve Mann with an update.

The committee was asked to review an invoice submitted by Ken and Kelly Radeke for labor costs associated with obtaining a Land Use Permit for their project at 115 S. Waukazoo. Laura Cavendish told us she made the Radekes aware of this meeting, however they are not in attendance. She believes they were seeking reimbursement for “additional and unnecessary paperwork and copies” that went above and beyond typical requirements for a Land Use Permit. She told the committee it is her company’s practice to bill for hours spent obtaining permits and communicating with zoning and building authorities. This practice is not customary in the industry. Fred and Pam Steffens have reviewed the invoice and shared comments with President Wetherbee. They asked to have their summary forwarded to the full Finance Committee. Chair Gale will do so following the

meeting. Pam and Fred are willing to answer questions for the committee members.

Committee members are reluctant to set a precedent by offering a financial settlement. The Village has control over permit fees, but none over private parties. Ms. Myers asked for additional time to conduct research and study the Steffens' comments. It was agreed that we will not make a formal recommendation to the full Village Council at this time.

Ms. Cavendish expressed her opinion that the Radekes might be satisfied knowing their matter was heard and given due deliberation.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:31 a.m.