

Finance Committee
Minutes
September 9, 2020

Members present: Gale, Gremel, Myers

Members absent: none

Staff present: Edmondson, Scott, Scripps

Guests present: John F. Korr of JFK Land Surveying Consultant, LLC and Jeffrey V. Simsa of Gosling Czubak Engineering Sciences, Inc.

Public: no callers participated in the Zoom meeting which was recorded for public access at a later date

Meeting called to order at 10:02 a.m.

Mr. Korr presented his surveyor's report on the Seventh Street property. A Sanitary Lift Station (non-conforming) occupies 0.13 acres at the southeast corner of the parcel and will be retained. The remaining property (Resultant Parcel) is 5.96 acres more or less. His certified survey map also shows locations of soil samples and foundation soil borings, along with wetlands delineation by the staff at Gosling Czubak Engineering Services. In brief, wetlands are minimal and at the periphery of the parcel. The water table is at about three (3) feet, so basements will not be feasible. Mr. Korr identified a location for a private access road off Seventh Street that would not disrupt wetlands while allowing access to four building sites.

Mr. Simsa indicated that the findings to date are not problematic. He suggested potential environmental issues with the former salt barn, above ground and underground fuel storage tanks and a drain and dry well. A phase 2 environmental study would identify any actual issues and suggest mitigation and/or corrective strategies. The committee requested a proposal including costs

to review prior to making any recommendation to the Village Council at the October meeting.

Merilee Scripps informed the committee of a property with delinquent taxes dating back to 2009. She wanted the committee to be aware of the situation before she leaves office. She has been working with the property owner with only limited success. After discussing options, Treasurer Scripps offered to contact County Treasurer John Gallagher for his recommendation. She will report back to the Finance Committee in October.

The Finance Committee reviewed the status of Sewer Bond Debt Retirement. She explained the loss of REUs following demolition of the former Stubbs and removal of a home on North Shore. New hook-ups in June (2) and September (1) and new construction on 5th and 6th Street will restore the REUs and keep the village on pace to add at least one REU per year.

The 2020 Capital Improvement Bond (Marina project) first interest payment of \$2528.53 is scheduled on Feb. 1, 2021. The payment was not budgeted. The Committee took a broader look at budget variances in legal expense and the Homewood Cottages water project. Clerk Scott will begin to prepare amendments to the 2020-21 budget for discussion at the October meeting. The Committee would like to have the amendments drafted prior to the November election. At least one member of the Finance Committee will be replaced and we decided it would be helpful to have the groundwork laid for the new member(s).

The committee was asked by the President to review the Village of Northport Vendor, Peddler and Solicitor Ordinance #100-2010. We discussed the importance of public input before changes are suggested. Use of an online survey and/or public hearing were considered. Because this type of business activity is seasonal, the committee will table the matter until after the November election.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:39 a.m.

Submitted by,

Jane Gale, Chair