

Finance Committee Meeting
Minutes
January 13, 2021

Members present: Gale, Gremel, McCann

Members absent:

Staff present: Craker, Edmondson, Holton, Scott

Public: Jeff Sitsma of Gosling Czubak

The meeting was called to order via zoom at 10:00 a.m.

Mr. Sitsma provided a written Phase 2 ESA report prior to the meeting. He summarized the findings as generally very positive. Three monitoring wells and 19 soil borings were placed. Testing of soil and water samples first identified approximately 10 potential problem areas. Follow up testing narrowed the concerns to three: elevated lead and naphthelene levels in soil and zinc in the groundwater at two locations, all near the vacated building. Mr. Sitsma will prepare an estimate for additional testing if the Village wishes to attempt to identify the source of the zinc found in the groundwater. Testing would be easier if the building and concrete were removed. DPW Superintendent Holton has spoken with representatives of Bay Area Recycling for Charities (BARC) about deconstructing the 7th Street DPW building. They are receptive to taking on the project and will work with Supt. Holton to schedule the work.

Supt. Holton and his staff have completed their evaluation and selection of replacements for the plow/sand truck and loader. They have spoken to several other communities in Northern Michigan, tested equipment and drew up a list of pros and cons. They recommend purchase of an International truck for \$94,000. The base will be outfitted to our specifications for an additional \$75,000, bringing the total to \$169,000. They further recommend the purchase of a Deere 524L loader for \$163,000, including warranty. The Deere loader will use all our current

attachments. The old loader has open market value of approximately \$55,000. Moved by McCann, seconded by Gremel to recommend purchase of the equipment selected by DPW at a price of \$332,000. Motion passed unanimously. Clerk Scott advised a special meeting of the Village Council will be called to approve a bond resolution to finance the purchase.

The fee schedule was distributed prior to the meeting, but was not finalized until review by the Planning Commission Chair and Zoning Administrator is complete. Clerk Scott will meet with both Infrastructure and Waterfront Committees to complete the budget. The Finance Committee will hold a special meeting on January 28 to complete work on the fee schedule, 2021-22 budget and 2020-21 budget amendments.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:12 a.m.

Submitted by,

Jane Gale, Chair