

Finance Committee Minutes

September 8, 2021

Members present: Gale, Gremel, McCann (via Zoom)

Staff present: Edmundson, Scott, Craker (via Zoom)

Public present: none

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

Clerk Scott offered an update on the 7th Street property. A revised engineering cost estimate was distributed. The water main extension loop to North Shore is excluded from this estimate because the Water Fund has insufficient funds to cover the cost this year. The site will be prepped and easement established, allowing us to complete the loop in a future fiscal year. The DNR has given tentative approval to leaving a dead-end in this phase of the project. Deering Tree Service assessed the timber value at approximately \$9,300. John Korr will stake building envelopes on 9/11 so we can identify which trees to harvest and sell in October. The precise timing is still uncertain. Kal Excavating is standing by to begin road construction when we are ready. Consumers Energy removed power at the old DPW building and BARC is on site beginning to deconstruct the barn.

Treasurer Craker reports tax collection slowed during August. Total collected: \$100,671.36. Callie notes she has been away from the office and has some catching up to do. There have not been any technical glitches with the system.

Chris Holton anticipates salt barn construction will begin in October. The concrete pad will be poured after construction, so the cost will be somewhat higher than the first estimate of \$14,000.

Clerk Scott gave an update on the 2nd Street vacation process. A public information session was conducted on August 31. A few property owners had concerns about tree removal on the east end of the parcel along M-201. The village has contracted to take down one tree that appears unstable, but has no

plan to carry out additional landscaping. These residents also voiced concern about the increase in their property taxes. The remaining neighbors were willing to accept ownership of the land. The attendees were reassured that the village has no plan to pave Park St. If owners refuse to accept the property, the village can dedicate the road right of way as a park. John Korr will have private meetings with the concerned property owners. Clerk Scott is sending out invitations this week.

A draft lot division ordinance was distributed to the committee and staff last week. Members had a few suggested changes and the Zoning Administrator would like to work on the section that covers the review committee and process to ensure the cooperation with the Township Assessor. Chair Gale will add the suggested changes and await input from the Assessor before refining the process. The Committee would like to have a final ordinance ready for the October Village Council meeting. We anticipate beginning 2021-22 budget process at our October meeting and would like other work completed by that time.

The meeting adjourned at 10:39 a.m.

Submitted by,

Jane Gale, Chair