

Finance Committee

Minutes of September 14, 2022

Members present: Gale, Gremel, McCann

Staff present: Craker, Edmondson, Scott

Public present: Laura Cavendish (via Zoom)

The meeting was called to order at 10:00 AM.

Public comment: Ms. Cavendish requested the committee consider a tiered fee schedule for mobile food vendors to favor local businesses; pointed to zoning restrictions on formula restaurants/businesses that are not addressed in the current ordinance; and noted the Mobile Food Vendor License was not added to the fee schedule.

The Investment Policy and Depositor Designation is in the hands of the Village Attorney. This issue will remain on agenda.

The Mobile Food Vendor Ordinance does not address the sale of alcohol and Chair Gale questioned whether the application and/or ordinance should specifically prohibit alcohol sales or establish guidelines. State law requires fencing around areas where beverages are sold, so it may not be necessary. The committee agreed to review the ordinance over the winter months in conjunction with the fee structure and the formula restaurant issue. Any changes will go to the Village Council in late winter/early spring.

The committee reviewed the ENERGIZE Leelanau Challenge application process and funding options. The Capital Improvement Plan has carried rooftop solar as an unfunded project for several years. The 2022-23 budget does not have funds to match any grant. Grants may be available from Leelanau Energy in future years when we can build a budget to support a solar project.

Fee schedule input is being sought from the Village's standing committees. Gale will attend the Infrastructure Committee meeting to ask them to review the sidewalk ordinance with DPW and offer suggestions. DPW will also be asked to review the sidewalk obstruction ordinance for clarity and possible revision. Gale will do a comparison of Land Use fees with comparable jurisdictions prior to the next meeting.

Clerk Scott advised that DPW salary expense is over budget and the marijuana tax revenue we relied on to hire a fourth employee has not been determined. Engineering estimates to complete the Rose Street culvert project are \$500,000 - \$750,000. We will need to find additional revenue sources. We also will need to look for grants to help fund the Marina project. The Dark Sky Committee may help with the cost of the decorative streetscape lights.

Treasurer Craker reports revenues are down approximately \$5,000 from the same date last year, despite the increase in property values. Not all payments have been processed. Any payment postmarked on or before September 14 will be accepted.

Public comment: Laura Cavendish shared that Blair Township contracts for an annual trash clean-up drop off site rather than having the contractor pick up. She also thanked the committee for agreeing to address her concern regarding mobile vendors.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:46 AM.

Submitted by,

Jane Gale, Chair