

Village of Barrington Hills  
Minutes of Finance Committee meeting of October 24, 2013

Chair Selman called the meeting to order at 3:02 p.m. Roll Call.

Members Present

Karen Selman  
Patty Meroni  
Fritz Gohl  
President McLaughlin (ex-officio)

Other Attendees

Robert Kosin, Director of Administration  
Michael Murphy, Chief of Police (arrived at 3:23 p.m.)  
Rosemary Ryba, Village Treasurer  
Dan Strahan, Village Engineer

MINUTES

Reviewed minutes from July 16, 2013 Finance Committee Meeting. Treasurer Ryba is to update minutes on status of IAA to "continue discussions with residents." Trustee Gohl motioned and moved for approval, seconded by Trustee Meroni. All said aye. Minutes approved.

THIRD QUARTER REVIEW

Treasurer Ryba reviewed the report provided through September 30, 2013. There was a YTD variance vs. YTD budget surplus in the General fund totaling \$266,471.50. The combined Funds had shown a YTD surplus of \$301,708.54. This was mainly attributable to the status of controlling expenses in the legal services department.

Chair Selman requested a detailed account of the Planning/Zoning (Freeborn) expense within the legal services department. President McLaughlin stated for general health premium savings and ancillary savings a wellness program should be looked into as there were more reimbursement requests than anticipated. This would also benefit the employees' health and well being.

2014 BUDGET

The Road and Bridge Fund expenses have not increased for 2014. Trustee Meroni explained she was able to move some expenses and include under budget amounts for road maintenance. Tree trimming was discussed and she stated she wishes to include an article in a future newsletter for residents to take responsibility to trim on their properties. There is also an intergovernmental agreement being discussed with Cuba Township for speed signs, etc. Cuba Township would agree to remove a tree down if they come upon one if there is a formal agreement submitted to the Board.

The fire station maintenance expense was questioned on if it was budgeted enough for 2014. An additional \$1,000 was added to the board of health line item for septic field records. President McLaughlin stated he would like to add a new line item for Water Well Network in the 2015 budget for BACOG well monitoring.

Chief Murphy explained he is requesting an additional \$15,000 in “other expenses” within the public safety department to pay for a feasibility study on dispatch/911 because the projected costs to keep up with the technology upgrades/demands are above \$350,000 in the next few years.

President McLaughlin would like to fund the police pension fund contribution for 2014 at a lower rate. He will be asking the PPF Board why it is requesting \$750,000 when the actuarial amount is \$589,257.

Within the legal department, President McLaughlin is requesting to re-allocate responsibilities within the Village staff handling FOIA requests. He believes the responsibility on them can be handled more efficiently and without spending additional funds through legal counsel. Also, the line item for “police attorney (McGuire)” 1004-50503 will be removed from the 2014 budget. A new line item for litigation expenses for \$100,000 will be created for 2014 as well.

Salary adjustments were discussed and documented formal evaluations for administrative personnel will be effective for 2014.

Chair Selman thanked everyone for working hard on the 2014 budget. There being no public comment, Trustee Gohl moved and Trustee Meroni seconded to adjourn at 6:06 p.m. upon the consent of those present.

Adjournment.

Rosemary Ryba  
Recording Secretary