

*****FINANCE MINUTES*****

August 8, 2023

SAUKVILLE MUNICIAPL CENTER AND VIA ZOOM 639 E. GREEN BAY AVE., SAUKVILLE, WI 53080

Village President Andy Hebein called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

Julie Friede gave the Statement of Public Notice.

Members: Andy Hebein-present, Jim Nowlen-present, Scott Fischer-present, Trevor Seitz-present, William Rudolph-present, Jesse Duckart-present and Pamela Duckart-present

Others Present: Dawn Wagner, Julie Friede, Chief Bill Rice and Finn Askin - Ozaukee Press

Approve Claims for July 2023 in the Amount of \$455,087.71

Nowlen/J. Duckart made a motion to Approve Claims for July 2023 in the Amount of \$455,087.71. Motion Carried.

Investment Report

Wagner stated the Investment Report provided is for July 2023.

Wagner commented on the Investment Report, stating interest rates are showing an increase.

Fire/EMS Update

Chief Rice provided an update on Fire/EMS.

Rice explained at a discussion about ARPA Fire/EMS Funding took place at the last Ozaukee County Board Meeting, with no action taken. The OZCTY Public Safety Committee will discuss the funding at the August meeting.

Rice included the ARPA Funds were going to assist with the cost of the third Firefighter/EMS position, Saukville is still looking for someone to fill this position, so the Village of Saukville is not losing any money.

Rice stated that there is to be funding in the State Budget for consolidation, funds would be available for the communities that are working together. Rice stated they found out the communities need to cut funds in order to get funding.

Grafton Fire/EMS Department and Saukville Fire/EMS Department have been creatively working together to fill shifts to stay within the budget.

Rice stated staffing is still a concern for the Village of Saukville. Flyers were sent out to the residents to promote working for the Fire Department. Rice added they did not receive the feedback they were hoping for. Currently there is a couple of people signed up for the Firefighter I course this semester.

Rice stated the Village of Saukville will always need residents to participate in the organization.

The refurbished Ambulance has been delivered, but is not in service because corrections to the lettering are being made. The lettering was designed to match Grafton's Ambulance and based on the State Inspection, the letters were not to code. The required size is 6" in height.

Rice reported that due to receiving a Special State Grant, the Village of Saukville was able to purchase an emergency response vehicle. A Dodge Durango was purchased and received. The graphics have been added to the new vehicle, but the Fire Dept. is waiting for the emergency warning lights to be installed.

The pickup truck has been ordered.

The Small Working Group has been discussing the replacement of 2 vehicles (Brush Truck- approximately 31-32 years old & the Heavy Rescue Truck). The plan is to move from 2 vehicles to 1 vehicle that will have the basic Brush Truck capabilities and the ability to tow the UTV and boat.

Wagner added the borrowing for this equipment was done in 2023-2024.

Rice added the Fire Department is stable and all calls have been handled well. Grafton and Saukville continue to work well together.

Hebein commented on the Consolidation response he has been providing to residents, when asked. Hebein explained his response stating, functionally the Village of Saukville and the Village of Grafton are operating as one Department (functionally consolidated).

Rice stated we are in a good position for funding. If the consolidation would have been earlier, the Village of Saukville would not qualify for specific grants. Rice stated that he understands the frustration with the pace, but he stated there will be more information coming soon.

Wagner stated that the Village's supplemental State aid is approximately \$101,000.

Convene to Closed Executive Session Pursuant to §19.85 (1) for the Purpose of Discussion Negotiation Strategies

Seitz/Nowlen made a motion to convene to Closed Executive Session Pursuant to §19.85 (1) for the Purpose of Discussion Negotiation Strategies with Roll Call Taken at 6:21 p.m. Motion Carried

Reconvene into open session for a possible motion recommending the Village Board to authorize Negotiation Strategies.

Seitz/Nowlen made a motion to reconvene to open session. Roll Call Taken at 6:50 p.m. Motion Carried.

Labor Association of Wisconsin, Inc (LAW) - 2024-2025 Police Contract

Seitz/Fischer made a motion a recommend to the Village Board to approve the Labor Association of Wisconsin, Inc (LAW) - 2024-2025 Police Contract. Motion Carried.

Resolution #1384 - Inclusion under the Wisconsin Department of Employee Trust Funds (ETF) - Group Life Insurance Program

Resolution #1385 - Payment of the entire Basic Group Insurance Premium under the WI Department of Employee Trust Funds (ETF) - Group Life Insurance Program

Resolution #1386 - Inclusion under the Wisconsin Department of Employee Trust Funds (ETF)- Income Continuation Insurance Plan

Wagner explained that Betsy Leach, Village's Finance Director, analyzed the Village's Life and Disability Insurance information to determine if it would be cost effective to switch from Lincoln National Life Insurance Company (private insurance company) to the State Life Insurance and Income Continuation Insurance Plans (ETF).

Wagner noted the benefits of moving to the State Plan:

- Same coverage amounts and types as the current life insurance provider.
- New coverage to allow employees to purchase additional coverage at their own expense.
- Inclusion under the ETF insurance program will keep all insurance programs currently offered by the Village to eligible employees with the same provider.
- Estimated saving \$15,000 annually.

Fischer/Nowlen made a motion to recommend to the Village Board to collectively approve Resolution #1384 - Inclusion under the Wisconsin Department of Employee Trust Funds (ETF) - Group Life Insurance Program, Resolution #1385 - Payment of the entire Basic Group Insurance Premium under the WI Department of Employee Trust Funds (ETF) - Group Life Insurance Program, Resolution #1386 - Inclusion under the Wisconsin Department of Employee Trust Funds (ETF)- Income Continuation Insurance Plan. Motion Carried.

OTHER MATTERS

On August 29, 2023 the Financial Management Plan with Ehlers will be held in the Police Department Training Room.

Village Board Photo will be taken on August 29, 2023.

The Village of Saukville has advertised for bids on the Union Cemetery Columbarium Project, the bid results will be reviewed at the September 5th Finance Committee and Village Board meetings.

The Special Assessment Public Hearing for the Stoney Ridge Way Project will be held on September 19th.

2024 Budget Tour is scheduled for Monday, September 25th at 7:00 a.m.

ADJOURNMENT

Seitz/J. Duckart made a motion to adjourn. Motion carried at 6:57 p.m.

Julie Friede
Village Clerk