

**FINANCE COMMITTEE
OCTOBER 8, 2012 AT 6:26 P.M.
LINCOLN CENTER – 1519 WATER STREET**

PRESENT: Alderpersons Beveridge, R. Stroik, Slowinski, O'Meara and M. Stroik

ALSO

PRESENT: Mayor Halverson; C/T Schlice; City Attorney Molepske; Clerk Moe; Ald. Moore, Wiza, Trzebiatowski, Suomi, Patton, Phillips; Directors Lemke, Schrader, Ostrowski, Schatschneider; Asst. Police Chief Zenner; Assessor Siebers; Deputy C/T Freeberg; Kelley Pazdernik; Brandi Makuski; Brian Kowalski; Matthew Brown; Barb Jacob; Corey Ladick; Reid Rocheleau; Steve Lindsley; Rob Konkol

ITEM #1 – ASSESSORS REPORT.

Assessor Siebers gave a brief overview of his report.

Motion made by Ald. O'Meara, seconded by Ald. Slowinski to accept the report and place it on file.

Ayes: All

Nays: None

Motion carried.

ITEM #2 – WRITE-OFF BAD DEBTS.

C/T Schlice stated that we do this approximately every year or so and includes people we cannot locate, bankruptcy, foreclosures or amounts that are too small to continue with collections.

City Attorney Molepske stated that by doing this, the debt is not forgiven, just taken off the books and if the chance ever comes up to collect the debt again, we will deal with it at that time.

Motion made by Ald. Slowinski, seconded by Ald. M. Stroik to write-off the bad debts in the amount of \$27,451.41.

Ald. R. Stroik questioned what would happen if in the future, they opened another business or if they are associated with another business.

C/T Schlice disagreed with City Attorney Molepske, stating that when we write something off, it is off the books completely. He also explained that more times than not, a business is opened using an LLC and once the LLC is dissolved, the assets go with it, so when another business is opened that is also an LLC, it has different assets and we can't go after them for a prior business. If by chance we do find someone we can collect on, we will pursue it at that time. When we write something off it is taken off the books completely.

Deputy C/T Freeberg stated we did have someone come in that we were able to go back and collect upon. She also stated that on the list, 3 were foreclosures, 5 were bankruptcies, 8 were too small to continue with collection process, 9 we cannot locate and 2 had a variety of legal issues.

Ald. R. Stroik questioned how this compares to other years and if this is something we should budget for.

C/T Schlice stated no, it is not something that is consistent enough to budget for and we would not want to do that anyway because it would cause a problem with ERP. He also stated to remember that with Personal Property amounts, we only have to pay the City share, the rest is charged back to the other taxing districts.

Ayes: All Nays: None Motion carried.

ITEM #3 – FUNDING FOR ROOF – FIRE STATION #2.

C/T Schlice stated this was forwarded by the Board of Public Works for funding. The request would be to authorize advance from the cash flow the cost of roof replacement not to exceed \$57,339.00. This would be set up as an accounts receivable and would be recovered from Becker Hoppe, who was the Architect that designed the roof. The City Attorney advised that we have to go to mediation then to arbitration prior to going to court for collection.

Motion made by Ald. O'Meara, seconded by Ald. R. Stroik to approve setting up an accounts receivable to Becker Hoppe and advancing the funds from cash flow to fund the roof at Fire Station #2 with the amount not to exceed \$57,339.00.

Ayes: All Nays: None Motion carried.

ITEM #4 – BROWNFIELD GRANT APPLICATION.

Director Ostrowski stated they are requesting authorization to apply for a Brownfield Community Wide Assessment Grant. There are no matching funds needed for the grant, nor are there any other costs, other than in-house staff costs. He also stated that the EPA is estimating about \$60,000,000 in funding this year and we are applying for \$400,000, \$200,000 for hazardous substance and \$200,000 for petroleum.

Motion made by Ald. R. Stroik, seconded by Ald. Slowinski to approve the Brownfield Grant Application.

Ald. Beveridge asked what he thought our chances were of getting the grant.

Director Ostrowski replied he thought it was pretty good as we have never received this grant in the past and they tend to look at communities that have not received funding for this before.

Ayes: All Nays: None Motion carried.

ITEM #5 – APPROVAL OF PAYMENT OF CLAIMS.

C/T Schlice stated 6 pages at the end of the claims somehow did not get put into the packet, so it was passed out to the Aldermen for review and they are encouraged to call him if there are any questions.

Motion made by Ald. O'Meara, seconded by Ald. Slowinski to approve the payment of claims in the amount of \$2,648,313.21.

The claims were discussed.

Ayes: All Nays: None Motion carried.

Adjournment at 6:38 p.m.