

Meeting Minutes
FINANCE COMMITTEE
JULY 12, 1999 AT 7:10 P.M.
PORTAGE COUNTY ANNEX BUILDING
PRESENT: Acting Chairman Rackow, Ald. Niedbalski, Phillips, and Pazdernik

EXCUSED: Chairman Barr

ALSO PRESENT: Comptroller-Treasurer Schlice; Mayor Wescott; Clerk Zdroik; Admin. Asst. Bumgarner; Directors Van Alstine, Gardner, Schrader; Capt. Dowling; Ald. Kedrowski, Aldinger, Sevenich; Susan Kampmeier; Gene Kemmeter, Scott Krueger

ITEMS

1. Assessor's Report.
2. Request to Blacktop the Alley Between Jefferson Street and Oak Street from Frontenac Avenue to California Avenue.
3. Transfer of Funds - Federal Forfeiture Account.
4. Approval of Payment of Claims.
5. Adjournment.

ITEM #1 - ASSESSOR'S REPORT

Motion made by Ald. Niedbalski, seconded by Ald. Phillips to approve the report of the Assessor and place it on file.

Ayes: All Nays: None Motion carried.
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ITEM #2 - REQUEST TO BLACKTOP THE ALLEY BETWEEN JEFFERSON STREET AND OAK STREET FROM FRONTENAC AVENUE TO CALIFORNIA AVENUE

Comptroller-Treasurer Schlice stated we are looking at \$2.07 a foot, making the assessment approximately \$100 to \$200. In the past the properties have been paying upon completion, but if you decide to give them time to pay, that is also all right.

Ald. Niedbalski questioned if this will just cover our costs.

Comptroller-Treasurer Schlice replied that is all we charge is our cost.
Ald. Niedbalski questioned what the total costs are, including buying the product, staff time, etc.

Director Van Alstine replied that they do not charge for staff, what they do is they estimate the cost based on what they think it will cost and if the cost comes in under, the difference becomes an administrative cost and if the cost comes in over, the City absorbs it.

Ald. Niedbalski stated he thinks on these type of special request projects, the people benefiting from the project should cover the entire cost.

Motion made by Ald. Niedbalski, seconded by Ald. Phillips to approve the project with 100% assessed back to the project, paid upon completion.

Ald. Phillips questioned why 65% signed and 35% did not sign the petition, was there a reason for the 35%.

Ald. Rackow replied that they probably oppose it, but he does not know.

Director Van Alstine stated one thing that should be considered is that by paving the alley, we are saving the Street Dept a lot of labor. The dirt alleys are alleys that have to be grated every time it rains, it is a constant battle in the Spring with the mud.

Ald. Rackow commented that he found it desirable for the person who circulates the petition to know what the estimated cost is going to be.

Ald. Niedbalski agreed that it is just an estimate and he wanted to make sure that the people benefiting from this are the ones that pay for it.

Ayes: All Nays: None Motion carried.
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ITEM #3 - TRANSFER OF FUNDS - FEDERAL FORFEITURE ACCOUNT

Comptroller-Treasurer Schlice explained that the federal forfeiture account is money that is for the Police Department and we need to keep those funds segregated. We discovered recently that they were recorded in the Police General Revenue and they really should have went into fund 227. By doing the transfer, it will balance off the accounts. At the end of the year, funds in the General Fund Revenue lapse into fund balance, so what we are wanting to do is pull it out of fund balance and put it into fund 227.

Motion made by Ald. Niedbalski, seconded by Ald. Pazdernik to approve the transfer of funds.

Ayes: All Nays: None Motion carried.
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ITEM #4 - PAYMENT OF CLAIMS

Motion made by Ald. Phillips, seconded by Ald. Niedbalski to accept the payment of claims in the amount of \$318,357.05. The claims were discussed.

Ayes: All Nays: None Motion carried.

Adjournment at 7:20 P.M.

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