

**FINANCE COMMITTEE  
MAY 14, 2012 AT 6:00 P.M.  
LINCOLN CENTER – 1519 WATER STREET**

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

PRESENT: C/T Schlice; Clerk Moe; Ald. Moore, Wiza, Trzebiatowski, Suomi, Patton, Phillips;  
Directors Lemke, Halverson, Schrader, Ostrowski, McGinty; Assessor Siebers;  
Human Resource Manager Jakusz; Asst. Chief Zenner; Deputy C/T Freeberg;  
Kelley Pazdernik; Matthew Brown; Brandi Makuski; Barb Jacob;

**ITEM #1 – DESIGNATION OF OFFICIAL NEWSPAPER.**

C/T Schlice stated the only bid received by the statutory deadline was from The Portage County Gazette, which requires them be designated as the Official Newspaper.

Motion made by Ald. R. Stroik, seconded by Ald. O'Meara to designate the official newspaper to the Portage County Gazette.

Ayes: All                      Nays: None                      Motion carried.

**ITEM #2 – FUNDING FOR CITY PORTION OF ELECTRICAL WORK – LAW ENFORCEMENT RANGE.**

C/T Schlice stated that the County has requested that we share the cost of the electrical work at the law enforcement range. The City's share of this would be \$9,133.50 and if approved, funding would come from contingency.

Ald. O'Meara questioned if we were the only municipal user, besides the County.

Mayor Halverson replied yes, as Plover has their own.

Motion made by Ald. O'Meara, seconded by Ald. Slowinski to approve the \$9,133.50 for the City's share of the electrical work at the Law Enforcement Range, with funding to come from contingency.

Ald. Slowinski questioned what exactly this is for, an upgrade or actual service.

Ald. Wiza replied that there is not electricity out there now. This would be to run the electricity from the dirt road up to the Dewey Shooting Range, with that being split out into thirds between the County Parks, Sheriff's Office and the City. Once it gets to the law enforcement range, it will be split out two ways, between City and County. Since there is no electricity out there, it does limit the amount of training, so they would benefit from this.

Ald. R. Stroik stated his concern with two items on the agenda for this meeting being taken from contingency, along with earlier in the year there was some other items taken from it. He wanted to know if it was possible to get an update on where the contingency account is at by Monday's Council meeting.

C/T Schlice replied that he will put something together and get it in the packets for the Council meeting.

Ayes: All                      Nays: None                      Motion carried.

### **ITEM #3 – FUNDING FOR ADDITIONAL EMERGENCY SIREN.**

C/T Schlice stated that a dead zone has been found in the City in the area by the University and the Hospital, so the request is to upgrade the system to add an additional siren. The estimated cost is \$22,500 and if approved, funding would come from contingency.

Mayor Halverson stated initially when they had gone through the upgrade, they ran on the assumption that there was enough overlap with the Washington School siren and the West side siren in the area. After testing the areas, they realized that the siren was relatively inaudible in one of our most densely populated areas.

Ald. Beveridge questioned if the quote that was included in the packet from 2010 is still going to be honored.

Director McGinty answered that the sheet in the packet is not the correct sheet. Northway has given us a firm quote, good for 30 days, for \$15,979.50. The part that we do not have a quote for yet is for the installation, which we estimate will be about \$6,500.00, which Bushman Electric would be taking care of. The reason we do not have a firm quote on that yet is because we are waiting for an answer back from the school architect to determine where we can place that siren and if it will need a new bracketing system or if we can use the current system. We would be looking at a total of about \$22,500 for a siren of the same sort that we installed in 2010.

Ald. O'Meara questioned how many households this affects, Mayor Halverson answered about a thousand.

Motion made by Ald. O'Meara, seconded by Ald. R. Stroik to approve the funding of the additional emergency siren in the amount of \$22,500 with the funding to come from contingency.

Ald. Trzebiatowski questioned why we are looking at PJ Jacobs School instead of the new tower we just set up, literally a few hundred feet away, for the Police antenna system. It has a battery back-up system and everything else incorporated. Feels we could save money by going this route.

Mayor Halverson replied he does not know if the tower structure is even capable of handling the mount.

Director McGinty replied she did not have an answer for that either as they were looking at using a facility at the University or PJ's with a building mount rather than a tower mount.

Mayor Halverson commented that he is not sure the radio tower could be retrofitted because it would not go on the top of the tower and there is not another spot where you could do that unless something was built that would extend out from the middle of the tower so it could be out far enough and be strong enough to support the siren and rotate. He does not think it would save us any money because we have to pay to install whether it is on the building or the tower.

Ald. O'Meara mentioned that some sort of steeple jack or the like would be needed to put it on the tower as where you can walk on the building. There would probably be additional costs tied to the tower.

Ald. M. Stroik questioned if we pay P.J. Jacobs to have the siren on the roof, Mayor Halverson replied no and that we are very appreciative of that.

Ayes: All

Nays: None

Motion carried.

**ITEM #4 – REPORT ON 2010 & 2011 DISASTER FUND.**

C/T Schlice recapped the revenues and expenses for both events since they happened so close together. Basically, the 2010 Flood cost the City \$5,498 and the 2011 Wind Storm cost the City \$48,911, making the total cost to the City approximately \$54,000 for the two events. We did get in some additional revenue in soft cost for vehicle costs, etc. that came out of the general fund, so we have a plus balance in the cash of \$23,523 and he recommends that we accept the report and place it on file and allow him to close out the cash balance into the general fund. That will allow us to start from zero if we have another event in the future.

Motion made by Ald. R. Stroik, seconded by Ald. Slowinski to accept the report, place it on file and close out the cash balance to the general fund.

Ayes: All                      Nays: None                      Motion carried.

**ITEM #5 – APPROVAL OF PAYMENT OF CLAIMS.**

Motion made by Ald. O'Meara, seconded by Ald. R. Stroik to approve the payment of claims in the amount of \$438,895.15.

The claims were discussed.

Ayes: All                      Nays: None                      Motion carried.

Adjournment at 6:13 P.M.