

Financial Process

August 26, 2021

The meeting was called to order by Chairperson Toni Harper at 8:02 pm.

Present: Councilman T. Tripp, Mayor A. Taylor, Fiscal Officer L. Coakley.

A discussion ensued regarding a recommendation by the Administrative Process Committee to raise Council salaries from \$150 to \$200 per month, and the mayor's salary from \$500 per month to \$750 per month. Members of the Committee felt that the Mayor's salary should be raised to \$850 per month, or \$10200 per year. The mayor's last raise was given in 2016, from \$400 to \$500 per month. With a possible hiring of a Village Administrator and/or a Water Plant Operator, would we be able to afford the raises. After examining the budget and its allocations for those positions, we feel the raises are possible and recommend them to Council. It should be noted that Council raises would take effect January 1, 2022 for the four Council members whose terms begin on that date. The other Council members and the Mayor would have to wait until the next election cycle for theirs to take effect.

Lydia reviewed the quotes for the repairs for the damage at 136 Marietta Street and what each of the two quotes includes. It is her recommendation that we go with the higher quote because it includes more items. This will have to be brought before Council because Council voted at the August meeting to accept the lower quote.

The project cost for the Bremen Water Facility Improvements will be \$822,023. The Mayor is requesting a grant of \$739,821. The Village will have to make up \$82,202, which will be taken from funds provided by the American Rescue Plan Act.

Another project, Wastewater Improvement Project (Headworks) has a total cost of \$713,000. We will request a grant of \$677,350, leaving the cost to our budget of \$35,650.

The total reward the Village will receive from the American Rescue Plan Act – coronavirus Local Fiscal Recovery Funds for Ohio Non-Entitlement Units of Local Government will be \$152,098.54, payable in two payments of \$76,049.27.

Lydia presented the bill for \$895 for the Parks sign. Anthony noted that he will be adding plexiglass to protect the pictures. She also presented the Then and Now Purchase Order for approval. It will cover the electricity costs that exceed budget amounts.

The results of the audit were discussed. There were a number of things that needed to be fixed, and Lydia is consulting with Melissa Tremblay to do the repairs!

Anthony noted that Righter has won the bid for the WWTP screen.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:13 pm.