

## Finance Minutes

February 22, 2021

Called to order at 6:03 p.m.

**Committee: Nick Claybourn, Chairperson, Toni Harper, Troy Tripp, Mayor Taylor, Lydia Coakley, Lisa Burnworth**

**Visitor: Don Elkins- Reimbursement for Sewer Line Back up-** D. Elkins stated he has addressed 10 + years of issues with 351 Bartlett Street. D. Elkins stated he discussed issues with prior Council and Administrator Joe Barber. D. Elkins claims 351 Bartlett Street has buckled and he will supply pictures from the Fee Corp incident. D. Elkins suggested a backflow preventer could have been put in as a quick fix. He feels a backflow preventer would still be helpful to alleviate the situation until it is properly fixed. He claims he lost 37 hours of wages and submitted a statement from the Village of Rushville with lost wages. He would like his lost wages covered, \$250.00 insurance deductible, put up in hotel again during construction (3 days) and \$100 for meals per day. Stated that \$6,000-\$9,000 will cover the cost of the living room. D. Elkins will get an itemized list for Council by March meeting. The committee let D. Elkins know that the Village of Bremen will contact our insurance and submit a claim and what will be needed for the process. The Village of Bremen advised D. Elkins that the insurance company will likely reach out with what information they need and will take over from there.

**Check #'s 45155- 45164 for approval**

**OPWC funding for Marietta Street project:** OPWC grant funds \$230,076.00 OPWC loan \$76,692.00, village portion \$58,432.00 payable 2021- Money will be disbursed July/August 2021. The Village of Bremen can pay our portion with levy money. We are on our 2<sup>nd</sup> year out of 5. Levy money in 2020 was used on Carter Street. The additional loan will be paid over 10 years.

**Mediation/Rushville:** Mayor A. Taylor revised ordinance for the Village of Rushville. The Village of Rushville will review and decide on this over mediation. Mayor A. Taylor gave them a deadline of 02/27/2021 to decide before entering mediation.

**Employee comp time limits:** Council would like to continue to keep comp time at the 40 hours per year. Anything over 40 hours to be paid as overtime.

**Employee medical insurance:** Renewal is in May 2021. There was a 92% increase in premiums. Our premium is \$752.91 monthly for 3 employees. Estimated new premium for 3 employees will be \$1,431.19 monthly before SOCA fees. Fiscal Officer L. Burnworth is reviewing the finance side of it and putting together more information for the committee and council to review. Council is considering covering \$200-\$300 monthly on the premium's for employees.

**CDBG Contract:** CDBG Contract has been signed and received. Copies going to council members T. Harper, D. Wolfe, and K. Brown. Fund account is 2051. Discussed how important the bid process is and the expectations for bids to be the exact same product.

**Multiple phone billings Spectrum & Frontier:** Fiscal Officer L. Burnworth would like us to verify we are using all the service that we are being billed for.

**Crown Closures invoice:** Mayor A. Taylor is contacting Crown on the product. Invoice will not be paid until we have the product.

**Swimming Pool Vendor funds:** Mayor A. Taylor will contact the vendor about our check. Check was anticipated in January 2021 and was stated to be more than \$900.00.

**Installation of motors purchased for WWTP:** Not installed and Dow Construction wants to do a new estimate. F. Fondale will get quotes on the WWTP motor installation.