

FINANCE COMMITTEE

NOVEMBER 12, 2013

The meeting was called to order at 5:00 p.m. by Chairman Tom Mackin. Committee members present were John Kevern, Tom Mackin, and Sara Weisenburger. Also present were Dave Creps, Finance Director, Tim Fisher, Deputy Finance Director and Steve Bronder, Income Tax Commissioner.

APPOINTMENT TO INCOME TAX BOARD OF REVIEW

Doug Sosko was present to be considered for appointment to the Income Tax Board of Review. The Committee discussed his qualifications, thanked him for his willingness to serve, and agreed 3-0 to recommend that he be appointed to the Income Tax Board of Review.

UPDATE ON HEALTH INSURANCE CONTRACT – RENEWAL

Matt Holzemer was present to update the Committee on the status of the bids for health insurance. He said requests were sent out to twelve providers and the preliminary numbers show an aggregate factor in the 5-6% range, so he is expecting a good year. He said he should have hard and final numbers by the end of next week. Mr. Creps said that the Committee will be asked to consider approval of the contract at their December meeting.

FINANCE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

The Committee reviewed the list of expenditures over \$5,000 for the month of October. There was discussion regarding payment for a performance bond relating to the dike being moved at the Wastewater Treatment Plant. Mr. Creps explained that we were unable to get a bond because we are not actually doing the work, so a check was issued to the state in lieu of the bond, and we should get the money back when the project is complete. There was also discussion regarding the Job Grants Program payment to O-I and payment to the Way Library Foundation.

Mr. Creps reported that the balance of the Health Insurance Fund as of October 31, 2013 was \$239,430.74. He said that there is a downward trend as we have had some big claims coming through. He added that we are in line for a refund in excess of a couple of hundred thousand dollars for reinsurance. We also have one big claim that is now off our system.

2014 BUDGET DISCUSSION

The Committee discussed the 2014 budget. Mr. Mackin stated that the amount that was budgeted in case we needed to have an election to consider transit service can be removed. The Committee discussed the police and fire pension fund. Mr. Creps said that the Charter mandates that it be funded by property taxes. Ms. Weisenburger said that her concern is that since it is not in the general fund, the costs associated with

police and fire are not accurately reflected. Todd Grayson said that the police and fire chiefs should be held responsible to stay within the budgeted amount for pension. The Committee suggested that the Administration find ways to make the pension costs more visible including showing the pension costs on the police and fire division quarterly overtime reports. Mr. Mackin asked that Gary Kleinfelter attend the December committee meeting to discuss the IT budget.

TAX COMMISSIONER'S REPORT

Mr. Bronder reported that the Tax Division collected about \$1.4 million dollars for the month of October which is a 1% decrease from the same month last year. He said year to date collections are still up 6% from last year. He added that he attributes at least 50% of the increase to a couple of singular events that occurred during the year. Mr. Kevern asked if the State has backed down on mainstreaming municipal income tax collections. Mr. Bronder said that they have, but there is currently a bill before the House that is supposed to address uniformity issues but includes some tax reforms issues that could negatively affect municipalities.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 6:20 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Tom Mackin, Chairman
Finance Committee

The next meeting is Wednesday, December 11, 2013 at 5:00 p.m. which is a change from the regular date.