VILLAGE OF OAKWOOD

FINANCE COMMITTEE MINUTES

December 17, 2019

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| PRESENT: |  |  |
| **Johnnie Warren-**Council President |  | **Brian Thompson –** Finance Director |
| **Elaine Gaither –** Council-at-Large |  |  |
| **Chris C. Callender** – Ward 1 |  |  |
| **Eloise Hardin –** Ward 2 |  |  |
| **Patricia Rogers –** Ward 4  **Candace Williams –** Ward 5 |  |  |
| ABSENT: |  |  |
| Vacant – Ward 3 |  |  |

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**Thompson** opened the meeting at 6:30p

*Fire*

**Hardin** asked about the kneeling fireman statue. **Schade**: I-Schuman bought it from a department in Indiana. It was to be melted down, but we bought it at scrap price. It is a nice statue. **Hardin**: It is a nice statue.

**Thompson** began with his 2% wage increase resulted in a $34,000 change. The overtime has been about $8,000, but he wanted to increase it. **Schade**: During the summer and storms, they have overtime. We try not to use it, but sometimes we have to. We are requesting an additional $2,000 for 2020. **Hardin** asked about training. **Schade**: We do training. **Thompson** continued: Walton Hills Dispatch budget is shared with the Police. Professional dues are at $24,000. **Hardin** asked about it. **Schade**: We belong to the Fire Chief’s organizations, state, governmental organizations and HAZMAT. Most dues come out the first quarter. **Thompson**: Miscellaneous Contractual covers medical supplies, oxygen, cot maintenance, smoke and CO detectors. Training was decreased a bit. **Schade**: One-third of our department is made up of officers elsewhere. A few of our employees may become Chief’s in their full-time departments. We have very good certifications. **Thompson** continued with electric utility. They installed a cancer removal system which sucks the carcinogenic air particles from the building. **Hardin** asked about water and sewer. **Thompson**: We don’t want to reduce that. **Schade**: Our meters aren’t quite what they should be. They must not be billing it correctly. We also have high efficiency lighting in the department. **Thompson** suggested looking at the Village Hall bill and the Fire Dept. **Schade**: We have corrected the gas lines and replaced the generator. **Thompson** covered uniform allowance, repairs and maintenance. He requested an additional $30,000 for repairs. **Schade**: In the 217 account, we have a maintenance line item which took care of other items, we are dropping that by $27,000. **Thompson** continued with office supplies, gasoline and other expenses. We have to pay the City of Cleveland for our fire hydrants. **Schade**: It went up $300. I am still waiting for the water runoff bill. **Hardin** asked about other expenses. **Schade**: That was the fire building, grounds maintenance, cleaning materials, landscaping, maintenance of the lawn mowers and Village Hall. **Thompson** addressed underground tank inspections. **Callender** asked if he does that annually. **Schade**: Sometimes, but we are one of the few in Cuyahoga County which is certified for underground storage tank inspections. I like to keep that. **Hardin** asked who is certified. **Schade**: Just me. **Hardin**: Do you plan to train anyone else. **Schade**: It is a long in-depth class. I have encouraged people, but I haven’t had any takers. **Thompson**: He has a $75,000 total increase for that budget.

*Ambulance Billing – 217*

**Thompson**: His leases are in here as is miscellaneous contractual. Code Red is not the name of the system. They converted to County Ready Notify system. We dropped that $8,000. **Schade**: The County encouraged municipalities to take part in their system, which is free. **Hardin** asked how much the contracts generate. **Schade**: Close to $300,000. **Thompson**: Repairs and Maintenance includes flooring and electrical upgrades as well as generator work. We reduced that by $19,000 since that expense will not be incurred in 2020. **Thompson**: Service Charges is for Life Force Management which collects from the runs. He had a $27,000 reduction in 217, netting an increase of his overall budget to $48,000 increase.

Motion to adjourn made by Hardin seconded by Gaither

YES: Warren, Gaither, Callender, Hardin

Adjourned at 6:54pm

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Johnnie Warren, Council President Debra L. Hladky, Clerk of Council