

VILLAGE OF OAKWOOD
FINANCE MEETING MINUTES
2023-03-21

ATTENDANCE

Johnnie Warren, President
Elaine Gaither-At-Large
Chris Callender, Ward 1
Eloise Hardin, Ward 2
aggie Matlock, Ward 3*
Mary Davis, Ward 4
Candace Williams, Ward 5

Gary Gottschalk, Mayor
Jim Climer, Law
Brian Thompson, Finance

ABSENT

Meeting opened at 6:10pm

Thompson began with the analysis of I Schuman explosion and the monetary impact to the Village (see attached). We collected approximately \$15,000 for Jan. and Feb and are expecting the same for March. I spoke with the owner who stated some employees are continuing to be paid. We expect \$90,000 in collections with \$5,000 per month thereafter. A shortfall of \$50,000 will most likely occur on income tax collections. The estimated budget included a conservative 2.5% increase from last year to 2023. I did not have Interstate McBee in these assumptions but in conversations with them, we are looking at \$45,000 from them. In addition, Decom working with Spectrum, we estimate \$20,000 income tax from them. We will end up with \$7,400 net gain for the year. **Williams** asked about I Schuman. **Thompson:** They have been here over 100 years. **Williams:** Do we have a record of collections for 2021-2022? **Mayor:** All we need is 2022. **Warren:** We can do whatever we want. **Mayor:** What is the point. **Warren:** We want to see 2019 forward. Point of order. Anybody can ask what they want. We want to see 2019 prior to covid, 2020 during covid, 2021 to show increases in businesses and 2022. **Williams:** What are you estimating from. **Thompson:** I am estimating off prior year collections. **Williams:** I would like to see those numbers. Please provide 2021-2022. You don't know if your estimate is correct. **Thompson:** We know. We collected from Jan, Feb and March. Their staff is going to 1/3. I already gave 2021 and gave you 2022. **Williams** asked it to be broken down by month. Do we have actual collections for Interstate McBee. No because they are new. **Thompson:** We know the amount of payroll coming. **Williams:** When will these funds be received? **Thompson:** Interstate McBee will be received the last quarter of 2023. **Williams:** We will have a shortfall the first three quarters of the year. **Thompson:** I Schuman loss will be \$54,000 but we will make up for it in the final quarter. **Williams:** You keep cutting me off. We are losing funds before the fourth quarter. **Thompson:** We will lose about \$60,000. **Williams:** When do you expect funds from Decon. **Thompson:** End of year. **Williams:** Explain the adjustment. **Thompson:** I adjusted it due to the I Schuman accident. **Williams:** If we get the \$65,000 then we will gain \$7,500 over and above. That would still be a loss because we would have gotten I Schuman along with the other two. **Thompson:** I could have made this report a little prettier, but Mayor is cutting out \$21,000 Gospel Fest from appropriations. We can adjust the appropriations to reflect that. **Hardin** asked about it. **Thompson:** Ms. Hardin and I had a discussion about ratios in the Senior and Rec budgets. Senior is 1% of general and Senior/Rec is 4%. The top \$8 million is my projected collections for 2023. **Hardin** began to ask a question. **Davis** asked about the I Schuman amount. **Thompson:** I gave detail regarding the loss. **Warren:** Worst case scenario take the \$45,000 off if we don't get a dime from them going forward. **Williams:** if you take \$15,000 (what we should be getting from I Schuman) x 12 months, that is more than \$144,000. **Thompson:** Yes. We expected revenue to be up this year. **Williams** asked him to add that to the report as to whether what we receive is actual vs estimated. **Thompson:** I can do that. **Hardin** asked about what the Mayor is cancelling in his expenditures from his budget. **Thompson:** We want to reduce the Mayor's appropriations by \$21,000. **Hardin:** We increased it by \$66,000 from last year. **Thompson:** Yes. **Hardin:** Why are you insisting on that increase? **Warren:** That was proposed post I Schuman. **Hardin:** Is there anything else we can cut. **Mayor:** We are already fiduciarily responsibly.

If we see we are running short, we will deal with it at that time. I am cautiously comfortable. **Hardin** asked what Thompson committed to in our meeting. **Thompson:** We would be in the black in 2023. **Hardin:** I asked you for monthly finance to show where we actually are, not just what was spent. **Thompson:** Year end 2023 I project \$332,000 increase from last year. If we cut out the \$21,000, that will bring it up to about \$350,000. **Thompson:** We ended last year with \$236,000 before encumbrances and \$119,000 after encumbrances. **Hardin:** Are you committing to \$350,00 year end? **Thompson:** Yes. We will open this up like a checkbook to see where we are every month. **Hardin:** We can always amend appropriations but that isn't the objective. **Williams** asked the monthly payroll. **Thompson:** About \$350,000 a month. **Williams:** We will end this year with one payroll. I don't know why we would feel comfortable with that number. We provide a lot of services but our employees provide that to our residents. We need money for them. **Thompson:** There will have to be some hard decisions made. **Warren:** At the end of the year, we were agreeable on the budget. **Hardin** interrupted: Where is Kroger. **Mayor:** Kroger isn't part of this. **Williams:** We are not comfortable with a goal of \$350,000. **Warren:** As a matter of record, we all agreed with that. I suggest we delete the \$66,000 increase in Recreation and if that is received, we can allow a transfer. If the \$66,000 doesn't come in, we will not allow it. **Mayor:** That is fair. **Warren:** We will reduce Recreation by \$66,000 and Mayor's budget by \$21,000. If in fact you go over the appropriation, I will not agree to do any transfers in the Recreation line item. I further suggest we make the adjustment. We will hold a special meeting next week to pass the budget after it is amended. **Thompson:** Ok. **Council** members agreed. **Matlock** asked if we can put something in place where we increase the ending balance each year. **Hardin:** Just because the money comes in, don't spend it. **Warren** suggested beginning this year, we will put \$50,000 into an account and add to it each year that cannot be touched. **Gaither:** I asked Brian for a line item for a municipal complex. What do we have in it? The Police Dept. building is falling down back here. **Thompson:** I put preliminary dollars in that to do a study for that.

Motion to adjourn to executive session made by Davis seconded by Gaither

YES VOTE: Warren, Gaither, Callender, Hardin, Matlock, Davis, Williams

Adjourned to Executive Session 6:50p

Reconvened at 7:15p

Motion to adjourn meeting made by Hardin seconded by Davis

YES VOTE: Warren, Gaither, Callender, Hardin, Matlock, Davis, Williams

Adjourned 7:15p

Approved

April 25, 2023

Johnnie A. Warren
Johnnie Warren, Council President

Debra Hladky
Interim Clerk of Council, Debra Hladky