

February 12, 2020

Village Council Meeting

Attendance:

Mayor Soto
Mr. Neal
Mrs. DiCarolis
Mr. Nelson
Mr. Hodgson
Mr. Fulmer
Mr. Tomlinson
Mrs. Bryan

Also:

Sean Swartz
Mario Sotolongo
Starr Paton

The roll was called and a quorum was determined.

The minutes from the January 8, 2020 council meeting were reviewed. Motion made by Mrs. Bryan and seconded by Mrs. DiCarolis to approve the minutes from the January 8, 2020 council meeting. Motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Tomlinson reviewed the accounts payable for February. All the bills were reasonable and ordinary. Motion made by Mr. Hodgson and seconded by Mr. Fulmer to approve the February accounts payable. Motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Tomlinson reviewed the January 31, 2020 financial statement. January 31st is the end of the fourth month of the fiscal year. Cash balance at the end of January was \$1,834,000 compared to cash balance at the end of January 2019 of \$1,585,000, an increase of \$249,000 over last year. Mr. Tomlinson stated year to date ad valorem receipts are \$1,383,000 which is \$21,000 more than budgeted number. We are getting close to collecting our total ad valorem revenue for the year. Building permits income is over budgeted numbers and interest number is good. Our surplus year to date is \$877,000 which is \$35,000 more than budgeted. Motion made by Mrs. DiCarolis and seconded by Mr. Nelson to accept the January 31, 2020 financial statement. Motion passed unanimously.

Police Report:

Chief O'Brien stated the officers have received training for the use of Narcan and have the units.

Code Enforcement Report:

Mario Sotolongo reported on several open cases/violations. The lot at 32 Seneca Rd. has not been sodded. They have received a notice of violation and still have an open demolition permit. The owners state they are waiting on the landscape company. We have been receiving complaints of blowing trash. He received a few complaints about bulk trash but those complaints were handled quickly. The landscape plan at 19 Minnetonka Rd. was inspected but did not comply with approved plan. They will submit a revision. The code compliance software information was not available for the meeting. This will need to be tabled until the March meeting.

Public comments opened. There were none.
Public comments closed.

New Business:

Mayor Soto asked the council to consider a request for fine reduction for the property located at 7 Gatehouse Rd. Stuart Gallon, owner of the property and principal of Domicil LLC, discussed with the council the history of the property maintenance issues at the property located at 7 Gatehouse Rd. The property maintenance issues began when the property was demolished in 2017 and the lot was never covered with proper ground cover. The swimming pool was also a hazard at the time of order of enforcement. The pool came into compliance once an approved cover was placed over the pool in the summer of 2018. There is no water service to the property at this time but Mr. Gallon has enlisted the services of a landscape company to keep the area cut on a regular basis. Mario Sotolongo spoke about his conversations with Mr. Gallon and what was needed to bring the property into compliance. There is still one area of rock and hard materials that needs to be excavated and covered with some type of ground cover before Mario can sign off on compliance. The order of enforcement was signed on June 21, 2018 and the current fine is \$250 per day, totaling \$157,250 at this time. The council discussed the compliance with MR. Gallon. The Mayor asked about the status of the bankruptcy and foreclosure proceedings on the property. Mario Sotolongo stated the property is not in compliance at this time. Mr. Gallon stated the property is out of foreclosure. The bankruptcy case is still open. The council discussed this issue further with Mr. Doody. Mr. Doody stated the council cannot address the fine reduction until the property comes into compliance. Motion made by Mr. Hodgson and seconded by Mr. Nelson to table the fine reduction until compliance is completed. Motion passed unanimously.

March meeting will be held on Wed. March 18, 2020 at 5:00 p.m.

Adjourn.