

Finance Committee Meeting
January 16, 2024, 9:00 a.m.

Present: Chairman Berger, Council Member Galicki, Police Chief Rizzo, Mayor Koons, Fiscal Officer Romanowski

Berger called the meeting to order at 9:03 a.m.

In preparation for the meeting with ADP on 1/17/24:

- Berger was contacted by an IT company that provides services to the Geauga County Courts. They have nowhere near the levels of security that ADP has. He is not saying one is right and the other is wrong or vice versa, but if the Village wants to talk to another company for IT services, he could arrange that. Chief and FO have met with other IT service providers, and perhaps the Finance Committee would want to meet with these other companies as well.
- Other companies talked to do not require all equipment not to be Chinese made. Understand why the County requires what they do but question if that is appropriate for SRV.

Questions / Concerns discussed included:

- Customer service. Are ADP services appropriate for SRV?
- Would the Village be at more of a risk being a part of the County network since they are a bigger target?
- What is the worst that can happen if the Village gets attacked if it is backed up to the cloud? It was explained that the attackers sit and watch for a long time before they make their move. When they finally attack, they corrupt backups and/or hold ransom for information.
- ADP is not a sales company and does not customize their services. The services they provide are what they provide, take it or leave it. The Village may get much more coverage than what officials believe it needs, but the costs are less than if the Village went to a private company. Since ADP is not in it for profit; they cannot make money off what they charge the Village.

Questions for ADP:

- If an SRV computer gets compromised, does ADP in fact remove it from the premises to repair it and if so, how long does the Village lose access for?
- Can the Village access programs such as Adobe without having to call in for a service ticket?
- What is expected service turnaround time and response protocol?
- What can the Village expect the transition turnaround time to look like in terms of the process, length of time, and examples of some challenges that can be expected?
- Are the quotes still valid?
- Is the County too big for what the Village needs?
- Is the Village at a greater risk for an attack by being connected to the County network?
- What is the hierarchy of service tickets?

Other Business:

- There have been some issues with HOAs attempting to use Village Hall computer and electronic equipment. A locked computer cabinet will be purchased with codes given to Village employees that need to access the equipment.
- The proposed OP&F increase was discussed. No action has been taken by the State on the issue as of this time.
- Property and Casualty insurance property numbers were reviewed by the Chief, Street Commissioner, Building Inspector and FO. Information was forwarded to the insurance company that is putting together the Village's renewal quote. The current policy expires at the end of February.
- The year end cash balance report was shared with the committee. The Village ended the year down \$232,000 and ended the year with a balance of \$2.8 million.

- The year-end cash balances report will be completed and filed with the County. Once the Budget Commission certifies those balances, Appropriation Amendments can begin for projects including the salt dome, road program along with many other adjustments.
- The Finance Committee is meeting with the Streets Committee on Friday January 19th to discuss the salt dome. The Engineer is going to be present with information and real numbers for a salt dome replacement. The Village tends to approve a project for one amount, and then runs into issues and the final cost is significantly higher than originally expected. The Finance Committee wants real numbers. The Mayor encouraged the committee members to drive past the salt dome in Orange Village – it's very nice and will meet the Village's needs. Galicki said a Mercedes meets the needs of transportation, but sometimes you can get by with a Toyota.
- Given the significant increase in cost for the proposed restroom for the park, the Properties Committee is discussing the possibility of building a real bathroom with running water for less than the previously proposed restroom that has a waste collection type system.
- Mayor reported that former part-time police officer Steve Balaban is retiring and starting a grant writing business. He will meet with him and get more information.

Meeting adjourned at 9:55 a.m.