

Cuyahoga Falls City Council
Minutes of the Finance Committee Meeting
June 20, 2011

Members: Kathy Hummel, Chair
Don Walters
Carol Klinger

Mrs. Hummel called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. All members were present.

The minutes from the June 6, 2011 Finance Committee meeting were approved as submitted.

Legislation Discussed:

Temp. Ord. B-63

Discussion

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An ordinance authorizing the Director of Finance to increase appropriations in the Street Construction, Maintenance and Repair Fund and the General Fund, and declaring an emergency.

Chuck Novak stated this legislation would allow them to purchase more salt to fill the barns before the next season starts. They had budgeted for an average winter, but the area experienced a total of 43 snow storms. Prior to last winter, the highest number of storms in one season was 37. He likes to have the barns full before the winter season begins. They need 7,000 tons of salt. He is asking to increase appropriations by \$270,000. Mrs. Hummel asked where the money would be coming from. Mr. Brodzinski indicated it would come out of the General Fund. Earlier in the year, rock salt had been approved for purchase. They will have to raise appropriations in Street Fund as well as transfer from the General Fund. It was not included in the budget passed by Council. The price of rock salt is anticipated to increase by winter, so they would rather purchase it now rather than wait until fall. It will come out of the fund balance.

Mrs. Klinger moved to bring out B-63 with a favorable recommendation, second by Mr. Walters. Motion passed (3-0).

Mrs. Hummel had some questions about Board of Control minutes. She first stated that Council just now received several minutes from February 7 through March 28 and wondered why that was. Mrs. Carr stated the minutes were produced by her office and that she would have to check with the clerical staff. Mrs. Hummel pointed out that Council also did not have minutes from March 28 to present. Her next question pertained to an entry on from February 28 where there was a \$5,000 blanket purchase order for employee temporary staff. She asked what that was for. Mr. Brodzinski stated they had retained the services from the City's former payroll administrator to provide training for the current payroll administrator. They couldn't contract with that individual because they would have had to wait two months.

Mrs. Hummel stated on March 28, there were five payments to residents with Hudson totaling just under \$2,000 that were for damage to property. Mr. Janis stated it was due to a power surge that affected residents outside of the City. Mrs. Carr added it was the City's fault. Mrs. Hummel asked if it was due to the development at Seasons Road. Mr. Janis stated that not all of the claims have been adjudicated so he could not discuss the matter in open session. He offered to update Council during a closed session if Council wished. He could not recall how many claims remained.

The Committee meeting adjourned at 6:40 p.m.