

Cuyahoga Falls City Council
Minutes of the Finance Committee Meeting
July 27, 2009

Members: Don Walters, Chair
Debbie Ritzinger
Carol Klinger

Mr. Walters called the meeting to order at 6:40 p.m. All committee members were present.

Legislation to be Discussed:

Temp. Ord. B-70

Discussion:

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An ordinance authorizing payment of the moral claim of Joyce and Eric Almonte as approved by the Claims Commission, and declaring an emergency.

Mr. Arrington stated this is a claim for a sewer back-up. It was discussed at the Claims Commission last Monday evening. The main issue was the amount that was submitted. The original claim was for \$31,000. Mr. & Mrs. Almonte had insurance with State Farm who paid \$10,000. Mr. Arrington asked Wichert to go through the list and calculate the depreciation value of the items damaged. During the process, it was discovered that some items were duplicated. After much discussion, the Claims Commission recommended payment of \$6,000. They arrived at this figure by taking the actual cash value of the items, which was \$26,000, subtracting \$4,000 for the items the City does not typically pay for, such as personal labor, which brought the amount to \$22,000. They further subtracted the \$10,000 paid by State Farm which left \$12,000. In keeping with past practices, they split the amount in half for a recommended payment of \$6,000. Mr. Arrington added that the address was 1655 13th Street. Mr. Walters asked whether any other homes were affected. Mr. Arrington stated a neighbor had some issues but his claim was considered earlier in the year. The Claims Commission treated that claim the same way as this one. He added that the Almontes were not the happiest people in the room but they accept this cost. Mrs. Pyke stated there were three flooding claims that came into Moral Claims. The third claim was just for clean-up costs. She asked whether this problem was due to the issues at the Chestnut-10th-11th-12th location or just an isolated incident. Mrs. Carr stated she believed it was just an isolated incident.

Committee recommended bringing out Temp. Ord. 70.

Meeting adjourned at 6:44 p.m.