

**MINUTES TO FINANCE AND CLAIMS COMMITTEE
SHEFFIELD LAKE, OHIO
September 15, 2009**

This regular meeting of the Finance and Claims Committee was held Tuesday, September 15, 2009. Chairman Rick Rosso called the meeting to order at 7:15 PM.

ROLL CALL OF MEMBERS:

Present: Rosso, Kovach, Bring, Huska, Elliott, Smith, Diebold, Mayor Piskura, Law Director Graves, Safety/Service Director Arendt, Grant Administrator Gardner

Absent: Podmanik, Treasurer E Hoenig, Finance Director Smith (excused)

PRESENTATIONS: None.

FINANCE DIRECTOR'S REPORT:

Appropriations: Mayor Piskura explained proposed appropriations. He explained the grant that we got for the rain barrels for \$5000.00. *Motion by Huska/Second by Bring to accept the appropriations and add them to the next Tuesdays Council agenda. Yeas All.

Increase	101.199.5129	Workers Compensation	2,000.00
Decrease	101.199.5281	Insurance	-2,000.00
Decrease	101.199.5590	Contingency	-5,000.00
Increase	101.199.5591	Other	5,000.00

MAYOR'S REPORT AND/OR COMMENTARY: Mayor Piskura advised I have a couple of things actually that we can talk about in Finance. The first thing is all of you are aware of the med account billing for ambulance billing and costs recovery for the Police Department. It has come to our attention there have been a couple of instances very recently, very close together where the Police have been called to the scene of an accident where it was just a fender bender and then after taking the information, after the Police doing what they are supposed to do the insurance is getting billed appropriately but then there have been a few non-residents that either didn't have insurance or the insurance company refused to pay that are getting billed. It was my impression when we first passed this that we didn't want anybody to get billed, this was all to take advantage of insurance policies. So we reviewed the minutes of the meetings where we discussed it, we looked at the ordinance and the agreement to find out whether or not there was any stipulations and there wasn't so Joe actually called the Administrators of the account to get that changed to make sure that we are not billing anybody period. I am hoping that if you got any questions about it that clears it up. Chairman Rosso asked so we were balance billing even the residents? Mayor Piskura answered yes

but it only amounted to like a couple of times a year, it was like \$800 to \$1000 into revenue. Chairman Rosso asked but it was only non-residents we were billing? Mayor Piskura answered yes. Law Director Graves advised it all cases it was submitted first to the insurance company but in cases of residents if the insurance company denied the claim, that was the end of it. In case of non-residents, if the insurance company denied the claim they would continue to bill the non-resident and would ultimately threaten them with collection and so forth. So what this does is treat all individuals equally. Mr. Elliott asked we are still going to go after the insurance company right? Mayor Piskura answered absolutely. I was pretty sure about the intent and I think there was a mix up with company. Mayor Piskura continued the second thing that we could talk about very briefly is at Worksession I am hoping to have a longer conversation about Shoreway but as it pertains to Finance, one of the things that we should consider doing for any public pieces of the project as it moves forward, having a project labor agreement and a project labor agreement guarantees that we will be using prevailing wage on anything that the city does. We do have requirements to use prevailing wage and David, I can't remember all of the restrictions – if you can remember some I would love for you to point them out but there is different monetary thresholds and we don't always fall within those monetary thresholds. I think for a remodel on a building I think it is like up to \$30,000 you can do, if it is more then \$30,000 then it has to be prevailing wage. On new construction, I think it can be up to a \$90,000 improvement, if it is more then \$90,000 then it has to be prevailing wage. All prevailing wages, there is a list at the state with all of the areas broken out into little districts or precincts with all of the labor unions wages for the area – what they have negotiated and we go by Lorain County and when we do our project, if we do a project the contractor that we get has to certify his payroll to the state and as a project what he is paying his guys. What he is paying his guys has to be at least be equal to or greater then what is listed for the Lorain Labor's Union and that occupation. I think regardless of monetary threshold anything receiving state funds, anything receiving federal funds has to be prevailing wage. Most of that if it goes the way we want to get it done, it is not going to be city anyway. The project labor agreement is more just a matter of making sure that labor in the area stays satisfied so that we can get the project rolling faster instead of having to be bogged down with that. I will have copies of sample project agreements just for you to look at to review because we probably won't need to start really talking about this seriously for a little while yet. Chairman Rosso asked that wouldn't affect our guys would it? Mayor Piskura answered doesn't affect our guys, all it is is so that we are not bringing in a contractor that is paying people \$8.00 an hour. Chairman Rosso stated I was just worried that all of a sudden, like our guys striped the lot then all of a sudden they are going to say and I don't if our guys are at prevailing wage or not but let's say

they are not – do we have to all of a sudden bump our guys up because we are working at the shopping center. Mayor Piskura answered there is always a monetary threshold and we haven't exceeded any monetary thresholds at Shoreway. As a matter of fact I think we have talked before about the labor and when I say labor I mean the AFLCIO actually did their probe into what we have done at the Shoreway so far. We have provided them with certified payroll and they are fine with it. We are compliant so far but that said moving forward, we want to grease the wheels a little bit to make things go faster. This project labor agreement for anything we do, we are going to do it anyway – we might as well sign it, it is good PR. Those are the only couple of things I had pertaining to Finance and like I said this agreement you will have copies of and you can look at it for probably at least a month or two before I come back and ask seriously to start considering it.

LAW DIRECTOR'S REPORT: None.

CITY TREASURER'S REPORT: None.

OLD BUSINESS: None.

NEW BUSINESS: Mr. Diebold asked on the wind turbines, why does one run. I know it takes electric power to go to the turbines to turn off the brakes to make them run. Just curious, why is one working and one is not working? Mayor Piskura answered it is all dependant on wind direction and speed. They will spin at very low speeds but that doesn't mean that they are generating electricity. It actually takes I think an 8 to 10 mile an hour wind to turn it on its base to get it facing correctly and if the wind is coming from the southwest or the southeast – there are trees in the way. So if it is coming from the southwest that corner one isn't going to turn all the way, that is why sometimes the east one is spinning and the west one isn't or the west one is spinning and the east one isn't. In a strong wind it is not an issue, in a light wind it is. There was a brief discussion on the operation of turbines.

PRESIDENT OF COUNCIL COMMENTARY: None.

MEETING ADJOURNED: With no further business before this committee,
*Motion by Kovach/Second by Bring to adjourn at 7:22 PM. Yeas All.

CLERK OF COMMITTEE AFFIRMATION:

This Meeting of the City Committee of the City of Sheffield Lake, Ohio, was held and conducted under all Rules and Regulations Governing the Sunshine Laws of the State of Ohio as they may apply. All meetings are recorded and available in Council's Office.

CLERK OF COUNCIL/COMMITTEES

Kay Fantauzzi

I, Kay Fantauzzi, duly appointed Clerk of Committee
Of Sheffield Lake DO HEREBY CERTIFY that this
Is a true and exact copy of the Minutes of the
Finance of September 15, 2009.

CHAIRMAN

Richard Rosso

COUNCIL PRESIDENT

Edward R Podmanik

and/or

COUNCIL PRO TEM

Richard Rosso