

Finance & Insurance Committee
Meeting Minutes February 22, 2016

The meeting was called to order at 5:30 PM by Chairperson/Recorder Joe Minarcin, Jr. In attendance were: councilmen Wagner and Minarcin. Councilman Ruse was excused. Also in attendance was Finance Director Freeman.

Ordinance 2016-09 regarding a budget adjustment and council approval to the invoice for the vests as a "Then & Now" was discussed. The purchase was budgeted in fiscal year 2016, at \$10,000. Because of a new hire in late December there was an additional vest that had not been included in the budget when it was developed. It was agreed that this was a necessary purchase and that there were sufficient monies in the fund balance to cover the additional cost.

Ms. Freeman stated that she wanted to make the Committee aware that the Police Department was planning to apply for a Local Government Safety Grant (LGSG) to update and repair the indoor firing range. The availability of this grant had only recently been announced, and there was about a 30-day window to submit applications for consideration. Chief Drouard, Chief Goss, Ms. Freeman and Linda Amos from Poggemeyer met regarding the grant stipulations. Based on this meeting it was determined that the Rossford project with the highest probability of receiving funding was the upgrade of the indoor firing range because it was 1. primarily equipment, 2. impacted multiple communities and 3. there is not funding to do this project without grant funding. The police chiefs from Walbridge, Lake and Perrysburg Townships and Northwood have all agreed to sign a Memorandum of Understanding supporting the project because their police officers use the City's indoor range. Ms. Freeman further discussed that the City is suggesting a 10% match of project costs to improve the City's chances of receiving funding. These funds would come from the Law Enforcement Trust Fund, and there is a sufficient fund balance to support the 10% match. An ordinance requesting Council approval to apply for the LGSG will be on the agenda at the next Council meeting to be held March 14.

Spreadsheets showing all of the roadway projects recommended by the Public Works Committee and various "what if" scenarios of funds available for debt payment were distributed. The Committee discussed the data, and moved to request a Council of the Whole meeting on this subject.

Chairman/Recorder
Councilman Joe Minarcin, Jr.