

January 9, 2024 Personnel & Finance Committee Meeting Summary

This provides a summary of the January 8, 2024 Personnel & Finance Committee Meeting. The meeting started at 4:30 p.m. and ended at 5:25 p.m.

Members Present: Mayor Glenn Ewing, Councilman Dennis Dalton, Mary Allen, Councilwoman and Committee Chair, Police Chief Eric Williams, Fire/EMS Chief Tim Feldkamp, Interim Village Administrator Bob Lindhorst, and Fiscal Officer, Joel Gilpin

Absent: Councilman Larry Prues

Guests: Councilman Richard Feldkamp, Councilman Ryan Woodruff, Clerk of Council, Kelley Snider, Lieutenant Firefighter/EMT Boggs, and Councilman Jon Tharpe (briefly)

Discussion Topics:

There were discussions in the normal four broad areas: Finance, Village Administration, Police Department, and the Fire & EMS Department.

Finance – Fiscal Officer Joel Gilpin

1. Interest earned from StarOhio December was \$5,457.48. The total interest from StarOhio for 2023 was \$57,368.60.
2. The committee recommendation and Council motion to make a payment from the Sewer Fund to the General fund for prior advances was made in the amount of \$50,000.
3. He's sent information to the Solicitor related to changes in House Bill 33 related to the local income taxes.
4. He's working on normal end-of year tasks.
5. He believes the estimate we received from the vendor Councilman Prues has been working with, is too high for the flood gauge and vertical signs.
6. Joel stated we'd need to make a motion for him to transfer money to the Health Savings Accounts for 2024

Motion: Motion to contribute to the Health Savings Accounts. \$1,000 for individual and \$2,000 for couple or family coverage.

***The Committee has reviewed all checks and electronic payments for the month of December 2023.**

Motion: Motion to pay the bills.

Village Administration – Interim Village Administrator Bob Lindhorst

Bob didn't have anything.

We did discuss moving forward with posting the position for Village Administrator. We asked the Clerk of Council to make sure all council members had the current job description.

Police Department – Police Chief, Eric Williams

Chief Williams didn't have any personnel changes. He did share his 2024 Vehicle Purchase comparison for leasing vs. purchasing vehicles going forward. This included all Village vehicles, not just for the Police Dept. There was discussion about the information shared.

Fire/EMS Department – Fire/EMS Chief Tim Feldkamp

Chief Feldkamp didn't have any personnel changes. He stated he had applied for a grant for extrication equipment from the Ohio Bureau of Workers Compensation.

Guest Comments:

Clerk of Council – Kelley Snider mentioned the work she was doing on the new website and a brief discussion followed.

Councilman Woodruff mentioned police and Fire/EMS employees can have their unpaid sick time transferred, in accordance with ORC, to a new similar position. Discussion occurred and the committee agreed to recommend this to Council, for Chief Eric Williams.