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THIS MEETING WAS HELD IN HYBRID FORM (Council members and visitors in Chambers and all others REMOTELY VIA ZOOM)

Minutes of the Finance Committee Meeting held April 3, 2023, at 7:00 P. M. Present in Council Chambers were Vice Chairman Dembinski, Mr. Heberling, Mr. Janik, Mr. Wachholz, Ms. Smith, Mr. Winiarski, Council President Wasilk, Mayor Costilow 2 members of the press and 4 members of the public. Present via ZOOM were Law Director Pecora, Assistant Law Director Ward, Safety/Service Director Jeffreys, and Treasurer Ramsey. Mr. Cowger and Mr. Pittak were absent and had letters on file. Ms. Smith motioned to excuse Mr. Cowger and Mr. Pittak as they had letters on file. Seconded by Mr. Heberling. Voice vote 6-0 to excuse Mr. Pittak and Mr. Cowger. Mr. Winiarski motioned to suspend rule #44 requiring the Auditor or Deputy Auditor to be present at this meeting. Seconded by Mr. Wachholz. Voice vote 6-0 to suspend rule #44.

A-23-22 Resolution authorizing the Mayor to participate in the Ohio Department of Transportation Road Salt Contracts for 2023-24; emergency

Mayor Costilow explained the reasons for the ordinance and why the emergency was needed. Mr. Janik motioned to send this to the floor of council with emergency. Seconded by Mr. Wachholz. Voice vote 6-0 to send to floor with emergency.

A-23-26 Ordinance authorizing the Safety/Service Director to enter into a contract to lease to purchase a Pierce Pumper for the Amherst Fire Department through Sourcewell; emergency

Mayor Costilow explained the reason for the Ordinance. This is a three year planning process. Mr. Brian Wood, firefighter in Amherst, 181 Lincoln St. explained the process to evaluate truck options. This will replace engine #56, the most used truck in their fleet. This truck goes out on all the calls. They hope this new truck lasts for 20 years. He explained the process they went through to make this decision to go with the Pierce Pumper. Mr. Winiarski thanked them for all the work they put in.

To answer Mr. Winiarski's question, Mr. Wood explained that he is a full time firefighter in Avon Lake and he was part of the process of purchasing this truck there. Mr. Winiarski asked if this truck will fit within the Amherst infrastructure and Mr. Wood replied that it would.

Mr. Janik asked the age of truck #56; it's a 2006. He asked how many calls did the truck go out on in the last year. Mr. Wood did not have this information at this time. He explained all the calls this truck goes on. Mr. Janik asked the cost of repairs to #56. Mr. Wood explained #56 is a different brand of truck. Engine #59 that is in service now is a Pierce and we will be purchasing a Pierce. We are not repairing #59 as much as it's better built. Mr. Janik asked about potential repairs before the new truck is delivered. Mr. Wood explained that it should be fine with repairs being made until the new truck is here.

Mr. Heberling asked how many manufacturers were considered. Mr. Wood said six. Mr. Heberling asked if Pierce is a union facility. Mr. Wood did not know.

Mr. Janik asked if this Freedom Bank was checked to see how reliable they were. Mayor Costilow spoke about the history of the present truck; it will be 20 years old by the time the new truck is received. Mr. Janik asked what will happen to #56 when we receive the new truck and Mayor Costilow explained there are multiple ways to dispose of the old truck. He also explained the financing options.

Mr. Janik motioned to take this to the floor of Council with the emergency. Seconded by Mr. Heberling. Voice vote 6-0 to take to the floor of council with emer.

Mr. Wachholz motioned to adjourn, seconded by Mr. Janik. Voice vote 6-0 to adjourn.

The meeting adjourned at 7:26 P. M.

Brian Dembinski, Vice Chairman
Finance Committee