

Finance Committee Meeting

Minutes 6-3-14

The meeting was called to order Tuesday, June 3, 2014 at 6:32 p.m. in the East Annex of City Hall, 2434 Vermont Street, Blue Island, Illinois with proper public notice given. Roll call taken of the committee with only Alderman Nancy Thompson and myself being present. Alderman Kevin Donahue, Alderman Tom Hawley and Alderman Chrissy Buckner were absent. Also present were Finance Director Matt Anastasia, Director Robert Houlf, Director John Rita, Jr., Mr. Allan Stevo and Mr. Clay Putnam of ServiScape for the golf course landscaping contract.

The committee did not have a quorum so no action was taken.

Since Mr. Putnam drove in from Michigan City, Indiana for the finance committee meeting we went forward and discussed the golf course.

SUMMARY OF DISCUSSION:

Many questions that Alderman Nancy Thompson and the rest of the committee previously asked were answered.

ServiScape has been the golf course maintenance provider since 1997. Since supplies are purchased in bulk there is a savings passed on to Blue Island plus there is a zero mark up. They make their money through the management fee. In season, they provide ten employees and low season December through March two to three employees. During the low season, employees are working on equipment and general routine tasks to prepare for the golf season. They also do the payroll and provide liability insurance for their employees. There has been no budget increases since 2005. Blue Island has their own equipment and because we allow Alsip to use the equipment, we receive a credit. One-third is not billed to Blue Island which is approximately \$33,000 back to Blue Island. The reason March 2014 bill was so high was due to 3 pay periods within that month. The employees' salaries are above minimum wage and they are from Blue Island and the surrounding area.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:48 p.m.

The next Finance Committee meeting will be held on Tuesday, June 17, 2014 at 6:30 p.m. in the East Annex of City Hall, Blue Island, Illinois.

Respectfully submitted by,
Alderman Nancy Rita, Chair