



Finance Committee
Tuesday, July 14, 2020 - 5:00 PM
MINUTES

1. Call to Order

Benjamin Lee called the Special Finance Committee meeting for July 14, 2020 to order at 5:02 p.m.

Members Present - Ben Lee, Chip Dutcher, Cheryl Robertson

Absent - None

Staff present - Jim Lenner, Bailey Klimchak, Dana Steffan, Jack Liggett, Marvin Block, Carol Van Deest, Chief Abe Haroon, Teresa Monroe

Public present - None

2. Economic Development Project Funding

Village Planner Bailey Klimchak provided an overview of the same presentation information shared at the July 9th Special Economic Development committee meeting. The Economic Development Assistance program has \$225 million to be distributed among six mid-west states including Ohio to prevent, prepare for and respond to economic injury as a result of COVID-19. If the grant is received, the Village of Johnstown would like to use the money for two projects that will focus on economic development in the downtown area to revitalize and encourage investment; 1) Incubator Space (\$150,000) and 2) Economic Development Plan for the downtown corridor (\$50,000). Before applying for the grant, a feasibility study would need to be performed, it would need to be paid by the village and is not refundable by EDA award money; Ms. Klimchak estimates that cost to be around ten thousand dollars and request to use out of the CARES Act funds. Grant awards would cover eighty percent of project costs and the village would be responsible for twenty percent and Mr. Lee said the Economic Development Committee voted 3-0 in favor of moving forward so discussion tonight is about funding. Mayor Dutcher noted the CARES Act money can be used for Economic Development; discussion continued under uses of CARES Act funds.

ACTION:	Chip Dutcher moved to spend \$10,000 for a feasibility study to be funded from Covid funds; Cheryl Robertson seconded and all were in favor.
AYES:	Chip Dutcher, Benjamin Lee, Cheryl Robertson
NOES:	None
ABSTAIN:	None

Passed 3 - 0

3. Use of CARES Act Funds

There was Committee discussion on use of CARES Act funds and budget for the money broken down as follows:

1. Supplies/Chrome Books \$7,250.00
2. Council Audio Video \$11,500.00
3. Food Pantries x2//St. Vincent De Paul \$6,000
4. Incubator Feasibility \$10,000.00

ACTION: Benjamin Lee moved to expend \$6,000 split up three ways between the Northridge/Johnstown and FaithCare food pantries and St. Vincent De Paul; Cheryl Robertson seconded and all were in favor.

AYES: 3

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: None

Pass 3-0

Other ideas discussed for remainder of available balance(\$14,871.00); possible donation to Humane Society, Water Plant Training (\$5,000), CAD Police and stocking up on PPE.

4. Other Business

1. Discussion on SW Licking water and agreements/contracts or lack thereof
2. Update on New Day lines
3. Project Mastodon back on; match money will likely need to be provided

5. Adjourn

ACTION: Benjamin Lee moved to ADJOURN; Cheryl Robertson seconded and all were in favor.

AYES: 3

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: None

Approved 3-0

The meeting adjourned at 5:45 p.m.