

FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETING
MINUTES
FEBRUARY 6, 2019

Committee Member Mr. Evers opened the meeting at approximately 6:00 p.m. Members of the Committee in attendance were Mr. Evers, Mr. Hoefle and Mr. Zuren. Present from Council were Mr. Kasunick, Mr. Spotton, Mr. Overstreet, Mr. Zuren, and Council President Mr. Meyers.

In attendance from the Administration were Mayor Morley, Fire Chief Whittington, Police Chief Reik, CBO Menn, Service Director Rubertino, Finance Director Schindel, and Law Director Klammer.

PROPOSED:

1. To discuss the expense side of the budget for 2019.

Mr. Evers: We went over the revenue side last week so at this point I will turn the meeting over to Mayor Morley and Ms. Schindel.

Mayor Morley: I will let Ms. Schindel start this part and if there are any questions at the end we can discuss.

Ms. Schindel: I think that it might be best to turn to your second to last page "Exhibit A", because I wanted to explain some of the highlights. I'm going to go through all of the little account numbers here, but payroll increase \$546,000.00. The amount due to the contracts was \$250 of that...hospitalization changed \$75,000.00. I'm hoping to have a better number on hospitalization, but I don't have one today so that's what I'm living with. It was the original quote...I hope they negotiated and got us something better. The numbers in the rest of these accounts basically will cover as we go through, but there is \$442,000.00 worth of capital equipment in here. One other thing that you don't see on this page and that is that transfers from the General Fund. We're asking for \$320,000.00...the Road Fund needs \$250,000.00 to do the Stevens Boulevard...I'm sorry it's Willowick Drive this year. There's not enough money so the General Fund has to pay for this, so I'm asking to transfer \$250,000.00 over the road so we can do that project. The Crif Fund to take care of the stadium...we have a commitment to spend approximately \$68,000.00 a year. We get \$40,000.00 from the Captains and who has to fund the rest and there's not enough money so the General Fund must now transfer to the Crif. And I am asking for a \$30,000.00 transfer. The only other transfer is the \$40,000.00 for the 27th pay. That's the only other number that I put in, in transfers in this report. So then we will go through the rest of the numbers, but if you want to go to the next page, I know you've heard me say that we need to set aside some funds for a rainy day reason. Well I wanted to highlight maybe two things for you. One is that the Captains lease on "Exhibit B." The Captains lease expires on 09-30-2028, but we have the stadium debt payment for 2029, 2030, and 2031. That is \$1,243,000.00 worth of debt payments without the revenue coming in...any revenue coming in. We don't get that much but you know close. We also have vacation and sick out there...if we were to even pay half because these people that are maybe older and have built up the sick and vacation...if we paid out at a rate of half we'd still be looking at it more than \$750,000.00. So these are the things that I want you to be aware of when I'm sitting there saying "We got to have

some money for a rainy day...we got to have some money for a rainy day." These are things that are out there that I'm just highlighting in a different format for you then maybe we've done before. Okay questions so far? Page two explains what we've estimated for revenue per fund and explains what expenses are in this report per fund. It explains where we end up potentially on fund balance at the end of this year. Now the seven hundred series I don't care about...they all end up with at zeros because again if people give us the cash I'm going to return it. There might be timing differences but they'll get their money back. It's the General Fund that is going to support some of our other funds this year. Some of these funds still have very light balances even at the end of the year, but that's where we're looking to project to be at the end of the year. So if we were to spend all of this projected expense based on the revenue that we discussed last week our fund balance without any additional transfers, without additional savings, because somebody maintained the budget. We would end lower then this year...instead of the being \$2.2 Million we would end up being \$1.8 Million. Again we had to do some pretty heavy transfers again there is capital equipment in here.

Mr. Klammer: You said \$2.2 Million....

Ms. Schindel: Those were outstanding bills. Hopefully your copy machine papers were better than mine, but four and five are the revenue that we discussed last time. And six is where we start our expenses. I've provided the actual expense for 2018...I've provided what we still owe additional expenses that we will be paying out in 2019 and I've provided you a budget. The change is the actual payments made or the actual 2018 versus the budget for 2019. There will be some places that you'll sit there and go why did I do that...just because it was consistent. Most of these within the Mayor's Office, Counsel's Office...now remember last year we had that equipment and Clerk of Council so we didn't put that equipment back in...we also didn't spend it. Finance Department is one of those that I said I want to talk about and it is on our "Exhibit B" and that's because I would like to have \$35,000.00 again this year...not again. I don't what we spent last year really for computers, but this year I would like to have \$35,000.00 for computer upgrades, additional back-up, and an exchange server for our emails. I have a hard copy quote. Having the IT guy's come between their time and the server would be \$35,000.00. So there's ask for equipment in there. The data processing lease it was budgeted in 2018 at fifty and I left if budgeted in 2019 at fifty. But it was not what we spent but a lot of these funds...if it was budgeted in 2018 I left it pretty much the budgeted in 2019. Unless we knew there was some major purchase in there. City income tax your big change...there's two numbers that maybe look a little larger...R.I.T.A. expense...R.I.T.A. expenses charged to us monthly at 3%. But there is a refund at the end of the year in July. But I can't tell you what the refund is. I can only tell you that I'm committed to paying 3%. So I expect to have some benefit by the end of the year in our R.I.T.A. expense in terms of what we pay, but I don't know how much. Okay? Tax grant refunds that is our tax incentive for the company that moved in that got the tax incentive. They picked up that additional fund. That's a real hard number, because I've already been able to calculate what they've paid in payroll for 2018 and what their 50% is due back to them. So that's a hard number. When you go down to 240 you're going to see that there's...remember at the end of the year we did some adjustments to cash in...that's 240-51-05101 "Salaries Cash In" well I dropped it back down. I took a happy medium between last year's budget and last year's actual. I don't know who's going to retire. I don't know if that number is going to be over or under. But if I need

more I'll come back. If I don't need it, it'll go into our maintaining the budget on a tight way. Hospitalization 1012405124...that's what I explained that we would have in terms of the increase based on their projected premiums. Workers Compensation I am doing the true up now today to see how much more I will owe them on 2018. I cannot tell you today, because I was waiting for the payroll reports in order to tell workers compensation here's the total payroll. Because our payroll went up from 2018 to 2017 I know I owe workers compensation money. I don't know how much it's an estimate. I can refine this maybe Friday, but I don't know that right today. If you go to the bottom of the 240 which is 5732 and 5733 you will see that those are the transfers...the \$250,000.00 and the \$30,000.00 that I talked about. Police, law enforcement it is off because we have projected additional personnel. Police communication is up because of payroll. Administration is basically is up because of payroll. The building...Police Station building is down and the reason is last year we put the header cost in there...the garage door headers. I pulled that out...sorry Chief if you need some big project it's not there right now. But I do have in police three vehicles. It would be 1013105540...there's three vehicles in there for the Chief.

Mayor Morley: And on the one vehicle I think the Chief and I talked about...they are not making the Explorers this so we are going to look into the 2020...I don't know if it will be towards the end of the year or not...after we find out some more information on that. The only thing I've asked him on the other cars...if we're going to go with the Chargers I suggested that we do wheel drive Chargers instead of the front wheel. Especially with this weather anymore and that's one of the reasons we started to go towards the Explorers so that everyone has the all wheel drive. That's the only thing so the cars maybe a little more money than they've been but it's going to be well worth it.

Ms. Schindel: Okay 320 we're on page ten...the large increase under fire fighting is about \$223,000.00. That's to begin the equipment for two fire trucks. It certainly doesn't cover the fire trucks. I have a quote on a lease for fire trucks. First of all it's going to take several...isn't it going to be next year I think Chief by the time we get the vehicles?

Chief Whittington: Yeah it'll be like a six or nine month overlap.

Ms. Schindel: So it's 2020 and I have the ability to if we choose to go with this one leasing company to in arrears or to make the payment as we get the lease. So this is really just to get the process started. It will not be any more than that going forward. In fact it could be \$160,000.00 going forward, but that's what it is this to get it started.

Mayor Morley: The trucks that we're looking at right now and the lieutenant is trying to get it down some more... is the two trucks will be about \$1.2 Million the lease would be about \$120,000.00 a year. And then we need \$100,000.00 for each truck to equip them and that would be the separate money that's coming out of there. Correct Chief?

Chief Whittington: Yes sir.

Ms. Schindel: 1013235407 is Fire Station building it's up about \$58,000.00. Chief needs concrete work out there. Chief do you want to talk on that?

Chief Whittington: Yeah so when I met with the Mayor and Finance I really tried to strict to my five figure plan and the one thing that I've pushed back several years...the front pad in the Fire Station has become undermine. So it sags in places and so that' a big concern of ours is that front pad there. You don't know when you look at the front pad that there's a big red cylinder horn looking thing that comes out. There's actually a tank that's underground there that hold water. We don't think that it's leaking...that's not part of the process. But I think when it got built I think that somehow the concrete didn't adhere. So we think that there are some gaps out there. That's one of the things that we've been pushing back several years that we have a chance to do this year.

Mr. Evers: Chief?

Chief Whittington: Yes sir?

Mr. Evers: What about the bay floors are they in there?

Chief Whittington: Yes.

Mr. Evers: Okay.

Chief Whittington: Did you want me to talk about that?

Mayor Morley: Yeah go ahead.

Chief Whittington: The bay floors...the station was built in 1958 it was a concrete floor, somewhere in the 1970's they tried to put like a rubber coating on top of that and when they did it you can see where it was scored. There wasn't anything put down as an adhesive so the floor was poured right on there. It's like a composite type of floor, so over the years with the trucks being in there, washing them, also with the wear and tear of the weather the floor is actually heaving and coming up. So there are big pieces of the floor that are missing. I don't want to over dramatize to say that there's like some trip hazards in there. The guys are used to it. It's then when we have visitors or someone else who comes in the station we have to be very conscious about. Again as far as the five year plan goes that's something we've had in there several years in the five year that we just kind of pushed back so that's just another project.

Mr. Evers: Okay.

Ms. Schindel: Okay. On the next page...page eleven if you look at recreation and parks you will see under 1015105542 equipment and machines has taken a significant decline of \$355,000.00. Well that's because last year that had three large items in it. One was our ODNR grant expense was paid from there. One of the Explorers was paid from there and the MAC truck was paid from there. So just the ODNR grant alone was \$220,500.00 in terms of it was spent from this

recreation and parks as equipment for the park. So that is one of the large reasons why that has gone down. If you look at closer to the bottom of the page 555 Taft Senior Center...it says \$25,000.00 for improvements, well this is fifty some pages of an Excel spreadsheet and I wanted to add into account and I didn't want to mess up my spreadsheet so I didn't change it. What I really need is some ability to pay utilities. The grant that we get from the Senior Levy is \$89,500.00. We pay as much as we can from that grant but the problem is that we actually have to pay for it first and then get reimbursed. We only have \$10,000.00 in the Senior Citizens Grant Fund...in that fund...I don't have enough money to pay for her stuff and then get the money back. I didn't want to do a transfer to the Senior Citizens Fund, because once I put the money in that fund I can't get it out. So instead I said "Well let's use this \$25,000.00...I'm going to call it utilities"...I just tonight didn't have enough time and it doesn't go through the budget anyways in terms of a utility line. But I need some ability to make the payment so that I can wait six weeks to get that check. That's what that is. It's really for utilities. She's not making \$25,000.00 worth of improvements. I will make the change but on a fifty page spreadsheet...complicated tied in mess. I wasn't going to mess it up one day before I had to give it too you...so I apologize.

Mr. Klammer: Are you just going to change it to Improvements/Utilities?

Ms. Schindel: Yeah I can do that. I can just change the name or I can actually make a utility account, which would be more like 5312. Building Department again the bulk of the change is going to be in wages. You will see that pretty much all the way through on every one of these. The service garage, which is on page thirteen, 101830 the service garage, is down \$12,000.00, but we did the roof last year...so we pulled that out. The other line item I have was under other contracts, that's our Chagrin Water.

Mr. Evers: Let's go back to the service garage...

Ms. Schindel: Sure.

Mr. Evers: Mr. Rubertino we've had to replace the old oil burners for heaters?

Mr. Rubertino: Yes sir.

Mr. Evers: Has that been done?

Mr. Rubertino: Yes sir.

Mr. Evers: Okay is that complete...nothing going forward this year?

Mr. Rubertino: Yes. I would hope to off those two oil burners to a private entity if possible.

Mr. Evers: Okay thank you.

Ms. Schindel: And I submitted for the grant money. It's not in total but as much as I could and that request went in. Page fourteen and on shows you each individual fund. So if you want to

see where the money comes in from the State Highway Fund, from Gasoline and Motor Vehicle, Licenses...where does it go? It goes to State Route 2 maintenance. We had to lower again this is another one of those funds we had to lower because we were kind of pushing the limits in terms of what we spent, so right now we've only budgeted sixty, because we expect to get in sixty-one. Street maintenance and repair...I had to pick up a little bit additional State Route 2 maintenance, because I just shorted it into 201, so it picked up in 202. So that's one of our increases and then just some additional money for repairs in case it's needed. Two zero three that's where we pay our salt and we pay our loader. And the only other thing would be any county money that I might have to pay of which it doesn't look like I'm budgeting for that out of this fund this year. It's strictly the salt and there is some money for equipment and my loader lease. State grants, whatever they give me we spend plain and simple. And I did fix this for NOPEC you're up to \$130,634.00 for NOPEC. Because I anticipate spending...I've already submitted and asked for 2018's money this week. I expect to spend 2019 after the budget's passed. Federal grants again what we get in we expend, but we are required to transfer from the General Fund...there is a requirement for local match. We've been doing that local match for many, many years and it was held consistent. But it's a requirement to get that money. I mean we have to pay our 25%. The police pension it's shown separately because there's some property tax that goes in here and so we show you the portion that we are able to pay for the police using that fund. The rest comes from the General Fund. The same with the fire pension...the money that comes in from the levy we spend on fire pension. The remainder of the fire pension comes out of the General Fund. Storm Water that's where we spend money and the county reimburses us. I've done my best to estimate it. What you see is that in the previous year we got that large amount for the Galalina Project, which we're still spending but the revenue is not going to match, because the revenue was a onetime only. But we'll still be okay. Insurance proceeds I submitted my final request for reimbursement. I truthfully don't expect to see that until April based on the way they've paid but I did submit it. Fire levy based on the money that comes in and based on the payroll and the auditor's fees, which of course those went up last year as well. We're going to be spending a little bit more than what the levy actually brings in. We're still okay but we're spending a little bit more. Bond fund that's where we pay our big bills for the stadium.

Mayor Morley: Go back to twenty-three...just so your aware of too on with the salaries that you see the increase isn't that it was because of wage increases...this is the first year we had the Safer Grant ended last year so the three firemen that were on the Safer Grant is in this budget now.

Ms. Schindel: This is the full year for the three firemen. Last year it was a half year. Road improvement this is the place where I had to put in the \$250,000.00. I expect to get the OPWC \$500,000.00 and I have some property tax money that goes in there and I needed to pay out. I'm anticipating a million eight for the OPWC Willowick Drive construction. And then there is some money for asphalt and concrete plus any other miscellaneous little costs that go through there. But that's the bulk of what's in there. The Fire Levy that's the permanent improvements, that's levy money that comes in. What's going out is some equipment costs, but the biggest items coming out of there are the ambulance leases. I did include in your worksheet in "Exhibit B" the fact that ambulance leases one ends in 2020. I have to pay the whole thing but 2020 will be my final payment for the one ambulance...2021 is my final payment for the second ambulance. It's nice to be able to see that there's an end date. Okay 416 that's page twenty-seven, that's where we

basically promise to do \$68,000.00 worth of repairs even though there's probably more that could be done. Our promise is \$68,000.00 but we have to put \$30,000.00 in to be able to cover it.

Mr. Evers: What are our intended repairs this year Mayor...do we know?

Mayor Morley: We have a PO in to repair or not repair but to upgrade the lights, because the baseball league says that we're not up to par for the lights for the field. That's \$25,000.00 to do what needs to be done is \$200,000.00...so I'm talking to Neil from the Captains we can get by with the \$25,000.00 to get this done and it should get us through some more years. We just did all of the HVAC's...those were a big cost. Concretes here and there issues...there seems like there is always something. Last week we had \$9,000.00 for the fire suppression system that went out. It depends we should be good with all of the HVAC's at this point I would believe. But again it's just things when they go down there are usually big items. We had the generator that we had to fix that blew out when we had whatever serge that First Energy did...that blew the generator out that was money that we had to find or not have. Just some general updates some painting and some different things.

Mr. Rubertino: Let me interject. We probably have at least two units that are still going to need to be replaced. One especially in that press box where we have the issues in there, so we still have two large PC units that are probably going to have to be addressed this year. We didn't address the press box last year but we've been having that issue with them for the past two years. I don't know if you're considering that, but that's something that we've had an ongoing issue with those people so.

Mr. Evers: Mr. Hoefle?

Mr. Hoefle: Mayor was there any talk about the...having to go up higher in some of the...

Mayor Morley: We actually squashed that. They sent something that said the league told us we had to this. We went through the Engineer and our insurance and we had that and we didn't have to do that. That was in the outfield.

Mr. Hoefle: Okay.

Ms. Schindel: Alright page twenty-eight it's called the Stadium Vine Street Project...we get the bed tax, we get the stadium money, and we get parking lot fees...what do we do with that money? We pay the people that work out in the parking lot and then we pay the debt. Yahoo...okay there's just not enough to cover some of these things, but we're doing our best. Sewer Rehab I believe that this was set up for capital improvements and some debt. So the debt is in this fund and then there's \$100,000.00 for their contract, which won't go very far in the Sewer Fund this year for capital improvements. But there is \$100,000.00 in there that is available.

Mr. Klammer: Is this the one that you wanted to consolidate?

Ms. Schindel: Yes please and thank you.

Mr. Klammer: When you get to that one tell me.

Ms. Schindel: 501. Four thirty-eight Recreational and Capital Improvements is \$190,068.47. I don't even know where the money comes from, but that fund balance has been sitting there for a while. I gave us the ability to expend it, but I can't tell you how money ever got in there. Five zero one Sewer...I have the \$4Million in the Waverly Road Project in there and I know that they are working on this and I have tried to make sure that we have enough in our expenses to cover that activity. And it looks to me like I might have put it in payment to Willoughby, so I might have to fix this line, because I probably missed a number some place when I typed that in. Because that is not the payment to Willoughby and therefor I'll fix that, but the bottom line is we've to expend that in addition to what we pay Willoughby. Employee Trust Fund it's one of our 600 and we have \$66.00 in there if we spend it so be it. Six zero six that's our \$89,500.00...its page thirty-five...that we get from the county. And as you can see we were down to \$10,000.00 yahoo maybe at the end of this year it might actually have \$13,000.00. But you know that's where we stand. There is no \$25,000.00 worth of improvements in here. She does have \$15,000.00 in here for repairs should she need them, which seems to happen. Flag Trust just in case somebody wants to spend that \$3,063.00. Alarm and monitoring just in case the Chief finds a way to spend that...donation is what comes in goes out. Law enforcement...oh I didn't budget that one but I guess that's probably because as you can see we tried to save up enough money to be able to do a vehicle out of there and there's not enough money to do a vehicle, although if we had too we probably could take \$5,000.00 out of there if we need it for a vehicle. But I didn't budget that but I can certainly put something in if we needed too. The fire ambulance that's the money that comes in from the ambulance runs from the insurance company. And it's being used for some training costs and some additional payroll costs, because our levy wasn't enough to cover things such as educational pay, overtime pay, or comp pay. So that is in the fire ambulance out of the insurance money. Unclaimed Trust that's really just we send out a check and nobody cashed it, we contact them, and they don't cash it, it sits there for a while...after seven or five some years we bring it into the General Fund. Account 620 Recreational Land Aquishion I will do my homework on this in terms of giving you exactly who has paid in this \$172,000.00, but since I do not know where all that \$172,000.00 came at this point in time, even though it's budgeted you can't spend it because I don't know where it goes. But I promise we will work on that.

Mr. Klammer: She and I have been talking about trying to figure that part out.

Mayor Morley: I've asked the Law Director to look into that. If you read that it just doesn't make any sense. I mean in that fund, so I'd like...instead of just land...if there is stuff in recreation that we can use that money to do some recreation stuff.

Mr. Klammer: Years ago I had a memo I think when Mr. Slocum was here and at that point in time it was money for the purchase of the Syracuse Property.

Mr. Evers: Right.

Mr. Klammer: But to me it would be zeroed out, because it would presumably be...purchase something. So we kind of have to re-write...dig some old stuff up and figure out where that money came from, because if it was a grant... we have to use it.

Ms. Schindel: I went back to 2010 and it was \$193,000.00 in 2010, so it's not like it just happened in the last five years. This money's been there for a while so I really do need to go back through and see where it all came from. I did not have time to do that. The 700's what comes in goes out I've allowed for that to come in and go out. I will state that there is one other city vehicle in here I mentioned it casually last week because Mr. Menn's vehicle needs \$6,000.00 in repairs instead there's a new vehicle in the budget for Mr. Menn.

Mr. Menn: One of mine.

Ms. Schindel: One of his in his fleet. So that vehicle's in there it's the only other vehicle in here besides the Police Chief.

Mayor Morley: The vehicle is the SUV...

Ms. Schindel: He'll get the vehicle but his fleet that broke.

Mayor Morley: Right.

Ms. Schindel: That needs to be replaced.

Mr. Evers: At this point we will open it up to any questions on the budget. Mr. Hoefle?

Mr. Hoefle: Mayor with Jakse Park with the YMCA...are we pretty solid with them?

Mayor Morley: Yes. We've talked about...we have to look at the repairing the roof at the park. But yeah they're solid and they actually see if there are some more things we can do to enhance inside for the pool for them. We had a decent year last year and again we always thank Mr. Smalls from Best Supply to give us...I talked to him a few weeks ago and we got the check from last year for the \$20,000.00 so he's good continuing to donate the \$20,000.00. It's worked out well and it continues to work out.

Mr. Klammer: We should do something to give him some credit.

Mayor Morley: He really doesn't want anything. I'll stop up and see him when he's in town.

Mr. Evers: Mr. Kasunick?

Mr. Kasunick: Keith Marchand and Marc Cain are here from the Port Authority this evening. On page thirteen that's where the Port Authority is itemized. They have \$6,000.00 and we wanted to enquire about getting anything more for that. Because they're pretty strapped for cash at this

point the grant that they were getting is no longer in affect. There's a big log jam that we really want to clear out. It's causing problems with the marina that's situated there and they did raise the fees on the stickers to hopefully make up some of the loss. But they have been as high as \$25,000.00 a year and that's a fund that was pretty significantly hacked down when the city was in all kinds of financial issues. And I know the Chagrin River Watershed Partners for example they get about \$9,000.00 a year.

Mayor Morley: That \$9,000.00 is for the dues that we have to pay them.

Mr. Kasunick: Correct. So I think the \$6,000.00 for the Port Authority that's pretty short and I was hoping that we could let Mr. Marchand and Mr. Cain could explain it more than me.

Mr. Cain: As you know in the past...for the past few years we haven't had much sporting events...all of the safety forces have been out there to make sure nothing's happened. The reason we've been able to do that is we've been able to dredge that river fairly deep for the past few years. Recently though with that algae floating stuff up on the West Island any grant money has been going to over there, so it's dried up. We've been very frugal spreading our money across the board like Mr. Kasunick said we've raised our fees since it's not quite adequate. Not only that we promised the boaters that any money that they give us for that is just going to strictly dredging 100% of the money that we get from those licenses on the boats. So it leaves us strapped for anything else that we have to do. We just got a notification from the Army Corp of Engineers...one of the walls that we put in...the south point of Anchorage Island they're contesting one of the neighbors there...they're telling us that we have to remove it. And we're not coming to you guys for that but what we're saying is we're trying do...the river's a very big economic driver and I'm not sure if you guys are aware of that. Each boat that's river brings in approximately \$15,000.00 in related services to the community. Whether it is gas, beer, pop or whatever yacht club fees and that stuff...about \$15,000.00 and I just want to remind everybody here that it's an economic driver for the community. And just recently we've had one of the county commissioners come and help the Mayor. And the Mayor took him to all of our facilities and they are trying to get some funds here so we're trying to stay afloat. We have some real sever erosion problems. Those light poles down by our boat launch are ready to fall into the river and there are some things that we are trying to work through so we could definitely use a little bit of help to get from one stage. Plus we have this park thing down there...if we can get that rolling...you have the County Commissioners put new kayak for the disabled kids down there and it's a real nice facility. I think we're starting to do a lot on our own with that stuff without coming to the city all the time. And we've been getting a lot of funding coming in and we've done some studies for the parks there, so you don't have a park and recreation department we're kind of active like that. We're trying to do everything we can to facilitate the growth of the city so we like to take some of that into consideration that what we're trying to put into the economy here in Eastlake for the river and facilities and that type of thing.

Mr. Marchand: I think that the river we're kind of at the end...two damns up stream fell over and all of the debris comes down and settles here in Eastlake. And if we end up with...so we're trying to maintain a depth and the ice gets jammed up and CEI shut the plant off and doesn't kept the mouth of the river open anymore with warm water. So all they can see is a catastrophic event

in the making...we get a big ice jam going across the mouth of the river...harbor right now. It's probably ten or twelve foot high and if you get that along mud, wind, and ice sheets up against the mouth of the river and when the ice melts with the rain it will have no place to go and everybody is going to be in trouble.

Mr. Cain: I would like to add to some of the things that some of the people we know on the Port Authority and our friends have been going down and doing these log jam moves on their own. Their own expense, with their own chain saws, and their own equipment to keep the boat ways open and stuff like that so we're not just doing volunteering on the board we're actually out there. And a few of us in a big way are putting in...they put the logs in for the playground and bring their equipment down to do the grading and that...and bring their equipment down to help mow what we're doing down there as far as the park. We feel whatever seed money we get we're multiplying by grants and interest that we get from the boaters, Commissioners in the county and that stuff.

Mr. Evers: What is your request Mr. Kasunick? How much?

Mr. Kasunick: Twenty-five.

Mr. Evers: That would be turned over to the Administration. That would be something that they would have to look at and determine and get back to Council on...if it can't be the twenty-five or whatever we can do. Mr. Cain?

Mr. Cain: The safety services back when we had... events I'm not sure of the exact figure but I was pretty well aware that it was costing three or four hundred thousand dollars that we had to reimburse the county for. Because they have to provide services down here also, so it's real expensive if you don't do the upfront dredging stuff. You have one or two events...flood events you're bringing in a lot of extra income that the city is going to have to put out one way or another. So if you can stay ahead of this dredging you're saving your selves money.

Mr. Evers: Thank you. And again this would have to go through the Administration, be put in the budget and it would have to go through Ms. Schindel in the Finance Department and then come back here to Council. Mr. Hoefle?

Mr. Hoefle: Mr. Cain and Mr. Marchand as far as the dredging for \$25,000.00 what would that accomplish with the river? How deep and how wide? I mean how far up the river?

Mr. Marchand: It's very difficult to tell. All we can tell you is that historically we would get a grant for about \$180,000.00 and I've only been on the board for a couple of years. We would take that along with the sticker fees and try to cover the next three or four years. So just last year the prior year...two years ago all that money's dried up so we're...short every year now form historically what we've done. So we've been fortunate because the water level has been up about four feet so if that water drops then...we've been just spotting sand bars for the last year or two. But if the water does drop then it's going to cost us from \$150,000.00 to \$200,000.00 to dredge

that river appropriately. I think that Mr. Cain can speak to it better but I think we've spent that on a ten year basis or something like that.

Mr. Cain: What it does right now is the \$25,000.00 with the sticker fee gives us enough to do all of the parts that...as the stream goes through...as the river floods it pushes the sand around and it creates sand bars. So we can eliminate all of the sand bars and stuff. It's nowhere near enough to do all of the dredging of the river. We want to remind Council here is over there by Dan and Kelly's we have these guys coming to our meetings...they have twelve boats that...left in their little harbor down there, because it's silted in so much, because of the log jam. So people now are starting to look for alternative places to take their boat and when you start doing that, that's hard to recover from. You kind have seen what happened out there in Mentor Lagoons and that so, we're trying to stay ahead of it. Because once you lose that they don't come back. It's just an emergency stuff to get all gas...and the boats can get through. It's not a proper dredging that would cost about \$200,000.00 a year. And we used to be able to do that, because we had enough grants, but they've stopped that.

Mr. Evers: Are there any other questions? Are there any other questions for Mayor Morley or Ms. Schindel on the budget? Mr. Spotton?

Mr. Spotton: Increase man power to the police?

Mayor Morley: Yeah it will be two police officers.

Mr. Spotton: New positions?

Mayor Morley: The new positions would be...I originally requested just one police officer and know that Council asked for a second one...so it's two police officers, one service person, and one zoning person in the Building for personnel. And we moved to three summer helps in service. That's the personnel that is in this budget. What I told...what we've looked at with and I've talked to the Chief and I even talked to a couple of his guys about it. We put more in fire for equipment and training...try to spread amongst the departments some different things. Again what I said when we do go to hire in fire it's not like everything else we have to hire three at a time. I talked to the Chief about that and I talked to the other directors...obviously we need bodies in every department, but this is it at this point. What we feel comfortable doing and what I've told the Service Director and I told the Chief Reik on a couple of other things that he asked about was to maybe look at some stuff in July for some other things that they are possibly looking for. We thought we did and the Chief's and Mr. Rubertino, and Mr. Menn can...Mr. Menn left but talk about anything else that they may need in the future. But right now we feel comfortable...every discussion that we've had with them what the budget entails this year.

Mr. Evers: Okay. Is there anybody else? Ms. Schindel?

Ms. Schindel: The one thing that I did not put in here because I did not want to make it confusing is the fact that I will be asking for an additional transfer to the rainy day fund. And I'm going to ask for it and you can tell me "No" but I'm going to ask for it. And I've explained why I think

you need to take some of that million eight...and that's because of these outstanding "Exhibit B" debts that are going to come up some day. And I'm not going to be here but some bodies got to pay that bill. And it's in the best interest of the city to make sure that you can pay that bill. And if you don't need to pay that bill then God Bless you all and spend it the way you need too. But right now I just don't see that happening.

Mayor Morley: The one other thing that I forgot on personnel...Finance Director looks like she's going to find someone in the next couple of weeks to fill Mr. Vuckovich' passing.

Mr. Evers: I see no further questions.

There were no further questions or comments.

PENDING:

There was nothing under Pending.

There were no questions or comments.

MISCELLANEOUS:

There was nothing under Miscellaneous.

There were no questions or comments.

REGOGNITION OF PUBLIC:

Keith Marchand, 35941 Wanaka Boulevard, Eastlake, OH 44095

Mr. Marchand: So I think that both of you are aware that...started a Facebook page it's about the Eastlake Eagles...it currently has 4,300 members on the page and there's representation for a following of 32 countries. Over 6,000 pictures have been posted the eagles nest at Bruce Yee and last year they had two off spring. Both of the survived and now they are hunting the land, so every day you can go out there and see them going after fish and things like that. So it's drawing a lot of people in, so Dominic and I were talking about what it would take to get an eagle cam in the tree there. And he has the genesis of the thinking but one of the members is an employee at CEI and they stated that they would be happy to provide a boom truck to get the camera up there. And a couple other members have volunteered or have expressed to donate some things. We know that a lot of them would donate some time to get it up. We don't know from a technical stand point what it would take but this things are pretty...Avon Lake has one right next to their elementary school. And they are wildly popular and they are bringing in tons and tons of people to city so I think it is something that kind of ties in with parks and recreation, where I was talking about. You could drive by there on a nice day and you will see the parking lot down there full of people just chasing these birds around. A couple of people are there every single day spending every minute chasing those birds around.

Mayor Morley: The answer to that...the last discussion that we had when we talked about a cam before...we talked to the Director of the Metro Parks. We can actually reach out to Avon Lake to

see what they ended up doing but from what we were told before it's a big process. They get this camera through the ODNR.

Mr. Marchand: Because it's an eagle's nest?

Mayor Morley: Yes.

Mr. Rubertino: They also we checked into...not to interrupt you but there is a minimum amount of years that nest has to be viable. So I think it is five...yes there is not only us but you have to take into consideration when you say a truck going out there. That's all wetland back there, so how are you going to get a truck back there...a boom truck to get up 180 feet...you're looking at...I don't where are we going to get the funds to do that? Because it's not just drive back there and it's done...it's wet all year long back there. So I don't know I'm just throwing that out there.

Mayor Morley: I don't have a problem checking into it again. We can do that I mean the boom truck that they are talking about is from one of the resident's that for First Energy I believe.

Mr. Rubertino: Maybe they...I was just telling you the land there is not...

Mayor Morley: Yeah...over the last month we've had requests for a flag pole and we are working on that. A request for new signage and from what I'm told now is that there are two groups of people, because one group left the other group. So what I've told that person is "I don't want to keep putting a new sign for a different group, because people aren't getting along." So I don't have a problem putting signs up down there to say what it is and promoting it down there, but again because someone gets upset with someone else I just don't want to start saying "We're going to put a sign up for everyone that gets a hold of us and says this is their Facebook Group and this is their Facebook Group." I don't have a problem putting it that the eagles are down there or any of that.

Mr. Marchand: If you did do a cam you would do it through the city.

Mayor Morley: Yes. We'll make contact and we'll get a hold of Avon and see what they did.

Mr. Evers: Mr. Raider?

Tom Raider, 930 Woodstock Rd, Eastlake, OH 44095

Mr. Raider: I would like to add to it a little bit. Pete just mentioned this to me on Sunday. There's obviously been some talk about cameras since the park opened back up and I know it's an extensive process and probably quit costly. I've been pretty content with the way the pictures have been taken from the ground. We have one gentleman that's there on a daily basis that takes them with...he videos them. But it would be advantageous if it's possible to get a camera up there. As far as the other group there was a member of our group that became a...disagreed with that Administration, myself and my administrator. We refused to block somebody that they seem to be having some issues with and they choose to start another group. But as far as the eagles go

we've had population video and pictures taken within the last week or so...we're expecting eggs within the next two weeks. It's been pretty incredible.

Mr. Evers: Okay. I appreciate the comments guys. I appreciate the comments and if you want to pursue it I would say...

Mr. Raider: Now that it's been brought up again I will do my investigating to see what type of cost are involved and what type of equipment and who...you can't just get anybody to go up and drop a camera in a tree with an eagles nest in it.

Mr. Evers: No.

Mr. Raider: It's got to be somebody that's familiar with the operation and everything else.

Mr. Evers: It would have to go through ODNR. Mr. Rubertino?

Mr. Rubertino: Just so this is brought up to the table as we're discussing the eagles I also have two groups of ball players that have been in contact with ODNR in regards to it being allowed back on that field during the summer months. Due to the fact that those eagles built a nest back there. I'm not saying that it is or isn't but I'm putting it on the table that there are people that are contacting ODNR about being allowed back on that field during the summer to play ball, while those eagles are there. Which is going to create another controversy here because the eagle people don't want the ball players...the ball players don't have a problem with the eagle people but there is going to be...we had problems with the eagles...birds coming in there controlling what my workers can do in there. Telling us what we can and what we can't do in our own facility. So I support the eagle 100% but I think there is a lot more to it than just saying let's put a camera up and we're going to contain the eagles when you all kinds of people agree and don't agree. They want to get along and they want to be able to play ball and they want the eagles there. I'm just telling you there's a lot there.

Mr. Evers: We all appreciate the eagles and at this point I'm going to cut this conversation off because this is a Finance Committee Meeting. We are here to discuss finances. Mayor Morley?

Mayor Morley: I'm good.

Mr. Evers: Mr. Hoefle?

Mr. Hoefle: I'm good.


Mr. Evers: If there's to be more discussion on it that's fine but we're in a Finance Meeting here. My question is going to be to the Finance Committee are we capable and are we happy moving the 2019 budget forward at this time? We are under a time constraint. We need to move it forward to Council and we need to have three readings. Ms. Schindel I believe you have to have this by March 31st?

Ms. Schindel: Absolutely. It has to be completed.

There was no one who wished to speak.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:35 p.m.

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DATE: Feb 26, 2019