

## Finance Committee Minutes

Honorable Council  
City of Newark, Ohio  
October 11, 2016

The Finance Committee met in Council Chambers on Monday October 10, 2016 with these members in attendance:

Doug Marmie  
Carol Floyd  
Ryan Bubb  
Bill Cost Jr.  
Curtis Johnson for Mark Fraizer

1. **Resolution No. 16-89** appropriating monies for the current expenses of the municipal corporation was considered.

Section 1. There is hereby a request for an appropriation of the unappropriated balance of the 100, General Fund, in the amount of \$10,782.63 (Summer Youth Reimbursement)

Account	Description	Amount
100.432.5230	Temp Services	\$10,782.63

**Director Mauter-** this is a reimbursement for a grant she did for Jeff Hotchkiss to get a lot of the summer mowing done around the city.

**Motion by Mr. Bubb to send to full Council, second by Mr. Cost  
Motion passes 5-0.**

**Mr. Marmie-** right now in our unappropriated balance we have \$35,000.00 if my calculations are correct.

Section 2. There is hereby a request for an appropriation of the unappropriated balance of the 100, General Fund, in the amount of \$30,000.00 (Vehicle Maintenance)

Account	Description	Amount
100.204.5274	Vehicle Maintenance	\$30,000.00

**Chief Connor-** as I have spoken here before about maintenance money for our fire trucks, we have ourselves in a lurch again for an unexpected break down of two fire trucks. We currently have a bill for the repair of our rescue downtown which is our only rescue apparatus that spends most of its time in service while other are being maintained. The bill is \$28,000.00 and we currently have \$14,000.00 in our maintenance account for the remained of the year for the entire fleet. We have asked for the \$30,000.00 to be out in our maintenance account and after we pay these bills it will leaves again at about \$14,000.00 maybe \$15,000.00 for the remained of the year. There is a high probabily with our ladder truck downtown currently broken and is being assessed for damages and that will eat into that \$14,000.00. I just want to make you aware that this \$30,000.00 that would be put in our account will be used very quickly with the current bills we have then we are going to have to think about our future as to how to get our trucks maintained again and having the money to do that. Like I said before that is why the .25 levy for capital improvements is so important to us. We have significant need with the age of our fleet the maintenance cost are astronomical. We are just trying to keep them on the road so we have apparatus to respond to emergencies.

**Motion by Mrs. Floyd to send to full Council, second by Mr. Cost**

**Mr. Johnson-** do you do the repair work yourselves?

**Chief Connor-** we do, depending on the problem. For instance the ladder truck that is broke down right now can't be fixed locally. Jae's does a lot of maintenance on our fire apparatus however they were unable to identify the problem so an engineering company for fire trucks has to come in which gets expensive. There is no other way around that. There are no that many companies that do that kind of work except the manufacturer of a truck. Our rescue that just came back was in Springfield for two months and cost \$80,000.00. When you get into those types of fire trucks it is expensive already and finding the problems are time consuming and we all know they are paid by the hour.

**Mr. Marmie-** you mentioned the levy and so what is the game plan if that does not succeed? We have asked the administration, Mr. Ellington has and he has not heard anything back. So what is the game plan if that is not successful? Are part time firefighters still something? I know you had spoken about that and I haven't heard anything on that lately either.

**Chief Connor-** we haven't discussed part time firefighters. We spend and budget about \$80,000.00 a year for maintenance; we have spent over that 10 years in a row. Maintenance costs keep going up and we haven't been replacing apparatus like we have in the past. Where do we go from here if this levy doesn't pass? It is time for me to say there will be a reduction in service with less trucks on the road if I can't afford to replace them or repair them, that is just how it goes. The money provided will provide the service. I will do the best job I can with the money that is provided by the city but at this point we need additional revenue in order to keep these trucks on the road or replace them. We need a schedule. That is something that I have worked on since I have become the chief, two years now to try to identify our schedule for replacement, going by mileage and standards for things staying safe on the road. It is a very dynamic things are we going to

reduce services? It is potential that we will have engines that we can't fix and we can't put anyone on them. We don't have an extra engine which is our reserve. Most of the time one or the other engine is in service and it is a front line to replace that for the day or two or week however long until we get that other engine back. We don't have an extra engine just sitting there in case something happens. We always have something front line in service. It is a daily thing. Chief Simmons who is my physical resources chief and I come in everyday and look at what is broken, how to get it fixed and what does the money look like. We are watching our daily expenditures that is why we are back. We originally asked for \$50,000.00 and we are going to need more than the \$30,000.00 that I am asking for tonight. I know that it is budget time and money is tight. We are trying to be at the \$30,000.00 and come back to you when we can, we are doing our very best to get through the year.

**Mr. Bubb-** Doug you said there is \$35,000.00 in the general fund correct?

**Mr. Marmie-** yes in the unappropriated fund that is correct.

**Mr. Bubb-** I will support it but I'm concerned that we are getting low on the general fund money. It's a concern, it's not your fault but it is a concern going in considering where we are at on everything. I think that it is a sign that if the levy doesn't pass we aren't going to be able to move that capital improvement budget around anymore.

**Chief Connor-** I'm worried as well, I think about this every day.

**Motion passed by a vote of 5-0.**

Section 3. There is hereby a request for an appropriation of the unappropriated balance of the 931, Intra/Inter Government Fund, in the amount of \$29,077.91 (3<sup>rd</sup> Quarter Tax Collection Distribution)

Account	Description	Amount
931.136.5289	JEDZ 2 Distribution	\$29,077.91

**Director Mauter-** the City of Newark is the administrator for the JEDZ1 and JEDZ2 and the JED in Pataskala. Looking at this it appears to me that this is their third quarter distribution.

**Motion by Mr. Bubb to send to full Council, second by Mr. Mrs. Floyd**

**Motion passed by a vote of 5-0.**

**Mr. Marmie-** I am still wondering when we are going to have a Budget Review Committee and I will state that every single committee meeting and request that we get a date set for that.

Chair, Doug Marmie