

FINANCE COMMISSION MEETING
Minutes
October 13, 2023

A. Call To Order

The October 13, 2023 Finance Commission Meeting was called to order at 7:01AM by Chair, Jeremy VanEk, at 535 Duane Street, in Glen Ellyn, Illinois.

B. Roll Call

Jeremy VanEk	Chair	Present
Christopher Goodman	Vice-Chair	Present
Anne Arnold	Commissioner	Absent
Lea Dan	Commissioner	Present
Mike Graham	Commissioner	Absent
Leo Hoerdermann	Commissioner	Absent
Kevin Moffitt	Commissioner	Present
Brian Niksa	Commissioner	Present
Scott Waldbusser	Commissioner	Present

Also Present: Village Trustee Kelli Christiansen, Village Manager, Mark Franz, Interim Finance Director, Patrick Brankin, Rich Daubert, Village Public Works Department Engineer, and Cheryl Backhaus, Village Accounts Manager.

C. Public Comment

None

D. Approval of Minutes

- 1) Minutes – August 11, 2023 and Special Meeting September 1, 2023

MOVED: **Chair, Jeremy VanEk, asked if there was a motion to approve minutes of Finance Commission Meeting presented, 8/11/2023, Special Meeting, 9/1/2023.**

RESULT: **Motion Unanimously Carried**

MOVER: **Commissioner, Brian Niksa**

SECONDER: **Commissioner, Kevin Moffitt**

AYES: **Commissioners, Christopher Goodman, Scott Waldbusser, and Lea Dan.**

ABSENT: **Commissioners, Anne Arnold, Leo Hoerdermann, and Mike Graham.**

E. Capital Improvement Plan Update

1) Update on the Capital Improvement Plan

Rich Daubert, Village Public Works Engineer conducted the presentation. The Public Works Capital Plan Overview is \$32.2M. This includes Capital Projects, \$21.3M, Water Projects \$6.7M, and Sewer Projects, \$4.2M. The Capital Projects include Street Rehabilitation for 5.8 miles at \$14M (\$8M Capital/MFT, \$4M Water, \$2M Sewer. There is some work being done this year which is included in these numbers. This project is two parts due to funds being received from Rebuild Illinois Fund (\$1.8M). There is a portion of the project which will include water main replacement. A part of the Sewer portion is proactive service maintenance eliminating the portions which have lead. There is about 11 miles of lead lines. In 2027, it will go into effect to eliminate all lead service lines over a period of time. The findings have identified mostly lead service on the Public side versus the Private side. We are foreseeing 15-17 years to complete the elimination of lead services starting in 2027.

“How is our current roadway maintenance?” There are 7 miles of resurfacing this year and 6 miles next year outside of Streetscape. The goal is to extend timeline by doing more patching. There was an evaluation completed comparing to other communities. Glen Ellyn is in good condition in comparison to other communities. The goal is to do about \$1M more in street repairs each year. Asphalt Preservation \$415K Capital; \$250K street patching, \$45K crack sealing, and \$120K to preservation life. There is also \$200K targeted for concrete patching.

There are other projects, one being the Crescent/Glenwood improvements targeting \$500K. This project design is still under review for improvements in consideration of use for other events. This is a placeholder value since design hasn’t been completed.

There will be a new sidewalk at the area of Brandon Avenue - Greenfield to Fairview at \$150K. This was petitioned by residents for construction. Given by a school, it was recommended to have

the project completed in 2024. There will be a sidewalk installed (\$100K) at Hickory Street at the request of residents and included in the 2024 budget. It will be included in 2024 because of safety due to students getting on/off bus at this location. There will also be \$12K used for CCDD certification. This is a process used to determine waste is good to go to landfill.

The water and sewer projects will be sanitary sewer lining and point repairs, \$500K. In addition, Hill Avenue water and sewer improvements \$3.3M.

The same contractor will be used to design our 2025 and 2026 Engineer Design Projects. The budget is \$667K across Capital, Water, and Sewer. Kevin Moffitt asked for a high level scope of the condition of our roadways. “What is the Design Element?” “What are we looking at making streets better.” There is a detailed plan needed to be put together. The ‘Design’ includes the need for contract ideas, CAD drawings, sending the designs out for bid, selecting a contract, bidding/contract plans outside of the Village. The goal is to have the designs complete so when funding is available the project is ready to be started. Lea Dan asked “Were accidents considered when designs were being created.” It was discussed traffic complaints and safety were looked at for a 5-year run. The accidents are looked at more for federal projects than local projects.

The Train Station has a three phase project plan. The Board did approve 30% design budget. The remaining costs are budgeted to be available when designs have been completed.

Lea Dan, “Are we in minority of communities with an underpass at train station?” Elmhurst also does not have underpass at train station. Lombard, Wheaton, and Winfield do have underpass at their stations. There is a push from disabled individuals to be able to cross tracks safely. The hopes are to present to the Board next month (Phase II Design for Train Station). The use of \$1.6M needs to be obligated by September 2026 or the funds will be forfeited. The local businesses expressed great interest in the Train Station project because the current perception is parking is better on the North Side of the tracks than on the South Side of the tracks. There is a belief with the installation of the underpass it will create better access for foot traffic between the different sides of the train tracks.

“What is the extent of Federal Support of Train Station Project?” Phase I - III is estimated to be \$45M. \$10M is previously planned Streetscape and utility improvement for Crescent & Forest. Village support of project is estimated to be 25% of project, \$13.6M. We are anticipating receipt of \$11M from contingency. We will file again once we are further into completion of designs. Glen Ellyn scored higher than Elmhurst on our grant application but initially received less funds given we weren’t as far into design as Elmhurst. The maximum federal support is 80% of project.

The traffic signal improvements will be \$200K. There are many traffic lights from the 1990’s requiring updates and repair. Panfish Park will have \$300K in improvements. Village Links is contributing \$100K next year to this project. The Glenwood Station Development (McChesney) are constructing improvements to match our Streetscape. The Village will reimburse for the improvements, \$200K. The Village will be reimbursing (\$550K) to the developer of Glen Estates Development improvements (across from Glen Oak Country Club) for rebuilding Hill Avenue and other improvements. \$10K will be utilized in helping to repair stormwater drainage challenges. There are areas icing over creating safety hazards as a result of sump pump discharge. The Street Lighting projects will have \$15K for repairs and replacements as needed. The many requests

regarding safety concerns are addressed with the capital \$10K. This amount covers the cost of the investigations and evaluations of the numerous safety concerns addressed by the public to the Village.

The 5-year Improvement Plan Draft for 2024-2028 is \$120M, excluding Debt Services. It includes 29 miles of road improvements, averaging 5.8 miles per year. \$17M is allocated to Water Main Replacement. This includes some lead service line replacement. There is a plan to put a plan in place to remove all lead services. This will be a significant cost. Public Works is working on the plan. The plan assumes \$34M in receipt of grants with an additional \$7.5M needed. The Capital Improvement Plan includes additional \$5M General Obligation Bond Issuance in 2025. This is with an Assumed Debt Service of \$388K/year. With the consideration of all discussed, the Capital Projects Fund balance stays in a positive. Mark Franz indicated the goal is to try to not issue bonds.

Our current debt required of \$24.4M to fund Civic Center Renovations and Parking Garage, Streetscape and Utility Improvements, and Metra Station Underpass Project. \$19.8 of the above has already been issued. The Food/Beverage Tax Revenue is \$1.8M. Debt Service for total \$24.4M in bonds is estimated to be \$1.7M. If Food/Beverage Tax Revenue continues to grow, it is anticipated to cover the debt of bonds if needed. The overall Tax Revenue is performing well.

F. Parking Fund Discussion and Forecast

1) Parking Fund Discussion and Forecast

Cheryl Backhaus presented Parking Fund Discussion. There are four parking options: Commuter, Merchant, Overnight, and Blue Dot. There are 10 permitted Commuter/Merchant daytime lots. Some of the lots/land are owned a 1/3 by Village, County [Prairie Path], and Union Pacific. There are four overnight lots Monday - Friday, 6:00PM - 7:00AM. There is no over night parking 2:00AM - 6:00AM without a permit. There is an area in Civic Center on 2nd/3rd floor (10 spaces) that allows for residents to not have to move their car at 7AM. There is a Blue Dot permits utilized by Merchants to be able to park on designated streets that allows them to exceed standard parking time restrictions. The permitted lots are open to free customer parking after 11:00AM with the exception of Park/Montclair Lot, which opens at 2:00PM. These lots are also free on the weekends. There is currently a 5-year train lot wait list which has gone down from a 12 year wait. There are 300 residents on the waitlist. The other lots have 100 residents on a 1-year waiting list. The permits are renewed annually (January – December). Invoicing occurs in November and must be paid by 12/31. There is a 2 week grace period, in which the Finance department reaches out to the unpaid permit holders to remind them of the invoice otherwise they will lose their permit. After the grace period, outreach takes place to the wait list. Residents on the wait list are allowed 1 pass. If they refuse the permit offered and have already passed, they will be removed from the wait list.

The Pay & Display lots: Duane&Lorraine - \$2/day and Main & Prairie Path (pilot program) - \$5/day. The app to pay for parking is called Passport.

Parking Meters are 3-hour and 6-hour meters are being phased out to become Pay&Display. The 3-hour meters are currently covered during Streetscape. The technology is still being reviewed to move forward with more Pay&Display.

There are 250 Glenbard West parking spaces on Village streets. The high school does not have student parking.

There is an overage of 25% sale of permits. It is monitored with police to help monitor to ensure those with permits do have a spot to park. There are many options for permit parking at Civic Center and Duane&Lorraine Lot.

The parking challenges we face are relocation during construction, special events, and garage maintenance. There is a need for reviewing overnight parking needs, Glenbard West student parking, and merchant parking needs.

The Parking Fund Forecast end of year fund balance is still healthy. On the Revenue Leased Parking Lot fees is scheduled to increase based on the approved ordinance. It was approved by Board increase every 2-years as determined by CPI. In 2024, 10% increase and 2026 a 6% increase is assumed. On Expenditure side, Civic Center will have maintenance needs. There is a 20-year plan and has adjustments with inflation. There is a lease expenditure which are associated with lots not owned by Village. They are owned by Union Pacific.

VanEk recommended looking into Forecast of maintenance of lots, resurfacing. “We need to look out at longer period of time.” “It seems we need to build up a balance depending on what lots are being maintained.” “Do we have a schedule when lots be repaved, does all the funding come out of this fund, and how often does the paving need to be done?” “Can we find out when all the lots were last resurfaced and use the information to build a forecast on building up the fund for resurfacing/maintenance?” This will be added to a follow-up item.

G. Staff Report

There was a call on September 8, 2023 to discuss PMA of \$25M-\$30M laddering strategy with treasuries and CD's so there were maturities every 3-months. At some point when Larry was getting ready to depart, there were some maturities where nothing had been reinvested. There was a call with PMA and the Sub-Committee and it was decided to continue with the laddering strategy with 18, 21, and 24 month maturities in PMA investments. There is \$2-\$3M maturing each quarter for the next 2 years.

The proposed EMS/Fire Fund fee structure was presented to the Board. There was general agreement that additional revenue was needed, but the current structure is viewed as a 'regressive' way to do it. The Board was overall good with the increase every 2 years as part of the ordinance to the Board. The Board would prefer allocating each of the three fees by cost center rather than split evenly. There may be a need to go back to the Board Meeting or workshop for further discussion.

H. Chairperson's Report

There has been an updated Finance Commission biography book distributed via email.

I. Trustee Liaison's Report

Trustee Christiansen presented the Trustee Report. The Village Board approved a Grant Program with a pool of \$100,000. \$4500-\$6000 grants can be granted. There was only one business who applied.

Glenbard Wastewater Program is a joint program between Glen Ellyn and Lombard. There is a meeting on November 13, 2023 where Glen Ellyn and Lombard Boards will meet jointly. They will be seeking approval \$7M in revenue bonds for a project. The Streetscape Project is heading slightly ahead of schedule. The hopes are on 10/28 the primary work will be completed.

The Park/US Bank site is taking a bit longer than expected. There was an approval to extend the deadline. There is a concern on how the park will be funded. There is a joint meeting of Village and Park Board coming up to work through concerns of where funds will come from to complete the design and what the design will be.

J. Other Business

None

K. Reminders

- 1) Next Meeting: Friday, November 10, 2023 at 7:00 AM

L. Adjourn

Commissioner Brian Niksa, moved to adjourn and Commissioner, Kevin Moffitt, seconded, to adjourn the meeting. The meeting was adjourned at 8:35 AM.

Submitted By: Lisa M. McDougal, Recording Secretary