

**FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETING
SEPTEMBER 13, 2011**

Chairman Gary Maitland called the meeting to order at 7:20 pm.

Members present: Stephen Appell, JoAnn Hudson

Also present: President Claeysen, Chief Todd Houde, Treasurer, Karen Melloch

Trustees: Scott Kramer, Sally Hollembeak, David Schroeder, Nancy Belt

Gary Maitland moved to adopt the agenda with deleting executive session.

Stephen Appell seconded. Motion carried by voice vote.

Gary Maitland moved to approve the minutes of August 9, 2011. JoAnn Hudson seconded. Motion carried by voice vote.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Treasurer Karen Melloch submitted the expenses year to date report and noted that the legal fees are at 56 % and should be 33%. The sale tax revenues are up \$71,985.31 from a year ago.

REVIEW INVOICES FOR PAYMENT: Gary Maitland asked everyone to continue reviewing the invoices for five minutes.

PAYMENT OF THE BILLS

Gary Maitland moved to send to the village board to authorize payment of all bills signed and approved by the finance committee on September 13, 2011. Stephen Appell seconded. Motion carried by voice vote.

BUDGET CALENDAR

Gary Maitland reported that in the month of September the department heads should begin reviewing 2011/2012 budget expenditure line items.

TELECOMMUNICATION REPORT

Stephen Appell said that he would like to recommend eliminating the telecommunication tax based on the fact that the one percent sale tax referendum passed. JoAnn Hudson said that she agrees with Stephen Appell to eliminate the tax, she said that she believes that the village should not tax its residents unless it is voted on by the public. President Jim Claeysen said that at this time the telecommunication tax should not be eliminated or reduced until the village starts collecting the one percent sales tax to see what the numbers are going to come in at. Gary Maitland said the village expenses increase every year and the board continues to cut each department's budgets, he said he can not vote to eliminate the tax by reducing the village's revenues before the numbers from the one percent come in. Everyone agreed. It was the consensus that the finance agenda include the telecommunication tax.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

President Jim Claeysen announced that the village's wide garage sale is September 16 – 17, 2011, and Village Clerk, Nancy Belt is organizing the 5th Annual Shred Day held October 5, 2011 and is coordinating a can food drive with the Cherry Valley's Men's and the Northern Illinois Food Bank the same day.

Gary Maitland moved to adjourn the meeting at 7:47 pm. JoAnn Hudson seconded. Motion carried by voice vote

Recorded by: Village Clerk, Nancy L. Belt

Chairman, Gary Maitland approved the minutes on September 14, 2011