

**Minutes
Finance Committee
Village Office, Three South Main Street
Thornville, Ohio
September 6, 2022**

Attendee List:

Committee Members

Sterling Krout- Chair
Gina Kaetzel- Vice Chair
Jill Anderson

Village Officials:

Dan Harmon, Mayor
Traci Sturgill, Village Administrator/Clerk
Dan Williams, Chief of Police
Kelly Beem, Interim Fiscal Officer

Guests:

Lynne Snider

Committee Chair Sterling Krout called the Finance Committee Meeting to order on September 6, 2022 @ 7:19 pm.

Roll Call:

Roll call was taken with Committee Chair Sterling Krout, Committee Vice Chair Gina Kaetzel and Committee member Jill Anderson present.

Review/Approval of Finance Committee Agenda for September 6, 2022

Committee Chair Sterling Krout asked for a **motion** to approve the business agenda for September 6, 2022. A **motion** was made by Committee Vice Chair Gina Kaetzel to approve the agenda and was seconded by Committee member Jill Anderson. A roll call vote was taken with all committee members voting aye.

Roll Call:

Jill Anderson –aye
Sterling Krout- aye
Gina Kaetzel- aye

Motion passed 3-0

Review/ Approval of Finance Committee Minutes for June 6, 2022

Committee Chair Sterling Krout asked for a **motion** to approve the committee minutes from June 6, 2022. A **motion** was made by Committee Vice Chair Gina Kaetzel and seconded by Committee member Jill Anderson. A roll call vote was taken with all members voting aye.

Roll Call:

Sterling Krout – aye
Jill Anderson- aye
Gina Kaetzel- aye

Motion passed 3-0

Old Business: None

New Business:

- RESOLUTION #22-07 A RESOLUTION ACCEPTING THE AMOUNTS AND RATES DETERMINED BY THE BUDGET COMMISSION AND AUTHORIZING THE NECESSARY TAX LEVIES AND CERTIFYING THEM TO THE COUNTY AUDITOR AND PASSING AS AN EMERGENCY.

Village Administrator Traci Sturgill advised council this is just our yearly resolution from the auditors for appropriations.

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Committee Chair Sterling Krout asked for a **motion** Resolution #22-07 to regular council. **Motion** seconded by Committee Vice Chair Gina Kaetzel. A roll call vote was taken with all committee members voting aye.

Roll Call:

Sterling Krout- aye

Gina Kaetzel- aye

Jill Anderson- aye

Motion passed 3-0

- Income Tax- Village Administrator Traci Sturgill let council know she was invited and attended a meeting last week at the Village of Somerset along with other surrounding villages for a meeting in regards to implementation of an income tax. Many surrounding Villages either already have an income tax implemented or are working on doing so to help fund paving, parks & recreation, pools, streets, storm etc. It is a 1% income tax. It isn't worth doing to for some small villages because you need to have a large company in the corporation limits. For example, Somerset has Genesis hospital which would bring them approximately \$800,000 per year in additional revenue. Mayor Harmon added it would also bring in money from those that work remotely. Interim Fiscal Officer Kelly Beem also added the tax doesn't affect those on retirement or pensions, disability or social security. The 1% is only on the earned income. If you ask for higher than 1%, it has to be on the ballot. 1% and under does not. A group from the state taxation department takes care of setting it all up, send out letters & forms to employers and taxpayers. They also collect the funds and disburse them to the Villages. Council member Sterling Krout asked how much the company is paid to provide this service? Kelly stated it depends on the amount of revenue that is generated. Mayor Harmon feels this would not help bring new business to our Village and is totally against it. Village Administrator Traci Sturgill just wanted council to know she attended the meeting and it is an option in years down the road of helping to fund the items here that Village citizens are requesting. Council member Sterling Krout thanked Traci for attending this and looking for ways to help the Village financially. Council member Gina Kaetzel feels it is a great thing to keep in the back of our minds for the future. Traci added we would definitely want to have public meetings before ever implementing something like this. Sterling agreed. Committee feels this is something we should put on our yearly survey next year, just to get an idea of what the citizen thoughts and opinions are on the subject. Traci advised the surveys went really well with the citizens. We had a lot of really nice comments on them and thanking us for doing them. Sterling feels even getting the community involved, even if they vote completely against it, at least they know that we are thinking of other options and that line of communication is open and we are listening. Kelly added this tax is fairer than the property tax because you aren't going after just property owners. You are getting all the tenants and those that use your streets, pools, alley's & parks. We could also look at increasing the parks & recreation levy. This currently only brings in \$12,000 per year which only covers the gasoline, weed spray and small items to maintain all of our parks around the Village. The committee would like to see the survey sent out yearly.

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Adjournment:

With no further business, Committee Chair Sterling Krout made a **motion** to adjourn the meeting and was seconded by Committee Vice Chair Gina Kaetzel. A roll call vote was taken with all members voting aye.

Roll Call:

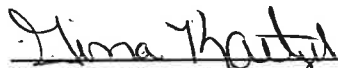
Sterling Krout- aye

Jill Anderson- aye

Gina Kaetzel - aye

Motion passed 3-0.

Meeting adjourned @ 7:40 p.m.



Sterling Krout, Committee Chair
Gina Kaetzel



Traci Sturgill, Clerk of Council