MAYOR JOHN LICASTRO
TOM McDONALD, CHAIR
KEITH BENJAMIN
TRACY HOEFLING

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MR. McDONALD:  It is very close to 5:30
so we will call the meeting to order and I'd like
to have the roll call.

MS. COOKS:  Mr. Benjamin?
MR. BENJAMIN:  Here.
MS. COOKS:  Ms. Hoefling?
MS. HOEFLING:  Here. And I'll entertain
a motion to approve the minutes of the prior
meeting, which was on July 6th.

MS. HOEFLING:  So move.
MR. BENJAMIN:  Second.

MR. McDONALD:  Moved and seconded. All
in favor?

Ayes:  3. Nays:  0.

MR. McDONALD:  I'll so move.

MAYOR LICASTRO:  Any questions from
anybody on this document?

MR. YONCHAK:  Just the legal fees if you
just give me a summary of -- I mean, it's about
$12,000 in legal fees. Can you just summarize
what -- I know we have court and things like
that. It is a little higher.

MAYOR LICASTRO:  Yeah. I mean, it's all
the usual categories. If you could come to the
office for the particulars, Bob, I can't recall
exactly how much to which, but some of it's
lawsuit, some of it is whatever. Come to Village
Hall and I'll be happy to show you the details.

MR. McDONALD:  Is that a normal month?
MAYOR LICASTRO:  Usually it's around 10.
This is a little bit more. It's been higher.

But, you know, depositions, litigation, questions
from Village Hall, it's all there in the details.

MR. McDONALD:  Any other questions?
MAYOR LICASTRO:  Let me make a couple
comments. You'll see under recreation we did
purchase and receive our road salt.

MS. COOKS:  Recreation.

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MAYOR LICASTRO:  I'm sorry, service, I
beg your pardon. Third item under service, we
received our road salt, which is a good thing.

So we'll well stocked. Even though it's a
beautiful day, we know winter is coming. They're
predicting heavy snow and cold for Northeast
Ohio. I hope they're wrong.

MR. YONCHAK:  How much road salt is
that? It looks like 14,000 is a lot.

MAYOR LICASTRO:  We authorized 250 tons,
Bob. So last year we got 200 and we have about
70 tons leftover. It was cutting it kind of
close.

MS. COOKS:  150 ton.

MAYOR LICASTRO:  150 tons. So we
probably have about 40 or 50 tons leftover, but
to be safe we went from 150 to 250 to make sure
we had enough. And we have emergency sources we
could utilize if need be, but better to have it
in the storage shed. And we get it on a contract
with ODOT, which is way cheaper than if we buy
it on the market.

MR. McDONALD:  That's for the season,
correct? That's salt will last the whole winter?

MAYOR LICASTRO:  Let's hope. I mean, we
have estimated it should, but again, if not, we
have some emergency -- ODOT would always give us
some backup salt if we need it, but this should
last us.

MS. BURKE-JONES: Can I ask a question?

MAYOR LICASTRO: Joyce, yes.

MS. BURKE-JONES: Is that a final number
for the architects, the architect's contract?

MAYOR LICASTRO: I don't know that. It
was 31,000. This came to 9,000. I'm not sure if
it's the last one, Joyce.

MS. BURKE-JONES: Thank you.

MAYOR LICASTRO: Any other questions for
us?

MR. McDONALD: Hearing none, I'll
entertain a motion to approve pay claims.

MAYOR LICASTRO: Recommend.

MR. BENJAMIN: So moved.

MS. HOEFLING: Second.

MR. McDONALD: Moved and seconded. All
in favor?

Ayes: 3. Nays: 0.

MS. MEADE: 100 percent of the
collected income tax stay with Bratenahl?

MAYOR LICASTRO: Say that again, please.

MS. MEADE: Income, not property.

MS. COOKS: I understand the question.

So I'm going to say this back to you. So a
portion -- yes, all of it stays with Bratenahl.
20 percent is periodically transferred into the
special revenue fund.

MS. MEADE: 20 percent of the 100
percent is transferred to the special revenue
fund, which is what?

MS. COOKS: 2071.

MS. MEADE: What kind of projects are in
that fund?

MS. COOKS: What do you mean what kind
of projects?

MS. MEADE: Well, you said 20 percent
goes to the special project fund.

MS. COOKS: I said special revenue.

MS. MEADE: What would be special
revenue?
MS. COOKS: Yes. Thank you.

MS. MEADE: How much of the rec levy was roughly collected in 2021?

MS. COOKS: Ms. Meade, I don't know that off the top of my head.

MS. MEADE: Do you happen to know off the top of your head how much net income tax we collect annually and how much net property tax we collect annually?

MS. COOKS: Not off the top of my head.

MS. MEADE: Could you get it to me?

MS. COOKS: Sure.

MS. MEADE: And then if someone could just re-explain about inside millage and how that works.

MAYOR LICASTRO: So every political subdivision has the right to tax the residents a certain limit of property tax without voting authority. It's referred to as inside millage. I think Bratenahl's limitation is 10 mills. So of that a portion goes to general fund and then other inside millage, some of it is allocated to police and fire. So that millage is for the general fund, but it's, again, under the cap given every political subdivision to levy those taxes without going to the voters. Everything else is deemed outside millage and that all has to be approved by the voters.

MS. MEADE: How does the inside millage get collected?

MAYOR LICASTRO: Through property tax.

MS. COOKS: All of it is property tax.

MAYOR LICASTRO: All of it is property tax. Inside and outside millage is all property tax.

MS. MEADE: And then the governor has recently approved another 42 million for crime prevention programs, which totals now up to 100 million for grants for police. So I was wondering what Bratenahl, if you know anything about the program, if you're planning to apply, would the building or aspects of the building qualify for those grant monies. What can you tell me?

MAYOR LICASTRO: Those monies are for first responders in particular if you're talking about the same funds. Some of that could be done in the form of bonuses and other specifics. I don't have the law in front of me, but the monies I think you're referring to, they're not ARPA monies. It's State money for that purpose.

MS. MEADE: I think they got ARPA. It's like two funds. They just got another 42 on top of the 58, so they have 100 total. They said it was for Federal Coronavirus, the last one was for crime reduction programs to cover everyday costs, payroll, equipment, hiring bonuses, improvement, technology, training, anything to help reduce crime. So I was wondering if there are any plans to pursue a grant.

MAYOR LICASTRO: Yes. The Chief has undertaken an effort to submit grants for what he thinks the department needs.

MS. MEADE: Can the proposed new Village Hall, the FFE for exterior cameras?

MAYOR LICASTRO: As it pertains to the police department, that's correct.

MAYOR LICASTRO: Not to my knowledge.

MS. MEADE: I hope someone is actually talking to them, because I think some of it would qualify. So I'm wondering how it would impact.

MAYOR LICASTRO: FFE is really two years down the road. I'm not sure how that would affect the grant, but we're looking at all aspects of it.

MS. MEADE: So chief LoBello is the one submitting the grant?

MAYOR LICASTRO: Yes. The Chief has undertaken an effort to submit grants for what he thinks the department needs.

MR. BENJAMIN: Is that a motion? Motion to adjourn?

MAYOR LICASTRO: Yes.

MR. BENJAMIN: I didn't hear it.

MR. McDONALD: Motion to adjourn.

MR. BENJAMIN: I'll second it.

MR. McDONALD: All in favor?

Ayes: 3. Nays: 0.

MR. McDONALD: We're adjourned.

(Meeting adjourned at 5:43 p.m.)
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