

**VILLAGE OF MANSFIELD  
FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETING  
February 19, 2020**

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The Village of Mansfield Finance Committee met at the Village Building at 101 E. State St. in Mansfield at 6:30pm. Roll was taken with Lucas Gilbert, Don Deffenbaugh, Ron Konen, and Andy Stiger present.

Gilbert said an item on the audit report to be taken care of is that the people signing checks should change. Konen suggested removing the clerk and treasurer and adding the Board President, and two Executive Committee members, which are Deffenbaugh and Jones.

Gilbert initiated the conversation about either making the treasurer an elected position, or combining the clerk and treasurer position, or continuing to find someone to fill the position. Konen said he likes the idea of the clerk doing both jobs. Stiger pointed out that Konen did not like that the clerk and treasurer work together outside of the Village and wanted to know his thoughts about why he likes the idea of combining the two jobs. Konen said there already is not enough people in positions to have a proper segregations of duties, so changing the jobs into one position really is not much of a change from how the board currently operates.

Deffenbaugh described how the fire department operates their positions. Gilbert said he is not totally against combining the jobs, but he would like to see if there were any qualified people interested first. He said if the clerk leaves, it is easier to train just a clerk than it is to train one person on both jobs. He knew his mother could be interested, but said if that did happen, he would excuse himself from the selection process.

Deffenbaugh likes to people in those jobs and would like to see good resumes on applicants to know if they would be qualified. There was discussion about whether the clerk would need to also apply for the treasurer job.

Stiger said there has to be an ordinance before the end of the fiscal year to remove the Treasurer position. He suggested putting notices out about the job and checking applications around early April. Clerk Place said the board could keep Tom Gilbert as a consultant if the timetable did not allow proper training before May 1, so he could stay on and get a new treasurer up to speed.

Stiger described a documentary he wanted the board to consider watching before the next meeting called All the Queen's Horses and illegal activity involving Dixon, IL board some years ago.

Gilbert said he would get the clerk the requirements of the job this week to get them posted by Feb. 23. Resumes and applications will be asked for by March 16 so interviews can occur between then and April meeting. Stiger suggested members of the Finance Committee do the interviews and make a recommendation to him.

**Gilbert moved, Deffenbaugh seconded to move into Closed Session. Roll call: ALL YES. Motion carried 4-0.**  
Meeting moved to closed session.

Meeting returned to open session.

**Konen moved, Gilbert seconded to adjourn the meeting. Roll call: ALL YES. Motion carried 3-0.**

Submitted by:  
/s/ Melissa Place  
Melissa Place, Village Clerk