

**Minutes of the Meeting of the Finance Committee of Council
Held in the Caucus Room of the Municipal Building
On Monday, January 27, 2020**

The Chairman, Ward 1 Councilman Bob Butkowski, called the meeting to order at 6:35 P.M.

Committee Members Present:

Chairman, Ward 1 Councilman Bob Butkowski

Councilwoman-at-Large Tammy Holtzmeier; Ward 2 Councilman Dennis McBride

Others in Attendance:

Service Director Mike Farmer; Mayor Bryan Jensen; Tom Kramig, Lake Erie Crushers; John Polinko, on behalf of the Lake Erie Crushers; Councilman-at-Large Craig Witherspoon; Law Director John Gasior; Council President Brian Fischer; Finance Director Bill Logan; Ward 4 Councilman Scott Radcliffe, Ward 3 Councilman Tony Moore

Discussion of the Lease with Blue Dog Baseball

Mr. Butkowski stated that he wanted to begin the meeting with the clarification of what they were working with tonight. He said that currently, the Lake Erie Crushers are under a contractual obligation for annual payments of \$250,000 in rent through 2024 and then at that point there are five-year options from that point further. Mr. Kramig, a representative of Blue Dog Baseball LLC, has come before Council and asked for a rent reduction from \$250,000 a year to \$100,000 a year over the next 10 years. He asked Mr. Kramig if that was correct and Mr. Kramig responded, yes, that is correct.

Mr. Butkowski said that, if anybody had any comments before they go into Executive Session to further discuss this issue, he would open the floor up now so we have that opportunity to talk before going into Executive Session. There were no comments.

Executive Session

A motion was made by Mr. Butkowski and seconded by Mrs. Holtzmier to enter into Executive Session to Discuss Municipal Real Estate Contractual Obligation and the vote was all ayes.

Reconvene

Mr. Butkowski called into session the Finance Committee of Council at 7:27 P.M.

Adjourn

Mr. Butkowski adjourned the meeting.

Transcribed by Gail Hayden, Assistant Clerk of Council