

Finance Committee Meeting

August 13, 2025

Call to order at 6 p.m. by Dawn King

Pledge of Allegiance

Roll Call: Dawn King, Steve Thorn, David Sluka

Others present: Mayor Tammy Meyer, Fiscal Officer Maryann Fabian

Citizens: Denise DiLellio

Accept minutes

- ❖ The minutes from 7.9.2025 were presented. Steve made a motion to approve. David second. All ayes.

Financial Reports

Maryann reviewed the financial reports along with an update on the audit.

Tammy addressed the deterioration and closure of the Buchert Park trail, noting that future repairs will be necessary. The red building adjacent to the trail, currently used by the Soap Box Derby for storage, will need to be removed. She has given the Soap Box Derby 60 days to vacate the building. At this stage, she is still exploring options to determine the best approach for the repairs.

- ❖ Steve made a motion to move the financial reports to council. David second. All ayes.

Review of Finance Legislation

ORD 2025-30 AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING CERTAIN ADJUSTMENTS TO THE 2025 APPROPRIATIONS AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY. Maryann explained that this ordinance was for engineering for Buchert Park Phase 6, and to correct an error in payments that were taken out of the Road & Bridge fund.

- ❖ Dave made a motion to move legislation to council. Steve second. All ayes.

Discussions

Maryann explained she has been working on the 2026 Appropriations and has made the following adjustments:

- General Fund revenue was increased by \$46,485 based on updated data from RITA and the county.
- Police Department
 - Police Officer wages are based on historical wage expenditures.
 - Additional wage funds can be appropriated by Council once the Chief hires more personnel.
- Service Department
 - Wages adjusted to reflect the new labor configurations.
 - Awaiting verification of operating expenses from the department.

Tammy shared that she had a meeting with the solicitor and Steve to address the condition of the roads following the PCWR water project. Based on the solicitor's advice, she plans to reach out

to one of the commissioners for support. She emphasized the need to improve the roads for residents and to ensure they are in suitable condition for snow plowing this winter.

Maryann said that she listened to the Safety meeting and concerns were raised that the dispatch cost figures presented may have been misleading, as they don't reflect the actual savings if the Village discontinues the service. The first-year savings are estimated at \$152,220, with a possible additional \$30,000 in future years, excluding contract value. While financially sound, ending dispatch against public sentiment could damage community trust and impact future initiatives like the 2027 Road and Bridge Levy. The State Auditor's Office advised using the 2021 police budget, adjusted for inflation and tax revenue, to track the ½% income tax increase. Based on this, the adjusted police budget should be between \$857,480 (number not adjusted for inflation) and \$964,335 (number is adjusted for inflation). The current 2026 budget is within this range. Council should ensure all constituents are represented.

David mentioned that if Village Council votes to eliminate dispatch, a flyer would be distributed to inform the public about the projected savings and the rationale behind the decision. He also suggested that the council have a special workshop to discuss dispatch.

New or Other Business

Tammy said that she does not have anybody for the Village Administrator position yet, and Rachel took over Zoning Inspector. Tammy said that there are not any big projects going on now, so she is not in a hurry to fill this position, and she could save the village money. Maryann asked if she was going to advertise the position. Tammy replied starting the beginning of next week she would advertise.

Steve said that Dawn was stepping down as chairperson, and David has agreed to be chairperson, starting next month.

Tammy reminded everyone that there will be an Appropriation workshop after next month's Finance meeting.

Dawn adjourned the meeting at 7:04 p.m.