

**VILLAGE OF FONTANA ON GENEVA LAKE
WALWORTH COUNTY, WISCONSIN**

(Final Minutes)

Finance Committee

September 18, 2023

The monthly meeting of the Finance Committee was called to order by Chairman Pat Kenny at 5:06 pm on Monday, September 18, 2023

Members Present: President Pat Kenny, Bob Klockars, Rob Rowe, Mike Sheyker, Tom Marek, Jim Feeney

Members Absent: Thomas Freytag

Also Present: Treasurer Liz Baumann, Library Director Walter Burkhalter, Public Works Director Kevin Day, Trustee Stan Livingston, Park Committee Chairperson Sarah Lobdell, Administrator Theresa Loomer

Visitors Heard

None

General Business

Approve Minutes for Meeting held on August 23, 2023

The minutes for the August 23rd meeting were distributed.

Rowe/Sheyker 2nd made a MOTION to approve the minutes from August 23, 2023, meeting as presented, and the MOTION carried without negative vote.

Finance Committee's Initial Review of Preliminary 2024 Budget Worksheets for Municipal Court, Building Inspection, Library, Parks, & Department of Public Works

Library Director Burkhalter presented the preliminary 2024 budget for the library, which included new computers and adding two security cameras along with an increase in the minimum exemption. Administrator Loomer explained the village has been providing a stipend for the last few years to help offset the cost of health insurance. The Village is allowed to pay 88% of the premium of the average of the tier 1 plan. The last two years the village has paid a stipend to the employees to help offset the rising cost of health insurance. The village would like to do away with the insurance stipend and get back to the 88%. Next week Loomer will present some options. With the increase in health insurance premiums for 2024, she is looking at an increase in wages to offset the increase in health insurance premiums plus a wage increase of 4%. Trustee Livingston presented the Parks Budget and explained the traditional landscaping contracts are in the budget along with \$9,000 for replacing soccer goals and benches, \$3,500 for the construction of the Memorial Wall at Reid Park. The Parks Commission is asking for \$50,000 for a donation to Never Say Never Parks, which is designed for all kids and adults including those with disabilities. The Parks Commission is also asking for \$6,500 to split the cost of a mower with DPW. Public Works Director Kevin Day presented his department's budget. They are asking for \$5,000 for a new furnace at the DPW building, \$6,500 to split with parks to purchase a mower, \$68,000 to replace Truck #1, \$10,000 to rebuild the beach rake, and \$10,000 to replace tires on loader. Treasurer Baumann presented the Municipal Court's 2024 budget which included \$400 for a new printer/copier, and potential expenses to review the air conditioning system in their area of the building. Administrator Loomer presented the Building Inspector budget. The Village is contracted with Safebuilt at an 80/20 split, with 80% of the inspection fees being paid out to Safebuilt. Loomer is anticipating 2024 revenue will be increased to \$125,000. Municipal Code Enforcement, Allison Schwark, was at \$50 per hour but is now at \$65 per hour since she is now doing both code enforcement and zoning. Loomer explained that previously the village was paying \$75 for zoning and \$50 for code enforcement services, but now we pay Allison \$65 per hour whether she is doing code enforcement or zoning. Loomer explained that the village retains

all of the zoning fee revenue which should offset the fees paid. Loomer explained that code enforcement expenses for 2024 will increase and also a new computer is needed for the zoning office.

Set Next Meeting Date

A next meeting will be the second budget workshop on Tuesday, September 26th, 4:00 PM

Adjournment

Feeney/Marek 2nd made a MOTION to adjourn the meeting at 5:38pm, and the MOTION carried without negative vote.

Minutes prepared by: Liz Baumann, Treasurer

Note: These minutes are subject to further editing. Once approved by the Finance Committee, the official minutes will be kept on file at the Village Hall.

APPROVED: 1/24/2024