

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

**(Official Minutes)**

**Finance Committee**

Wednesday, October 2, 2019

The Finance Committee meeting was called to order by Chairman Pat Kenny at 4:00 pm on October 2, 2019.

**Members Present:** Village President Pat Kenny, Jim Feeney, Tom Marek, Bob Klockars, Mike Sheyker

**Members Absent:** Bill Grunow, Tom Freytag

**Also Present:** Walter Burkhalter, Stan Livingston, Sara Lobdell, Admin/Clerk Theresa Loomer, Fire/EMS Chief Nitsch, Stephanie Smith, Treasurer Scott Vilona

**Visitors Heard**

None

**General Business**

**Finance Committee's Initial Review of Preliminary 2019 Budget Worksheets for Municipal Court, Building Inspection, Public Library, Fire & Rescue and Park Commission.**

Walter Burkhalter went over the requested 2020 budget items for the library. There were two new requests from their department. The line items had been coming out of donations, but the Library board requested them to be part of the levy going forward. The library board had also done a survey and found that the head librarian and children's librarian were being underpaid compared to the area average. They requested significant increases for both positions.

EMS/Fire Chief Wolf Nitsch presented the annual budget request for his departments next. The only capital expense requested was for Pro phoenix software that will help the department communicate directly with Walworth County's dispatch system, which will save time and offer many other efficiencies over the existing system. Chief Nitsch also stated that the POC (paid on call) volunteer numbers are dwindling and he anticipates that in the near future we may need to look at working with a neighboring municipalities. Chief Nitsch also wanted to remind the committee that Truck 3722 is 19 years old and the standard life for these trucks is 20 years. The estimated replacement costs would be around \$450,000 to \$500,000.

Sara Lobdell and Stan Livingston presented the Park Commission's budget requests next. Replacing a section of the Reid Park playground equipment was requested as it is falling apart and poses a safety issue. The estimated replacement costs is \$60,000. There were discussions on soliciting donations from outside groups including the Tourism Commission and the Abbey Resort as a lot of their guests use the park.

Treasurer Vilona presented the Municipal Court's budget with only one capital item requested which was a new computer.

**Next Scheduled Meeting Date:**

The next scheduled meeting date is October 10, 2019 at 4:00pm

**Adjournment**

Marek/Feeney 2<sup>nd</sup> made a MOTION to adjourn the meeting at 4:46pm, and the MOTION carried without negative vote.

Minutes prepared by: Scott Vilona, Village 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: 11/11/2019