

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

**(Final Minutes)**

**Finance Committee**

October 6, 2022

The 2023 Budget Planning Meeting of the Finance Committee was called to order by Chairman Pat Kenny at 4:00 pm on Thursday, October 6, 2022.

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

**Members Absent:** Thomas Freytag, Rob Rowe

**Also Present:** Liz Baumann, Chief Cates, Stan Livingston, Theresa Loomer, Drew Lussow, Rick Manthy, Chief Nitsch, Pete Petersen, Scott Vilona

**General Business**

**Finance Committee's Initial Review of Preliminary 2023 Budget Worksheets for Police, Fire & Rescue, and Parks Departments**

Trustee Livingston presented the Parks Department Budget. The items discussed included \$25,000 for the Northwinds Perennial contract, \$86,000 for the Clearview Landscape contract, \$10,000 for Wachtel Tree Pruning and Spraying contract, \$15,000 for native areas maintenance and a \$500 contribution for pull up bar in Reid Park. Most of these budgeted items saw a gradual increase due to inflation and higher prices for services compared to previous years.

Chief Nitsch and Chief Manthy presented the proposed Fire and Rescue budget. The main items discussed included a \$4,000 purchase for additional turnout gear, \$1,500 amount for a purchase of a new desktop computer, and \$27,000 for a modern extrication system that is battery powered so it is portable and utilizes electronics more heavily. Chief Nitsch stated they could also try and sell the old system to recoup some funds. Chief Nitsch informed the Committee of a mandatory county wide radio system upgrade. This upgrade has been in the works for several years and will need to be budgeted for at some point, but the exact go-live date has not yet been determined. The costs are expected to be approximately \$300,000 for the Village but would also cover the Police and Public Works Department. The anticipated Fire Department portion is anticipated to be \$169,645. This amount would include 15 portable radios, the installation, and the mobile and base radios. Administrator Loomer stated the County has indicated they will use ARPA funds to cover a portion of the radio costs, but the exact contribution has yet to be announced. Chief Nitsch stated the Fire Depts. in Walworth County have pooled their resources to hire a grant writer for all the municipalities in the county to cover a portion of radio costs. Chief Manthy explained the EMS portion of the budgeted items. The budgeted items for EMS include \$30,565.50 for a new ALS Cardiac Monitor, \$5,000 for new employee training and certifications, and \$6,000 (3,000 that Metro previously covered per the contract) for the cost of uniforms for all staff. There was an increase to the anticipated fuel expense due to rising costs, and for to the workers compensation premiums now that Fire/EMS has been brought in-house.

Chief Cates went over the proposed Police budget for the Village. Chief Cates explained that the first big item for the police budget is the cost of two new defibrillators. The current set is over 10 years old, and the purchase of a new set would be approximately \$4,000. Next Chief Cates stated the department is asking for a weapons locker/gun safe installed since the Department of Justice recommends it is not in the best practices of departments to store department property with evidence, which the staff has currently been doing since it is the only space available for the weapons. The projected safe is to cost around \$2,000. Chief Cates also stated that he would like to add Stop the Bleed/Individual First Aid Kit (IFAK) and Blauer Silent Partner Squad Bags for his staff. The IFAKs run about \$300 per kit and to obtain one for each officer would estimate costs at \$1,365. The bags run approximately \$195 each and for seven officers the estimated total cost is \$1,365. Chief Cates also reiterated that based on previous approval from the Village Board the full time Investigator position would be filled and would result in one of his current officers

receiving a \$2.00 per hour pay rate increase plus benefits for a total of about \$5,000 more than what that officer's current rate is. The uniform fund was increased by \$1,000 for department hats, shirts, etc., and \$2,000 was budgeted for ballistic vests. The vests must be replaced every five years, and two of the officers are due to receive new vests in 2023. Safety building room repairs were included in the budget in the amount of \$7,500, a new heat/AC unit in the duty office for \$3,500, and \$500 for a new stove/oven for staff to use in the kitchen.

The Finance Committee raised some questions regarding the Radio project but ultimately said they would allow the item to be budgeted although they would like more information as it become available since there are still many unknowns.

**Set Next Meeting Date**

Next meeting will be on October 12, 2022 at 4:00 pm.

**Adjournment**

Trustee Marek/Feeney 2<sup>nd</sup> made a MOTION to adjourn the meeting at 5:46 pm, and the motion carried without negative vote.

Minutes prepared by: Drew Lussow, Village Clerk

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: 01/10/2023