

VILLAGE OF FONTANA ON GENEVA LAKE
WALWORTH COUNTY, WISCONSIN
(Final Minutes)
2026 BUDGET PLANNING MEETING of the FINANCE COMMITTEE
October 21, 2025

The meeting of the Finance Committee was called to order by Village President Pat Kenny at 10:00 am on Tuesday October 21, 2025

Members Present: Chairperson President Pat Kenny, Committee Member Tom Freytag, Trustee Rob Rowe, Committee Member Feeney, Committee Member Mike Sheyker, Committee Member Bob Klockars

Members Absent: Trustee Tom Marek

Also Present: Administrator Loomer, Village Clerk Liptak, Treasurer Liz Baumann, Police Chief Jeff Cates

General Business

Finance Committee's Final Review of Entire Preliminary Budget Worksheets

The budget shortfall as of the last 2026 Budget Finance meeting was \$206,493.03. The Department head's budget adjustments were distributed. Loomer presented the Department Heads prioritized and adjusted budgets. Chief Cates presented the priorities and adjustments for the Police Department which are, in order of priority: Mounted Squad laptops (\$14,800), desktop computers (\$2,000), ballistic vests (\$3,000) and squad printers (\$1,820). Cates offered to reduce his ballistic shield request to one shield (\$2,000). Chief Manthy did not prioritize budget items and offered to reduce medical supplies by \$7,500. Parks priorities were set as follows: Native Plant Comprehensive Plan (\$10,000), Natural areas cleanup (\$5,000), Park signage (\$4,500). Parks removed the Shed at Duck Pond (\$5,000) and the Turf Top Coat (\$4,000). Public Works stated that they could pull the ATV/golf cart vehicle from the budget (\$15,000) and the paint shaker/mixer (\$7,600) could be paid for with remaining funds from 2025 DPW budget. Village Hall Administration prioritized Window Washing (\$2,600) and the Office Kitchenette (\$5,000). Loomer offered to remove the Voting Booths (\$1,000) and the Office Kitchenette (\$5,000) from the budget. The Public Beach Budget prioritized the Beach technology Rec Desk Software Implementation to be purchased in 2026 and introduced to the public in 2027 (\$6,000), Beach repairs and maintenance (\$1,550). After the Department Heads submitted their adjustments, amounting to \$30,000, and offered to remove items, amounting to \$30,000 the remaining shortfall was \$176,493.03. The Finance Committee reviewed the budget items. Loomer suggested that Tourism could be asked to fund the Park signage (\$4,500). Chief Cates offered to pay for the 2nd shield out of the Police Department donation fund (\$2,000). The Finance Committee made the following recommendations to the Village Board:

Reduce Library request:	\$32,500
Borrow for Fire Capital Equipment (extrication and computers):	\$70,000
Borrow for the request for EMS Bullet Proof Vests	\$10,000
Request Police Department handle Court Appearance for Prosecution	\$30,000
Request Friends of Fontana purchase batteries for ROV	\$7,000
Request the Police Department utilize Donated funds for Ballistic Shield(s)	\$4,000
Borrow for Police Department Capital Equipment (computers):	\$15,000
Reduce Medical Supply expense	\$7,500
Reduce Contingency fund utilization	\$744.03

After the calculations the Finance committee is able to present to the Village Board a balanced budget for 2026. The committee directed staff to continue to investigate other ways to balance the budget prior to next Monday's joint meeting.

Discussion or Action on Capital Improvement Plan for All Departments for 2026 – 2027

This item was tabled.

Next Meeting Date: Monday, October 27, 2025, 5:30 PM

The budget will be presented to the joint Finance Committee and Village Board to be set for public hearing.

Adjournment

Trustee Rowe/ Committee Member Feeney 2nd made a MOTION to Adjourn at 10:44 am, and the MOTION carried without a negative vote.

Minutes prepared by: Bonnie Liptak, 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: 11/04/2025