

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

(Official Minutes)

**VIRTUAL BUDGET PLANNING MEETING of the VILLAGE BOARD OF TRUSTEES &  
FINANCE COMMITTEE  
Monday, October 26, 2020**

Village President Pat Kenny called the virtual meeting of the Village Board and Finance Committee to order at 3:02 pm.

**Trustees Present by Phone:** Roll call vote: President Kenny, Trustee Pappas, Trustee Livingston, Trustee Petersen

**Trustees Absent:** Trustee Prudden, Trustee McGreevy, Trustee O'Neill

**Finance Committee Members Present by Phone:** Bob Klockars, Mike Sheyker, Thomas Freytag, President Kenny

**Finance Committee Members Absent:** Jim Feeney, Tom Marek, Bill Grunow

**Also Present by Phone:** Kevin Day, Theresa Loomer, Wolfgang Nitsch, Stephanie Smith, Scott Vilona

**Joint Session Business – President Kenny**

**2021 General Fund Budget Review – Finance Committee Recommendation**

Vilona went through the proposed budget starting with the revenue. Most of the revenue numbers are flat, grant based, or historical numbers. Vilona highlighted on some areas of change, such as the rescue squad revenue. The auditors have changed the accounting method that previously used accrual basis which will result in a drastic change in the 2021 estimated revenue amount. A revenue line item was added for concessions at duck pond as they are beginning to host more tournaments and utilizing the concession stand. Interest on Investments Revenue line item was reduced to reflect the crashing interest rates and that the funds from bonding will be utilized and no longer earning interest. Vilona switched over to the expense side and highlighted some areas of change. Under Administration and Clerk/Treasurer there was a change in the allocation of the Administrators salary. Public Works had requested to budget for a street sweeper as part of a lease to own program in the amount of \$40,000 and that amount was added back into the budget. The company that manufactures the street sweepers offers a deferral of the first year's payment. This will allow the Village to take ownership in 2021 but defer the first payment till 2022. Vilona stated the Library has an interesting scenario this year. The amount of the county grants money that is awarded to each library is determined by the Lakeshore Library System. It was discovered that the Fontana Library has been underfunded for many years and that is why there is a large increase in the grant funds. In addition, the Library System is working on a solution as to how it will pay back the difference in the underfunded amounts for the past several years. The Park Commission has requested \$13,000 in batting cage renovations and \$12,000 for new soccer goals and the Finance Committee recommended forgoing the batting cage renovations for 2021 and only purchasing one set of soccer goals in the amount of \$6,000 in an effort to help balance the budget. Vilona went through the debt service balances and the outlook for the next year with the bonding that was completed in 2020. The Finance Committee agreed it was better to have a steady increase in the mill rate versus having large fluctuations. The proposed budget as it stands shows a 2.18% increase in the mill rate for 2021.

Finance Committee members Klockars/Freytag 2<sup>nd</sup> made a MOTION to recommend Village Board approval of the budget as presented, and the MOTION carried without negative vote.

**Village Board Approval to Publish Notice of Public Hearing**

Trustee Pappas/Trustee Livingston 2<sup>nd</sup> made a MOTION to the budget public hearing for Monday, November 23, 2020, and the MOTION carried without negative vote.

**Adjournment Finance Committee**

Finance Committee members Sheyker/Freytag 2<sup>nd</sup> made a MOTION at 3:45 pm to adjourn the meeting, and the MOTION carried without negative vote.

**General Business – President Kenny**

**Authorize staff to pay items reimbursable through Routes to Recovery program**

Loomer explained the deadline for purchasing items through the routes to recovery program is November 6, 2020 and this would just allow staff to pay for the items that have been already approved by the Village Board prior to the deadline.

Trustee Petersen/Trustee Livingston 2<sup>nd</sup> made a MOTION to approve staff to pay for items reimbursable through the routes to recovery program that have been previously approved by the Village Board, and the MOTION carried without negative vote.

**Adjournment**

Trustee Petersen/Trustee Pappas 2<sup>nd</sup> made a MOTION at 3:46 pm to adjourn the meeting, and the MOTION carried without negative vote.

Minutes prepared by: Stephanie Smith, Deputy Clerk/Treasurer

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

APPROVED: 12/07/2020