

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

(Official Minutes)

**VIRTUAL BUDGET PLANNING MEETING of the VILLAGE BOARD OF TRUSTEES &
FINANCE COMMITTEE
Thursday, October 28, 2021**

Village President Pat Kenny called the virtual meeting of the Village Board and Finance Committee to order at 3:30 pm.

Trustees Present by Phone: Roll call vote: President Kenny, Trustee Pappas, Trustee Livingston, Trustee Petersen, Trustee Prudden, Trustee McGreevy, Trustee O'Neill

Finance Committee Members Present by Phone: Bob Klockars, Mike Sheyker, Thomas Freytag, President Kenny, Tom Marek, Rob Rowe

Finance Committee Members Absent: Jim Feeney

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

Joint Session Business – President Kenny

2022 General Fund Budget Review – Finance Committee Recommendation

Vilona went through the proposed budget starting with the expenses. Vilona highlighted the areas of change, such as decrease in general legal fees and an increase in prosecution fees. In 2022 there will potentially be four elections and the amount budgeted has been increased to reflect. Capital outlay expense for the safety building includes residing and painting the east side of the building and a water filtration system. Police salaries expense includes a contractual two and a half percent increase and capital outlay equipment includes a new squad car, body cameras, radar speed sign, radar gun and various other small items. Chief Nitsch is requesting new nozzles, infrared camera and lift bag for the Fire Department. Vilona did note the contractual amount for EMS services is \$515,587, which means the referendum is no longer covering half of the expense. A storm siren for Indian Hills and Highway B has been requested in the amount of \$21,500. Vilona stated he was directed to budget for bringing building inspection back in house. Highway department has requested a new bobcat which will be split by highway, water and sewer, a new salter and new concrete. The repair and maintenance expense for docks and piers includes removal, install and a three year average for repair costs as well as repairs for the most recent storm damage. Capital outlay for recycling includes the first payment for the street sweeper lease that was deferred till 2022. Vilona stated the library portion is dictated by State Statues. The Park expenses are contractual. The Park Commission requested a basketball court for Duck Pond in the amount of \$22,000 and that was eliminated from the budget. Vilona stated under Beach salaries and Launch Salaries there has been a newly created Lake Front manager position that will be split between the beach and launch. Vilona went through the debt service balances and the outlook for the next year. The debt service amounts are predetermined. Vilona explained the CDA is projected to have a positive balance of approximately \$30,000. Vilona stated he spoke with Ehlers in reference to adding the \$150,000 for the Abbey Springs storm water project to debt service. Ehlers assured Vilona as long as it is an unbudgeted one-time capital outlay, and the intentions are to go to the bank to obtain short term financing it meets all the benchmarks to be included in as debt service. Vilona explained if the \$150,000 was placed under debt service the budget would have an overage of \$60,000. The Finance Committee recommended adding the fence repairs for Duck Pond back into the budget in the amount of \$30,000 and putting the remaining \$30,000 back in working capital. Vilona noted the large increase in assessments has resulted in a eleven percent decrease in the mill rate. Vilona briefly went over the revenue and noted most of the revenue numbers are flat, grant based, or historical numbers.

Finance Committee members Klockars/Marek 2nd 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 Livingston/Trustee McGreevy 2nd made a MOTION to the budget public hearing for Monday, November 29, 2021, and the MOTION carried without negative vote.

Adjournment

Trustee Pappas/Trustee Livingston 2nd made a MOTION at 3:56 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: 01/04/2022