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Finance Committee Meeting  
(Finance/Industrial Park/Economic Development/Budget)  
(Carpenter/Blaies/Kaiser/Matchett)  
Wednesday, August 27, 2025 at 5:30 p.m.

Chairperson Tom Carpenter officially called the meeting of the Finance Committee to order at 5:30 p.m., on Wednesday, August 27, 2025. Those in attendance were Chairperson Tom Carpenter, Trustee Mike Blaies, Trustee Bob Kaiser, Trustee Ray Matchett, Mayor Seth Speiser, Village Clerk Jerry Menard, Treasurer Bryan Vogel, Trustee Dana Miller, Trustee Lisa Meehling, Village Attorney Fred Keck (absent), Public Works Director John Tolan, Village Engineer Tim Pruett, Police Chief Mike Schutzenhofer, Village Administrator Matt Trout, Finance Clerk Laura Wolf, and Office Manager Mary Downen. Guest present: Janet Baechle and Vic Rose. There were no guests present via Zoom.

- A. REVIEW OF BOARD LISTS:** Trustee Mike Blaies questioned the following expenses: Camper Exchange, \$5,512.98 – Trailer; Dan Rickert Repair, \$1,142.68 – Service Bobcat; DLT Solutions, LLC, \$3,496.99 – Engineering Software; St. Clair County Building & Zoning, \$5,226.50 – Building Permit; Midwest Industrial Supplies, \$595.50 – Shirts.
- B. REVIEW OF INVESTMENTS:** Nothing due at this time.
- C. INCOME STATEMENT:** Village Administrator Matt Trout said we should be around 41% this month. He highlighted a few items. He said most of the tax rates are doing well and he explained a change with the sales tax and use tax.
- D. TREASURER’S REPORT:** Treasurer Bryan Vogel said he is working on reports and will have them as soon as possible.
- E. FUND AND ACCOUNT BALANCE REPORT:** Matt went through each fund and said overall we are better than we were a year ago.
- F. OLD BUSINESS:**
1. Approval of July 30, 2025 Minutes. Trustee Mike Blaies motioned to approve the July 30, 2025 minutes, and Trustee Ray Matchett seconded the motion. All voting yea, the motion carried.
  2. Attorney Invoice: The invoice was reviewed by the committee.
  3. Newsletter: Next one will go out in September.
- G. NEW BUSINESS:**
1. Holiday Schedule: Matt said the committee meetings in November fall on the night before Thanksgiving and in December fall on Christmas Eve. In the past we have moved those committee meetings before the second board meeting the week before. The committee approved.

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2. TWM Contract Amendment: Matt said this is for the GSI system we have been using for several years and they haven't billed us for the past few years. Trustee Mike Blaies asked if they were back billing and Matt responded they are not. The committee approved.
3. Audit: Matt discussed a few items and stated he had a question for Village Attorney Fred Keck. He said if there aren't any questions, he recommends sending it to the full board.

*Trustee Ray Matchett motioned to send to the full Board the Audit, and Trustee Bob Kaiser seconded the motion. All voting yea, the motion carried.*

4. Backhoe: Chairperson Tom Carpenter said if the decision is to move forward this year, we will need to move on it for concerns of price increases. There was a discussion on how much has been spent on each of the backhoes and it was recommended to trade-in both for a new one. Matt said they will have Crew Leader Bob Jenkins get new quote and trade-in numbers and we will revisit at the next streets committee meeting.

Matt said we need a motion to send those attending the IML Conference in September.

*Trustee Ray Matchett motioned to send to the full Board the 4 Village Officials attending the IML Conference in September, and Trustee Bob Kaiser seconded the motion. All voting yea, the motion carried.*

**H. GENERAL CONCERNS:** None.

**I. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION:** Resident Vic Rose presented a proposal for a stop sign on N. Edison at Meadow Lake Dr. and Meadow Ridge Dr. The Board discussed and asked Chief Schutzenhofer to take a look and revisit at the next streets committee meeting.

**J. ADJOURN:** *Trustee Ray Matchett motioned to adjourn the meeting at 6:05 p.m., and Trustee Bob Kaiser seconded the motion. All voting yea, the motion carried.*



Mary Downen  
Office Manager