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Finance Committee Meeting  
(Finance/Industrial Park/Economic Development/Budget)  
(Carpenter/Blaies/Kaiser/Matchett)  
Wednesday, October 29, 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, October 29, 2025. Those in attendance were Chairperson Tom Carpenter, Trustee Mike Blaies, Trustee Bob Kaiser, Trustee Ray Matchett, Mayor Seth Speiser (absent), Village Clerk Jerry Menard (absent), Treasurer Bryan Vogel, Trustee Dana Miller, Trustee Lisa Meehling, Village Attorney Fred Keck, Public Works Director John Tolan, Village Engineer Tim Pruett (5:37), Police Chief Mike Schutzenhofer, Village Administrator Matt Trout, Finance Clerk Laura Wolf, and Office Manager Mary Downen. Guest present: Janet Baechle. There were no guests present via Zoom.

- A. REVIEW OF BOARD LISTS:** Trustee Mike Blaies questioned the following expenses: Track Works, \$1,892 – Rubber tracks for mini excavator; CN Southern Region, \$4,800 – Permit for water line going under railroad (check was voided); Illinois Central RR Co., \$4,800 – Permit for water line going under railroad.
- B. REVIEW OF INVESTMENTS:** Treasurer Bryan Vogel said nothing due until February. He discussed the interest rates.
- C. INCOME STATEMENT:** Village Administrator Matt Trout said we are 7 months in and should be around 58%. He highlighted a few items and went through the various tax revenues. He discussed some of the expense line items that may need to be reconsidered where those go.
- D. TREASURER'S REPORT:** Treasurer Bryan Vogel said nothing at this time.
- E. FUND AND ACCOUNT BALANCE REPORT:** Matt said comparing with the same time as last year, overall, everything is up.
- F. OLD BUSINESS:**
  1. Approval of September 24, 2025 Minutes. Trustee Ray Matchett motioned to approve the September 24, 2025 minutes, and Trustee Bob Kaiser seconded the motion. All voting yeas, the motion carried.
  2. Attorney Invoice: The invoice was reviewed by the committee.
  3. Newsletter: Next newsletter will go out in December.
- G. NEW BUSINESS:**
  1. Ordinance #1804: Abating the Taxes Levied for the Electric System Bonds: Matt said this is the standard ordinance we pass every year for the electric tax bond. Trustee Mike Blaies asked if it will be paid off next year and Matt responded next year will be our last payment.

*Trustee Mike Blaies motioned to send to the full Board Ordinance #1804: Abating the Taxes Levied for the Electric System Bonds, and Trustee Ray Matchett seconded the motion. All voting yea, the motion carried.*

2. Ordinance #1807: Tax Levy: Matt said he passed out a worksheet. He explained the numbers and the jump in the EAV. He talked about the IMRF number and how dropping it opened up a lot of flexibility.

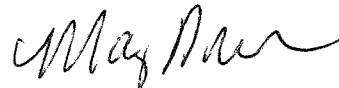
*Trustee Ray Matchett motioned to send to the full Board Ordinance #1807: Tax Levy, and Trustee Mike Blaies seconded the motion. All voting yea, the motion carried.*

3. IDOT Invoice: Matt said this is an invoice from the Safe Routes to School Project that was awarded to us in 2014 and we are just now being invoiced for it. He has called them several times and has not received a response. He also reached out to State Representative Charlie Meier to discuss as we do owe it but the fact that we received it 10 years later and was given a 15-day window to pay it. He wanted the board to be aware and Chairperson Carpenter asked to keep them advised.

**H. GENERAL CONCERNS:** None.

**I. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION:** Janet asked questions regarding a couple of items on the budget.

**J. ADJOURN:** *Trustee Ray Matchett motioned to adjourn the meeting at 5:54 p.m., and Trustee Bob Kaiser seconded the motion. All voting yea, the motion carried.*



Mary Downen  
Office Manager