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Finance Committee Meeting
(Finance/Industrial Park/Economic Development/Budget)
(Carpenter/Blaies/Kaiser/Matchett)
Wednesday, January 28, 2026 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, January 28, 2026. Those in attendance were Chairperson Tom Carpenter, Trustee Mike Blaies, Trustee Bob Kaiser, Trustee Ray Matchett, Mayor Seth Speiser, Village Clerk Jerry Menard (absent), Treasurer Bryan Vogel (absent), Trustee Dana Miller, Trustee Lisa Meehling, Village Attorney Fred Keck (5:32), Public Works Director Chris Remick, 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. There were no guests present via Zoom.

- A. REVIEW OF BOARD LISTS:** Trustee Mike Blaies questioned the following expenses: Fletcher-Reinhardt Co., \$84,026 – New breaker; Axon Enterprise Inc., \$3,888.81 – Taser cartridges (June invoice); UUS, \$4,280 – Wire; Truck Centers Inc., \$13,623.57 – Leaf truck repair; McCoy Construction & Forestry, \$55,000 – Backhoe; Axon Enterprise, Inc., \$3,888.81 – Taser cartridges; Mascoutah Plumbing, \$4,157.03 – Related to the lining project; Roger's Service & Towing LLC, \$750 – Towing of leaf truck
- B. REVIEW OF INVESTMENTS:** Village Administrator Matt Trout said he spoke with Village Treasurer Bryan Vogel and he confirmed these rates are still current and recommended going 6 months with the two CD's maturing in February.

Trustee Ray Matchett motioned to send to the full Board reinvesting the Electric CD maturing on 2/9/26 for \$59,310.30 and the Sewer CD maturing on 2/3/26 for \$548,605.60 at Citizens Community Bank for 6 months at 3.75%, and Trustee Bob Kaiser seconded the motion. All voting yea, the motion carried.

- C. INCOME STATEMENT:** Village Administrator Matt Trout said we should be around 83%. He said we received 100% of the property tax this year. He and Laura are going to look at a few items to see if they are in the right spots. He said the liability insurance has been paid. Under sewer he went over the sewer lining project and how it will be on going. He talked about infrastructure money in electric and how it will need to be a priority with Public Works Director Chris Remick and Head Lineman Max Sallman to use for infrastructure improvements.
- D. TREASURER'S REPORT:** Nothing at this time.
- E. FUND AND ACCOUNT BALANCE REPORT:** Matt went through the numbers comparing with last year. He said we are doing well in most funds.
- F. OLD BUSINESS:**

1. Approval of December 15, 2025 Minutes. *Trustee Ray Matchett motioned to approve the December 15, 2025 minutes, and Trustee Mike Blaies seconded the motion. All voting yea, the motion carried.*
2. Attorney Invoice: The invoice was reviewed by the committee.
Attorney's Rate: Village Attorney Fred Keck explained the reason for the rate increase.
3. Newsletter: The next newsletter will go out mid March.
4. IDOT Invoice: Matt said nothing new, just wanted to keep it on here as a reminder.

G. NEW BUSINESS:

1. C. J. Schlosser & Company, L.L.C. Agreement: Matt said this is the same company we have been using and the 3-year agreement has expired. Chairperson Tom Carpenter said the rate seems reasonable and if you are happy with them, no reason to switch.

Trustee Ray Matchett motioned to send to the full Board the C.J. Schlosser & Company L.L.C. agreement, and Trustee Bob Kaiser seconded the motion. All voting yea, the motion carried.

H. GENERAL CONCERNS: None.

- I. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION:** Janet asked about the budget and if an increase for the employees Christmas bonus can be put in it.

Matt added that he has met with Attorney Keck and reached out to the police department union and the public works and office staff union to set-up meetings.

- J. ADJOURN:** *Trustee Bob Kaiser motioned to adjourn the meeting at 5:57 p.m., and Trustee Ray Matchett seconded the motion. All voting yea, the motion carried.*



Mary Downen
Office Manager