

MINUTES

September 30th, 2021, Finance Committee Meeting

The Finance Committee meeting was called to order by chairman Dave Harper at 5 p.m. Board Members present: Jennifer Schustek, Dave Harper, chairman; Terry Murphy, Pamela Parks, Jim Rasmussen, and Robyn Grove, Library Director; Laura Krogwold, Paul Zierler, Police Chief; Betty Aanstad, Clerk.

Head Librarian Robyn Grove presented the 2022 Library budget request.

The committee reviewed three wage increase proposals: 2%, 2.5% and 3%. Jim Rasmussen made a motion to grant a 3% wage increase to all village employees. Terry Murphy seconded the motion; Motion carried.

Jim Rasmussen presented a question on the structural upkeep of the Community Center pertaining to lighting, on behalf of the library board. The Community Center is in need of new lighting. The consensus of the board was that the lighting for the upper level is the responsibility of the library.

Dave Harper stated he felt the 2022 Village of Iola budget would be ready for approval at the October 11th, 2022 meeting.

Chief Zierler presented the Village of Iola Police Department budget request to the board. Jennifer Schustek suggested raising Part-Time expense on the police budget from \$8,000 to \$10,000; Crossing Guard \$2,000 to \$3,000 (with the crossing guard 3% raise), Overtime from \$12,000 to \$15,000, and Ammunition from \$750 to \$1,500. Animal control costs were also discussed, due to the loss (moving away) of our current animal control officer.

Terry Murphy made a motion to increase the one (1) year anniversary review pay increase to \$3,000 from the planned \$2,000 for the Villages two new officers. The 18 month and six (6) month pay increases would remain \$2,000 but only through calendar year 2022. Pamela Parks seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Jim Rasmussen made a motion to amend a previous motion to change part time wages from \$17.00 per hour effective January 1st, 2022, to \$18.00 per hour. Terry Murphy seconded the motion.

Pamela Parks made a motion to create a permanent Deputy Clerk position. Laura Krogwold appointed to the position effective October 1, 2021. Jennifer Schustek seconded the motion. Motion carried. The position will be 26 hours per week; benefits will be discussed in a closed session personnel meeting on Wednesday October 6th, 2021, at 3:00 p.m.

Terry Murphy made a motion to adjourn the meeting, Jim Rasmussen seconded the motion. Motion carried. The meeting was adjourned at 6:27 p.m. by Chair Harper.