Meeting Minutes

Finance/Compliance Committee Meeting

September 30, 2026 6:00 to 7:30

Attendees: Linda Clark, Lin Roberts, Leslie Gunckel, Johna Wathon, Dan Fox, Hans Steinke, and Susan Hyatt – Chair

Appropriation Status as of September 30, 2026 was reviewed and the printout regarding department, account codes and YTD expenditures were explained and reviewed. Hans presented appropriation status, contingency and 2027 budget considerations.

Contingency funds are applied to unexpected or unknown costs that were not previously budgeted. Costs associated with the 3 properties that have gone through exterior maintenance had costs with one resolved and closed, one the owner passed and relative moved out so is most likely in probate, and the third has made insufficient effort to resolve the violations.

Twenty percent of operations costs make up the contingency annual amount, would not be less but can be greater. Budget for 2027 must be completed before 12/21/2026.

Hans reported on the 5-year plan project stating what had yet to be completed and what had been completed. Twenty (20) trees were removed from Ess Lake, Mohawk and Cucumber. We are looking at dredging Tecumseh. We are discussing building a creed dam but know that the water is state water and we need to reach out to get a study completed with the Army Corps of Engineers. Boat ramps are needed completion at Seneca Navaho meet up points as the pipe needs to be extended but Hans believes we can do this in house and up with parking for boaters. Gate valves are supposed to be open and used but concern that if open, cannot be closed so we must look at the engineering in that regard. Also, the flow inlet on Algonquin needs to be replaced. And the paving of roads is always included in the budget and since we did not get application for grant approved in 2026, we will pursue funding again in 2027 OPWC which is reliant on passage of the farm bill. The village would have to pay a portion that is determined by grant instructions. We intend to seek more grant opportunities next year also such as CDBG, ODNP, and OPWC.

Capital improvements were discussed as we have 5 buildings/properties that have to be maintained. We have looked at purchasing one piece of major equipment annually and the old red truck may need to be replaced at some point so we will seek grants depending on

availability. On approved grant applications, the village would have to pay a portion that is determined by grant instructions. We must look very closely on labor expansion considerations but did mention possible clerk to assist Johna. Wayne Lakes does provide additional services that enable us to be a village. Council has elected officials; we have a contract for fire and EMS with New Madison; etc.

Summer help served in some capacity as managers with the beach operations to reduce operating costs.

Suggestions to seek possible summer and clerical help through high schools and trade schools and community colleges.

Our new council member is seeking “Tree City” participation that would serve as yet another service.

Looking at future needs there was discussion of varying options such as a very small scale library an possible Fire/EMS liaison for the village.

The next meeting is scheduled for October 28, 2026 at 6 PM