

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE FINANCE COMMITTEE OF THE VILLAGE OF METTAWA, ILLINOIS, HELD AT THE HOUR OF 6:00 P.M. ON OCTOBER 21, 2025 AT THE HILTON GARDEN INN IN THE MAPLE ROOM

A. CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Maier called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

B. ROLL CALL

Upon a call of the roll, the following were:

Present: Chairman Maier and Trustees Armstrong and Smolic

Absent: None

Chairman Maier declared a quorum.

In Attendance: Village Clerk, Sandy Gallo; Village Administrator, Mandi Florip; Trustee Clark; Village Treasurer Amy Weiland-Bobrow; Sikich Representative Brian Lefevre

C. APPROVAL OF THE REGULAR MEETING MINUTES OF SEPTEMBER

Chairman Maier requested a motion to approve the September 16, 2025 meeting minutes. It was moved by Trustee Smolic and seconded by Trustee Armstrong that the minutes be approved and be placed on file. The motion was carried.

D. REVIEW OF INVOICES PRESENTED FOR PAYMENT

Trustee Smolic asked if there was a code violation year-to-date number. Villag Administrator Florip indicated she will look into that number. Village Administrator Florip added the resident Mendez violation expenditures are not a reimbursable amount. This residential violation is being handled by the HOA and they have a scheduled court date. The Palmer line item is a public hearing case this will be reimbursed.

Chairman Maier indicated this month's bill amount to be approved is \$148,530.32.

E. REVIEW THE TREASURERS REPORT ENDING SEPTEMBER 16, 2025

Sikich representative, Brian Lefevre reported the September report. Mr. Lefevre indicated on page 4 Funds on Deposits the interest rate is being reported at 4.25%. In revenues, Sales Tax other is trending higher from last year. The expenditures are running well, legal is higher. Public Service is lower from last year.

F. UPDATE ON THE 2025 TAX REBATE PROGRAM

Village Treasurer Weiland indicated there were no count changes from last month. She currently has two pending applications. Virginia Cavanaugh passed away on August 8th. Village Treasurer added Mrs. Cavanaugh was denied based on her mother's not having signed the rebate application prior to her passing.

Resident Cheryl Turek from 15423 W. Little St. Mary's Road on behalf of her mother Virginia Cavanaugh.

Mrs. Turek discussed the upcoming application with her mother but did not anticipate her passing so quickly. Mr. Turek's father is still alive and living at home. Mrs. Turek indicated she reached out to the Village Clerk to be proactive on how to have the application signed given the passing of her mother. Mrs. Turek also discussed this matter with the Village Treasurer Weiland. Trustee Smolic stated on a personal level the committee understands her circumstances and would grant her the approval; however, the Board is held to follow the legality of the village's ordinance. Chairman Maier stated her application was submitted to legal to review her case and will be further discussed at the Board meeting at 7:00 pm.

G. RECOMMENDATION TO APPROVE THE AMERICAN LEGAL PUBLISHING PROPOSAL TO UPDATE THE CODE OF ORDINANCE IN SUPPLEMENT-10 IN THE AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$4,100

Chairman Maier indicated the recommendation to codify the ordinances will be approved.

H. REVIEW SPECIAL SERVICES AREAS BALANCES FOR 2025

Village Administrator Florip stated last year the Committee increased SSA's 3,4,5,7 and 9 by 5%. Riverside Preserve is considering closing out their SSA and moving to an HOA collection. Trustee Smolic added this SSA should not be increased and allow them to use it for the expenses it was allotted until they decide on how to handle their HOA additional expenditures. Chairman Maier stated this confirms no SSAs need to be adjusted for next year's collection.

I. DISCUSS THE LAKE FOREST OASIS BUSINESS AUDIT

Chairman Maier stated two times a year Village Administrator visits Oasis to confirm the business. Village Administrator Florip stated two large vacancies have been empty for some time. She spoke to the Oasis Manager to confirm the businesses from the state report.

J. DISCUSS THE ILLINOS DEPARTMENT OF REVNUUE PROPERTY REPLACEMENT TAXES AND GROCERY SALES

Village Administrator Florip provided a memo to the Committee regarding the Grocery Sales that have been imposed by other municipalities in Lake County. Chairman Maier stated the increase is only \$5 Mettawa property taxes, compared to other surrounding municipalities.

K. ANY OTHER ITEMS THAT MAY APPEAR TO THE COMMITTEE FOR CONSIDERATION, AND IF APPROVED, BE RECOMMENDED FOR APPROVAL TO THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Trustee Smolic stated the residents along Little St. Mary's Road are discussing burying the powerlines. The cost estimated of being \$80,000-\$100,000 and they are considering a possible SSA or out-of-pocket project. No action is needed from the village currently.

Trustee Smolic asked Village Administrator Florip what the Village Attorney has stated for the resident give back on projects. Village Administrator Florip is waiting to hear from legal if this is feasible.

Trustee Smolic stated a resident suggested the village speak with Costco Corporate office to get a loan for the watermain connect. Brian suggested Alternative Revenue Bonds to for the project.

L. ADJOURNMENT

With no further business to conduct, it was moved by Trustee Smolic and seconded by Trustee Armstrong that the meeting be adjourned at 6:44 p.m. Sandy Gallo, Village Clerk