

MEETING MINUTES
Village of Palmyra
Budget Committee Meeting
Wednesday August 12, 2026
100 W. Taft St.
Village Hall Meeting Room
5:30 p.m.

The meeting was called to order by Chairperson Wallace. Roll call: Wallace, Ball – present. Jeff Pfahler arrived at 5:52. Also present: Scott Halbrucker, Michelle O'Brien, Penny LePak, Paul Blount, Mike Gartzke, Tim Gorsegner

Business

1. Public works- Scott said that \$2800 was spent on wood chips from the playground fund. Dam reclassification has not happened yet, Scott says he hasn't heard back from MSA We will need to spend \$2000 next year to inspect it again. Questions about some revenue accounts. Sludge hauling budgeted \$18,000 but won't use nearly all of this. Scott says he will put money in the savings account for sludge removal for future use.

Rec. Director- Wallace asked about the fundraising revenue account. Michelle said she is planning on doing a gun raffle, maybe with a Dogs in Vests event. She might try to do a month-long raffle also has an idea for a sandcastle raffle. O'Brien is thinking about sellers banners to be displayed at the park as a fund raiser, a business pays us \$250 a year and it's up for the whole year. She wants to get multiple home games to sell concessions at the park. Revenues are for the most part coming in over what was budgeted. No fundraiser expense as she hasn't done anything yet. Talked about fundraising ideas. Quad county expenses are down, this is based on the number of teams we have that join.

Police-PT wages are high. Sgt. LePak explains that there were PT officers filling in for a Full-time position. That's why this is high, but FT wages are super low. LePak says she thinks the FICA account for P. Blount is high. The Clerk will look at this and get back to her. Rename this account and look at what was budgeted. Jill's portion of wages of PD are all coming out of FD so clerk will look at this too.

Fire dept- Wallace asked why we don't have money budgeted for fire inspections and can we look into this at budget time for some revenue. The fire prevention money will be spent. Training and education- Mike says bills will be coming soon for some upcoming classes. Some of this can also be spent out of the ACT 102 expense account. \$20,000 budgeted for turn out gear but not much spent. Mike said that 4 sets of gear have been ordered and remainder of fire turn out gear has also been ordered and a \$10,000 donation specifically for turn out gear was given. Mike also explained what ACT 102 funds are and how they must report on the money used. Discussion on the money we received for the insurance claim money for the Anich fire damages vs. fire equipment expenses. Banquet equipment is slightly over budget due to meals being provided for other departments that helped Palmyra with the 2 large fires earlier this year.

Fund 100- Wallace said that the village board expenses are high, this is mainly due to codifications of our ordinances which we really have no idea how many we will have each year. Court legal is high but that is mainly due to the abolishing of the court taking place. Court wages are low. PD will be selling equipment that is in the basement. Question on Special Accounting. The Clerk explained this is for the auditors, should be done with expenses there unless the Clerk calls on them for help/advice with something.

Ball/Pfahler motion to adjourn at 6:45. All ayes-motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,
Laurie Mueller
Village Clerk/Treasurer

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