MEETING MINUTES
Village of Palmyra
Budget Committee Meeting
Thursday October 1, 2026
100 W. Taft St.
Village Hall Meeting Room
6:00 p.m.

The meeting was called to order by Chairperson Wallace. Roll call: Pfahler, Wallace, Ball-present.
Also present: S. Halbrucker, M. O'Brien via phone, L. Mueller, K. Dexheimer, Village President Gorsegner.

Business

1. Discussion/possible action on 2027 budget requests for Village Departments. The Committee reviewed the streets budget and public works parks budget. Halbrucker said that the Hwy Aid should be his revenue to repair roads. There is a lot of park work that should be done. The posts that go around the perimeter of the park on 8th street are rotting off and this allows vehicles to enter the park on the grass. The ball fields need a lot of maintenance and his dept doesn't have time to do these fields, the Rec. Director should be doing this. The streets budget was reviewed, and some questions were asked about salt costs and vehicles. He is getting quotes for used sewer Vac trucks as ours is in very rough shape. The Payroll tab was briefly reviewed, Halbrucker feels that his guy's wages are in "average" for the size of our village compared to a Rural Water wage survey.

   The recreation budget was next. There is a shortfall of approx. $2,000 but there is revenue missing from basketball and adult activities. O'Brien will add those numbers in. Once that is done there shouldn't be a deficit in her 2027 budget. She discussed some fundraising ideas she has and grants to explore. She would like to see umpire/referee expenses be expensed to the correlating sports to show a better picture of what the costs are for that sport. The Clerk said that the levy for Recreation hasn't increased since 2022 so maybe if the committee agrees that could be bumped up slightly. O'Brien talked about needing either more hours or hiring a PT person to help with the fields, etc.

   Library budget next. Director Dexheimer is asking for $7718 additionally from the Village in order to keep their contributions at about 48% of her working budget. She also gets funds from the Friends of the Library, Jefferson County, ACT 420, donations and the Town of Palmyra. Circulation has doubled and this in turn increases the amount of funding she receives from Jefferson County. The library will be doing some much needed maintenance getting ready for the 100th birthday in 2027 and they will be using their fund balance for these items.

   Clerk/Treasurer budget was reviewed. Discussion of trying to find a part time administrator took place. Chairperson Wallace felt that the Clerk should ask for a better increase in wages for 2027. Look at possibly increasing fees for copies, faxes, etc. The clerk explained how her and the deputy clerk's wages are split out to other depts.

   No further discussion or action.

   Ball/Pfahler motion to adjourn at 8:13 pm. All ayes-motion carried.

   Respectfully submitted,
   Laurie Mueller,
   Village Clerk/Treasurer

   Minutes approved with/without corrections Oct 19, 2026