MEETING MINUTES
Village of Palmyra
Budget Committee Meeting
Tuesday October 6, 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 – available by phone, Wallace, Ball-present.
Also present: Public Safety Director Paul Blount, Sgt. LePak and Village President Gorsegner.

Business

1. Discussion/possible action on 2027 budget requests for Village Departments. The Committee reviewed the Police, Fire/EMS budgets tonight. LePak reviewed the following:
    a. Proposed 4% wage increase for all personnel.
    b. A replacement police officer to fill her position when she moves to admin assistant in Jan.
    c. Reviewed the PD revenue
    d. She put in the opt out payment for 3 personnel that currently are not taking health insurance
    e. Reviewed some of the PD expense line items as well: Talon is $10,300 yr., Axon $1100, and Velocity (IT) approx. $2000
    f. Paul's training for 2027 will be approx. $2400 a huge savings over what was originally proposed.
    g. Capital outlay: cost for tasers and body cams has increased a lot. Chairperson Wallace asked if there might be a grant available for these?
    h. LePak is estimating that the PD budget will come in approx. $20,000 under budget for 2026

    PSO positions and part time/full-time positions were discussed. Paul believes that if 1 PSO position would allow us to cut out a 500 hr. PT position which would save about $17,000 and then go to 24 hr shifts with 1 officer on duty.

    Dan is doing a great job of staying on the EMS billing company so this is helping our revenue stream and then in Jan the new EMS billing company will be stepping in. We also are getting more revenue by being at an AEMT level and not having to pay Western Lakes for paramedic calls so often.

    Discussion on possibly billing for fire inspections took place. Paul will get some information on this. Wallace says it's another revenue source.

    Wallace asked if we could reduce building maintenance if we proceed with a loan for building work and possibly reduce pre-employment physicals if we won't be hiring more PT fire/ems personnel.

    Sale of the 2006 pick up truck was discussed, it is in excellent condition, a diesel and we should be able to get a really good price for it but only through sealed bids.

    LePak said that Fire Chief Gartzke put together a capital wish list which she read to everyone and then she had asked him to rank the most important items he would like to see purchased. None of these items were put into the Fire/EMS budget.

    A new FT Fire/EMS position was added to the budget at a cost of $98,291 and another Part-time position that would be the 3rd on premise staff member with a total of 8760 hours for the year at a cost of $195,083. Neither of these items have been in the budget previously.

    Chairperson Wallace said that these 2 items along with other things will need to be cut she feels.

LePak and Blount will go back and make some budget revisions that were suggested.

Next budget meeting will be Thursday Oct. 15th at 5:30 pm. To review only the Police, Fire/EMS budgets again.

Pfahler/Wallace motion to adjourn at 8:33 pm. All ayes-motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,
Laurie Mueller,
Village Clerk/Treasurer

Minutes approved with/without corrections Oct 19, 2026