MEETING MINUTES
Village of Palmyra
Budget Committee Meeting
Thursday October 29, 2026
100 W. Taft St.
Village Hall Meeting Room
5:30 p.m.

The meeting was called to order by Chairperson Wallace. Roll call: Pfahler, Wallace, Ball-present.

Also present: Public Safety Director Paul Blount, Sgt. LePak, Fire Chief Mike Gartzke, DPW Superintendent Scott Halbrucker, Recreation Director Michelle O'Brien and Village President Gorsegner.

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Business

1. Discussion/possible action on 2027 budget requests for Village Departments.
    - The Committee went over the public works streets and parks budget, nothing has changed since they met with Scott last. No changes were made tonight. Chairperson Wallace asked if Scott had any update on a new sewer vac truck, Scott stated that this would need to be borrowed for and he has a lead on a 2025 for $615,000.
    - The Recreation budget was reviewed next. Michelle had made some updates to the program revenues and discussion took place on fund raisers and also the beach budget. The beach budget she is proposing is WITH lifeguards and concessions also incorporating rentals such as paddle board rentals, a beer garden event and other items. She has a meeting with the school district because they are proposing to charge the Rec. Dept rental fees for fields and classrooms. Once she has met with them some of her budget numbers may change.
    - The Clerk went over the proposed court budget briefly. The revenue number came from Sgt. Lepak, and the only other real expense is the court program which will need to be kept in order access old court records at least for 1 more year.
    - The Clerk/Treasurer budget was reviewed; other than a wage increase nothing has changed since the last review. No further action taken on this budget.
    - The Committee then reviewed the cuts that Sgt. LePak made per the request of the budget committee from the Oct. 15th meeting. This dropped the FD budget to $959,007, approx. only $2,000 increase over the 2026 budget. The Clerk asked if this is realistic, which everyone agreed that it probably was not. Much discussion on whether or not to add the Fire Chief's position back in, increase legal and fuel expenses to where they are more realistic and what the Village and Town's tax levies will look like. The Committee directed Sgt. LePak to go back and put the Fire Chief's position back in, increase fuel and legal and then work with the Village Clerk/Treasurer to see what this does to the overall General Fund budget numbers. Chairperson Wallace will be kept in the loop.
    - Some discussions on the library request of a $7718 increase from the Village. The Committee tried to call the Director to discuss it with her but she was unavailable. The committee is proposing only a $5,000 increase and possibly putting the other $2,000 into the Recreation fund 350 fund.
    - The clerk then said that she has GOT to get some numbers from the committee/village board if they want to borrow for the list of projects and put it on the tax levy for 2027. Paul will get the mold abatement quote as soon as he can, there will be excavating near the back wall of the public safety building at this time. As soon as the Clerk has all of the numbers she will contact the local bank for a debt repayment schedule and contact Ehlers.

The next budget meeting will be Friday Nov. 6th at 10:00 am.

Ball/Wallace motion to adjourn at 7:53 pm. All ayes-motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,
Laurie Mueller,
Village Clerk/Treasurer

Minutes approved with/without corrections Nov. 16, 2026

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