

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE
Finance Committee
Monday July 21 ,2025

Attendance

Committee Members:	
Annette LaMore, Mayor	X
Peggy Vaughn, Trustee	x
Todd Crockett, Trustee	
Annette Zimbelman, Trustee	X
Joel Gesky, Trustee	X
CJ Boudreau, Trustee	X
Michael Barry, Trustee	x
Other attendees:	
Chris LaRocque, Village Admin	
Jim Hanley, Super of PW	X
Sheila Martin, Treasurer	
Al Swinford, Chief of Police	
Jakob Knox, Marketing Dir	
Melissa Gay, Deputy Village Clerk	X
Lieutenant Steve Skelly	x

The meeting was called to order at 5:32pm

Approval of minutes: None were approved for prior minutes

Public Participation: none

Items Discussed:

- Forensic audit update: Trustee Barry asked who looked through them, Forensic Audit update we got two proposal One from Greene Forensic Accounting Solutions, LLC - \$168,000.00 Armanino - \$223,600.00. Trustee Boudreau said he did. For the years 2020 through 2025. Trustee Barry a forensic audit has never been done for the village, we do more depth on it and nothing comes back then we answered the residence concerns

there's nothing wrong here nothing's been done wrong let's move on. If there are concerns that have arisen Then we act on them and fix them. Trustee Barry continues with when a board switches over and a new board members come in you want to show your citizens transparency, not saying anyone is doing anything wrong just saying let's get the results to show everything is on the up and up says, Trustee Barry. Trustee Barry wants to make sure everybody is doing everything correctly not saying nobody isn't but it just assures everybody the citizens that everything is being done correctly. Trustee Boudreau went through didn't see anything that jumped out he has not noticed any red flags. Trustee Boudreau understands we want to show the town but he feels like we've been doing that year after year with the audits that we do already, this additional spending is his concern. Trustee Vaughn we told the people we would do this, there's never been a forensic audit Trustee Zimbleman is concerned with the cost of this audit. Trustee Gesky says you're not going to hear a peep out of me against the audit. Trustee Gesky says you have my vote. His only issue is we have nothing substantial there and we're taking away 10% of one full year tax rebate is. Previous gas/phone receipts were brought to attention. Trustee Gesky once again says you have my vote 100%. Nothing comes back and everything is clean then you can give the following administration an apology says Gesky. Trustee Barry says he will give no apology Trustee Barry thinks when a new administration comes in we should start with a new clean slate.

- Reinstatement of the grocery tax discussion: The state of Illinois JB decided to tell the state of Illinois residents that we're going to help you out on saving you money we're going to drop the 1% grocery tax that's already in effect right now but local government can keep it in place if they choose. Trustee Barry says, It's not like we're asking for another 1% sales tax like they did in Bourbonnais We're asking to just keep going with what we have in place to keep the 1% \$328,000 is a lot of money to the village that we would miss out on I'd like to see that on the next meeting for the for the approval , I'd just like to see we'll make a motion to make that for next season.
- Credit card use: Was already talked about in the audit discussion about gas and phone about previous administration use.
- Gaming fees discussion: Trustee Barry has talked with some other surrounding villages there's a venue license and then there's a per machine license our license right now is \$150 per machine. Trustee Barry, please understand 50% is paid for by the owner of the establishment and 50% of it is paid for by the gaming the gaming company I want to increase that to a \$1000 range so it'll be \$500 for the gaming company of \$500 for the establishment order I spoke to a lot of the establishment owners Didn't blink and eye to it because the amount of money that they're making in those machines another thousand fifteen hundred bucks it's the price of doing business, 74 machines that's going to raise around 60,000 thousand dollars of money For our village trustee Barry wants this added to the agenda for next meeting about passing ordinance raising fees, not for the venue license.

- **Square on second improvements budget:** Trustee Gesky we don't have any plans Finalized. Gesky says that they looked at some kits like the ones at Thies Park for the bathrooms with Pavilion talked to people over the years the want bathrooms out there they want seating and shade. This would be a bigger than what is out at Thies Park looking at roughly around 250,000 says, Gesky. Trustee Boudreau says that could go where the tree used to be and says the other tree on that location is dying and that that tree will also have to come down at some point and fill that space and we have turf to put in too says trustee Boudreau. Crockett says the bathrooms need to be talked about we need a better system we need an overall design and the tree is a safety hazard and needs to come down. Getting the tree to come down will be put on the schedule.
- Vending machines Lucille Thies : Mayor Lamour received an email from Tiffany Parpart. Village board members I hope this message finds you well Shawn and I are reaching out as local business owners who care deeply about serving our community we put together a simple proposal to place a vending machine at thies park to help meet a need that we've noticed, quick access to snacks and beverages for families and park visitors unfortunately we are not able to attend tonight's meeting to discuss this in person so we have attached a proposal for you to look over. Opportunity to partner with the Village in this and we are happy to discuss details or answer any questions you may have We've outlined all the details in the attached proposal including our plan to give back 10% of all revenue and to manage the machines entirely ourselves. We'd love the opportunity to partner with the Village in this and are happy to discuss details or answer any other questions you may have We really appreciate all you do for Manteno, Tiffany Parpart Trustee Gaskey mentions The electric that runs the vending machines. Trustee Gesky Says we should talk more about this at the next parks meeting and that he thinks this is a good idea. Mayor Lamore Also notes that Tiffany says, They are offering weather resistant outdoor rated machine cashless payment options with card Apple Pay or Google Pay and Stock service regularly at no cost to the village. The matter will be discussed more at the next parks meeting.

A motion by Trustee Boudreau, seconded by Trustee Gesky, to adjourn the meeting at 5:56
Voice vote: all ayes, no nays. Motion approved.

Minutes prepared by Deputy Clerk Melissa Gay