

FINANCE COMMISSION MEETING
MINUTES
July 14, 2023

A. Call To Order

The July 14, 2023 Finance Commission meeting was called to order at 7:00AM. by Chair Jeremy VanEk at 535 Duane Street, in Glen Ellyn, Illinois.

B. Roll Call

Jeremy S. VanEk	Chair	Present
Anne Arnold	Commissioner	Present
Lea Dan	Commissioner	Present
Jose de Leon	Commissioner	Present
Christopher Goodman	Commissioner	Present
Mike Graham	Commissioner	Present
Scott R. Greeno	Commissioner	Present
Brian Niksa	Commissioner	Present
Christopher Oakes	Commissioner	Present
Camille White	Student Commissioner	Excused Absence

Also Present: Chief Clark, Trustee Christansen and Fasules, Village Manager Mark Franz, Finance Director Larry Noller, Incoming Commissioners Leo Hoerdermann, Kevin Moffitt, and Scott Waldbusser, and Recording Secretary Lisa McDougal.

C. Public Comment

None.

D. Approval of Minutes

1) Minutes – May 12, 2023

A request for correction to amend to reflect Chairman VanEk.

MOVE TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE FINANCE COMMISSION MEETING AS PRESENTED FROM 5/12/2023.

RESULT Motion Unanimously Carried

MOVER: Commissioner Oakes

SECONDER: Commissioner Niksa

AYES: Chair VanEk, Commissioners Arnold, Dan, DeLeon, Goodman, Graham, Greeno, Niska, and Oakes

E. Fire and EMS Services

Chief Clark explained Glen Ellyn Fire structure is a bit different than other villages but not different from others in the nation. The coverage area for Glen Ellyn and surrounding areas have had this structure in place since 1907. The boundaries roughly from North Avenue - Butterfield Road and from Wheaton to Lombard. These boundaries have varied over the years due to annexation. Fire is run as a 501c4, volunteer department and EMS is privately run by Metro Paramedic Services. They both receive funding from Glen Ellyn and have contracts in place.

The Funding for the Fire Company includes a Village contribution, SSA, and the service fee [resident water bills]. Prior to 2000's unincorporated Glen Ellyn was paying very little but now it is coming in via property taxes.

The funding for EMS is from user fees Village supplement, service fees [water bill], and GEMT. The user fees = those being transported. A bill is sent to private insurance, Medicare, Medicaid, and the user. GEMT is a government program helping with transport expenses. The Village applied to the program in hopes in time it will help with short falls in payment. The intention is for this to add revenue in the future. At this time, Village shares half with Illinois.

Recent changes in Fire have been adding a full-time Chief, an Administrator and a Clerk. This helps with availability during the day given most of volunteers are working during the day time hours. For EMS, 2 Administrators have been added 24/7 in both the North and South Stations. A 5th position added to assist with training, evaluations, and manager staff. The funding comes out of the Fires Services not fees.

The Ambulance Service Contract is a 5-year contract and is in it's final year. There has been a request to extend it 6 months for a 2025 renewal. The service fees for Ambulance come from private insurance, medicare, medicaid, and direct billing. There is a published standard rate for transport for Medicare and Medicaid. This is currently what makes it a challenge to determine on what the Village should set as a rate. There is good collection from Medicare in the amounts of \$500-\$700. Medicaid is much less in the amount of \$150 per call. This is significant due to these are 25% of the calls. There will be review to determine what to set billing rate at to capture as much as Village can and to not be disruptive to those being transported.

The GMAT program goal is to make provider whole by paying the cost differences of rate vs what actually collected. Village Manager Franz thanked Chief Clark for his leadership, time and appreciated his effort to help implement the GMAT program.

Each year there is an audit on balance billing, if there is increased revenue , there is a refund to the Village, if less Metro keeps to make up for the years of loss. The challenges now is

Village waits 18-24 months for excess funds and we may need to pay the State before funds are received.

The future consideration for Ambulance is if Village increases rate, more can be collected but there are limits to what Village receives back and what the split to the State. Balance Billing is when residents get reminders of bills. The challenges is \$19,000 was collected from Balance Billing.

Chief Clark noted 85% of calls are EMS. Fire calls are drastically down.

F. Staff Report

The Water Sewer rate was approved at the June 26th meeting. The change will take place in the January 1, 2024 bills. A consultant is working on website and newsletter. The audit is being completed and budget has started. Finance Director Noller announced he has taken another position. Patrick will be interim Finance Director.

G. Chairperson's Report

Commissioners de Leon, Greeno, and Oakes were presented a token for their service and thanked for their time on the Commission. It was noted to attend the Warhol Exhibit.

H. Trustee Liaison's Report

Trustee Christiansen presented her report prior to Fire and EMS discussion. She recused herself from the Fire discussion. She encouraged everyone to shop and eat in the Village. Jazz Up Glen Ellyn will be on Saturday between Duane and Hillside. It was encouraged to purchase tickets ahead and drinks were not allowed to leave the area. There is a new Housing Assessment on website.

I. Other Business

None

J. Reminders

1) Next Meeting: Friday, August 11, 2023 at 7:00AM

K. Adjourn

Commissioner Oakes moved and Commissioner de Leon seconded, to adjourn the meeting. The meeting was adjourned at 8:31AM.

Submitted By: Lisa McDougal, Recording Secretary