

Finance Commission Minutes

March 14, 2025

A. Call to Order

The March 14, 2025 Finance Commission Meeting was called to order at 7:01 a.m. by Chair Chris Goodman, at the Glen Ellyn Civic Center, Room 301.

B. Roll Order

Chris Goodman	Chair	Present
Lea Dan	Vice-Chair	Present
Anne Arnold	Commissioner	Present
Mike Graham	Commissioner	Present
Leo Hoerdermann	Commissioner	Absent
Grant Lavery	Commissioner	Present
Kevin Moffitt	Commissioner	Present
Brian Niksa	Commissioner	Present
Scott Waldbusser	Commissioner	Absent

Also Present:

Village Manager	Mark Franz
Finance Director	Patrick Brankin
Village Trustee	Kelli Christiansen

C. Public Comment

None

D. Approval of Minutes

Approval of the February 14, 2025, meeting's minutes

Motion to Approve Minutes from February 14 ,2025 Finance Commission Meeting with corrections to spelling of names.

Motion: Chairperson Goodman

Mover: Commissioner Moffitt

Seconded: Commissioner Dan

Result: Unanimous Approval

E. Grocery Tax Follow Up

Finance Director Brankin began by reintroducing the State of Illinois' decision to eliminate the statewide grocery tax. Finance Director Brankin provided memorandums that were

previously submitted to the Village Board to serve as additional background information for the commission.

The State of Illinois has officially eliminated the statewide grocery tax effective January 1, 2026. Finance Director Brankin defined the current statewide grocery tax, which items are considered taxable and those that are exempt under the grocery tax. He also explained that the Village would feel the effects of the elimination of the statewide grocery tax beginning April 2026 as tax would be collected by the state until December 31, 2025, and distributed to the village through March 2026. The estimated financial impact of lost general fund revenue was presented and the previously discussed options to replace the lost revenue were again identified.

Finance Director Brankin did explain that the only change to their previous discussions on alternative revenue options was that in previous discussions, the Village did not yet have the authority to implement a local grocery tax. However, the final state legislation on the repeal of the statewide grocery tax now allows municipalities to impose a local grocery tax. For those communities that choose to implement a local grocery tax, it will continue to be collected by the Illinois Dept. of Revenue and then distributed to the municipality without any administrative fees. The ability to implement other revenue options were discussed and clarified. Finance Director expressed that he is looking to take a recommendation to the Village Board from the Finance Commission on what, if anything, would be implemented to replace the lost statewide grocery tax. It is the recommendation of Village Staff to implement a local grocery tax effective January 1, 2026.

Discussions ensued on the effects of implementing of any of the alternative revenue sources including potential effects on current agreements with developers, administrative burdens, and political reactions.

Motion to support the local reimplement of the grocery tax.

Motion: Chairperson Goodman

Second: Commissioner Moffitt

Ayes: Goodman, Dan, Arnold, Graham, Lavery, Moffitt

Nays: Niksa

F. Staff Report

Finance Director Brankin announced hiring of the staff accountant and a promotion of the payroll specialist to payroll and benefit specialist in the Finance Department. It was also announced that the Village of Glen Ellyn received the GFOA award for its 2023 Popular Annual Financial Report. For 2023, the Village has now received the award for all three

documents which include the Popular Annual Financial Report, the Annual Comprehensive Financial Report, and the Budget.

G. Chairperson's Report

None

H. Trustee Liaison's Report

Trustee Christiansen reported that the village will sell the US Bank property to the Glen Ellyn Park District as well as assuming management and maintenance of Manor Woods and Panfish Park. Additionally, the Village is purchasing a parcel on Butterfield Road from Catholic Charities that gives the potential for future annexations.

I. Other Business

None

J. Reminders

1) Next Meeting: Friday, April 11, 2025 at 7:00 a.m.

K. Adjourn

Commissioner Niksa moved to adjourn, and Commissioner Arnold seconded the motion. The meeting was adjourned at 7:41 a.m.

Submitted By: Colette Ameche, Recording Secretary