

The FINANCE COMMITTEE held a meeting on Monday, April 13th, 2026 beginning at 6:08 P.M.

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FINANCE PRESENT: Chair Tollett, Cerra, Schneider, Van Wormer, Davis
COM DEV PRESENT: Chair Schneider, Mitchell, Rothgery, Doehne, Lipian
OTHERS PRESENT: Armstrong, Oswald
EXCUSED ABSENCE: None

OTHERS PRESENT: Law Dir Deery, Safety Svc Dir Pyanowski, Finance Dir Pileski, Finance Dir Farrell, Engineer Schneider, CD Dir Scott, Asst Dir Calvert, Police Captain Palmer, Public Works Sup Conner

1. The matter of delinquent and final utility accounts approved by the Utility Resolution Board and to be certified to the Lorain County Auditor's Office.

Referred By: Public Works Supt Conner

Supt Conner said last month's list was very short and this list is much larger. The department had problems with their credit card company and they had to take the credit card system down and they were not able to accept credit card or debit card payments through the website and through the IVR and only at the window. So, they did not do any delinquent shut offs during that time. Therefore, this list is much larger. The delinquency fees were also suspended that month. This current list is 58 accounts for a total of \$86,112.60.

Mr. Armstrong has concerns about 511 Fuller and 807 West Ave. He asked what the issues are with Wesleyan Village and RJ Gordon Manor?

Supt Conner said they have been working with the Methodist Village/Wesleyan. She said they are aware that they owe us and we've been leaning it. She lost the contact person for 511 Fuller, the bill goes to Chicago, a corporate office. All they can do is lien the charges.

Mr. Armstrong said he has a new contact information for RJ Gordon and he will get that to Supt Conner.

Mr. Schneider asked if we are receiving payment with the tax bills?

Mrs. Conner said yes, we received our property tax lien payments from the county on March 31st and the amount received was \$152,065 and \$68,000 for Storm Water. So, we are receiving about 88% of what we're leaning on the property taxes, which is twice per year and we just have to wait that period of time.

There were no further questions and Chair Tollett read the committee report and asked for a motion.

Motion made by Mr. Cerra, seconded by Mr. Schneider to authorize a Resolution authorizing the 'said' accounts to be certified to the LC Auditor's Office.
MOTION CARRIES COMMITTEE REPORT WRITTEN

2. The matter of misc. City property (Elyria Police Department) which is unfit for City use and to be disposed of by the best means possible.

Referred By: EPD Capt. Palmer

Capt. Palmer said this is two microwaves and steamers. They have been breaking down the old kitchen in the jail and looking to sell these items. There will be many more items that they will be bringing to upcoming meetings. The value of each microwave is \$1000.00 each which could be bought by restaurants looking for this kind of equipment.

There were no further questions and Chair Tollett read the committee report and asked for a motion.

Motion made by Mr. Cerra, seconded by Mr. Schneider to authorize a resolution declaring the 'said' equipment unfit and an ordinance to dispose of 'said' equipment by the best means possible.

MOTION CARRIES COMMITTEE REPORT WRITTEN

3. The matter of City property (Elyria Police Department ~ Taser 7) which can no longer be used by the Department and to be disposed of by selling to the Lorain County Sheriff's Department.

Referred By: EPD Capt. Palmer

Capt. Palmer said the department upgraded their tasers to Taser 10 last year from Taser 7. They currently have 79 taser 7's along with the equipment for them. They were contacted by the Lorain County Sheriff's Office, they are interested in purchasing those tasers. The only other option would be to list them in lots on govdeals. With the Sheriff's office being a sister agency and the suggested price on that equipment is \$50,000 which is fair market value.

Dir Pyanowski said the market value for this is fair.

Mr. Van Wormer is appreciative that we are able to find these ways to get some funds back and not just loose without any kind of financial impact to the city.

There were no further questions and Chair Tollett read the committee report and asked for a motion.

Motion made by Mr. Cerra, seconded by Mr. Schneider to authorize a resolution declaring the 'said' equipment unfit and an ordinance to dispose of 'said' equipment by the best means possible, (sold to LC Sheriff's Dept).

MOTION CARRIES COMMITTEE REPORT WRITTEN

4. The matter of a request to purchase two ~ 2026 Ford F-150 trucks and eight ~ 2025 Ford Explorer Interceptor vehicles.

Referred By: EPD Capt. Palmer

Capt. Palmer said this year they have 12 vehicles allocated in the budget. The fleet is aging and they haven't been purchasing any vehicles recently. Through Statewide they have secured eight 2025 Ford Explorers, on the lot and ready for shipment. The total cost on those is \$372,512. And they will also order two Ford F-150's which will make a total of four F-150's, because they ordered two last year. The total on those 2 trucks is \$98,610 and those costs are allocated in the budget.

Dir Pyanowski said they will purchase a total of four trucks, but, they are purchasing four less Explorers and the trucks will be assigned to the road supervisors.

Chair Tollett asked why are they purchasing pick-up trucks?

Captain Palmer said the trucks add utility to the department, there are times when they need to pick up abandon bikes or anything too large for the Explorers.

Mrs. Davis asked if they are replacing vehicles or just adding to the fleet?

Capt. Palmer said they are replacing vehicles. The oldest in the fleet are 2017's and they have upwards of 100,000 miles at the end of life stage. They have been selling a number of vehicles on govdeals. Those vehicles maintain a higher value when they are sold sooner, rather than letting them sit on the lot. There will be a rotation of vehicles that are going out as the new are coming in.

Mrs. Rothgery asked if the prices for the vehicles is the whole outfit?

Capt. Palmer said no, those prices are just for the vehicles, \$98,000 on the two trucks, \$44,000 each and that's in line what they are paying for the Explorers as well.

Mr. Schneider asked if with the Explorers it will complete the entire fleet?

Capt. Palmer said with the exception of the F-150's that we purchased last year and hopefully the two that we're going to purchase this year, everything else are the Ford Explorers.

Mr. Cerra asked if we can use the equipment in the vehicles that we are getting rid of?

Capt. Palmer said in some cases they can do that. The 2021 Explorers got a slightly different body. Some things they can repurpose off some vehicles and others we have to purchase specifically for that vehicle.

Law Dir Deery asked if these will be purchased through statewide purchasing?

Capt. Palmer said yes, that is correct. We will purchase two 2026 F-150's and eight 2025 Ford Explorers.

Chair Tollett read the committee report and asked for a motion.

Motion made by Mr. Van Wormer and second by Mr. Cerra to authorize the Mayor to enter into the ‘said’ agreement for the purchase of ‘said’ vehicles.

MOTION CARRIES COMMITTEE REPORT WRITTEN

5. The matter of an LPA Agreement with ODOT for improvements to the East Broad Street Bridge over the East Branch of the Black River.

[This matter was passed by The Utilities Committee on April 8th, 2026].

Referred By: Engineer Schneider

Engineer Schneider said the Mayor secured a grant from the Federal Government to complete some improvements on this bridge. There are scour channel issues, debris, trees collecting, sandbars and other things like that. Before they get started with these improvements they need to enter into an agreement with ODOT.

Chair Tollett clarified that we got 1.28 million dollars for this project?
Engineer Schneider said yes.

Engineer Schneider said we won’t have to pay anything unless we go over the total cost.

Engineer Schneider said it’s eroding at the footers of the bridge. It’s taking what is along the footers and carving out so we need to go in there and repack it.

Chair Tollett read the committee report and asked for a motion.

Motion made by Mrs. Davis and second by Mr. Schneider to authorize the Mayor to enter into the ‘said’ agreement with ODOT for the ‘said’ project.

MOTION CARRIES COMMITTEE REPORT WRITTEN

6. The matter of an LPA Agreement with ODOT for the reconstruction of 2nd St.

[This matter was passed by The Utilities Committee on April 8th, 2026].

Referred By: Engineer Schneider

Engineer Schneider this is same thing as previous agenda item. We need to enter into an LPA agreement with ODOT for the 2nd Street reconstruction project. We received a grant in the amount of one million dollars from NOACA. It is an 80/20 split. We pay 20 percent. The plan is to mill and replace and repave the road, complete any full-depth repairs that may be needed. Also, will install new pavement markings, replace the traffic lights, enhance crosswalks, add signage. We only got one million and the overall costs could be higher than that. They haven’t started any design work, but, it needs to be done and when we get further along we may apply for some Ohio Public Works Funds to help offset some of our costs. But, the project needs to happen.

Engineer Schneider said the typical cost just for a traffic light is about a half million dollars, including mast arms, electrical, crosswalks, push buttons, etc.

Engineer Schneider said he doesn't see a traffic issue. It will be a mill and fill of three inches. Parking on 2nd Street will be restricted during construction. They will maintain traffic one way and they will have more information on that once the plans are designed.

Law Dir Deery asked if the City's match for this been addressed? Do we need it as part of the legislation?

Engineer Schneider said that will not be needed at this time because he will be coming back to council multiple times for other parts of this project.

Chair Tollett read the committee report and asked for a motion.

Motion made by Mrs. Davis and second by Mr. Schneider to authorize the Mayor to enter into the 'said' agreement with ODOT for the 'said' project.

MOTION CARRIES COMMITTEE REPORT WRITTEN

7. The matter of an LPA Agreement with ODOT for constructing pedestrian improvements along Burns Road and Abbe Road.

[This matter was passed by The Utilities Committee on April 8th, 2026].

Referred By: Engineer Schneider

Chair Tollett said he had a lot of questions about this issue and Engineer Schneider was more than outstanding to acquire this project to move forward.

Engineer Schneider said we applied for funding for this project for sidewalk enhancements and improvements in the Burns Rd and Abbe Rd area which will help create connectivity between Hilltop Park and Abbe Rd. and from Sheffield to the City limits. It will include a multi-use / bike path on the College side. We received funding in the amount of \$1,282,275, it's a 90/10 split between the state and the city. They anticipate more funds may be needed and will bring back to council at that time.

They have not started the design work as yet and the City may have to add to the project. There will be some drainage issues to contend with, and those monies will come out of Storm Water. Those other parts of these project will come back to committee at a later date before they go out for bid.

Mr. Schneider said this is great for this part of time and he asked if the sidewalk or path on Burns will be on the north or south of the street?

Engineer Schneider said they anticipate it will be on the south side. The intent would be to extend the culvert and raise the grade across so that it can be an at grade crossing opposed to building a bridge. There are no push button pedestrian crossing signals at Burns and Abbe at this time, that is something they will look into.

Chair Tollett read the committee report and asked for a motion.

Motion made by Mr. Cerra and second by Mr. Schneider to authorize the Mayor to enter into the 'said' agreement with ODOT for the 'said' project.

MOTION CARRIES COMMITTEE REPORT WRITTEN

8. The matter of an LPA Agreement with ODOT for the reconstruction of Murray Ridge Road.

[This matter was passed by The Utilities Committee on April 8th, 2026].

Referred By: Engineer Schneider

Engineer Schneider said the City received just over one million dollars to resurface Murray Ridge Road, from Albrecht to Lowell St. It's an 80/20 split. We applied to Ohio Public Works for the local share, which includes only the city share and we received \$1,065,437. The City/Township share is \$266,359.25, which will be Ohio Public Works Funds. The road does go from inside the city and outside the city. The intent is to resurface the road, install new signs, pavement markings, bolster the edges so that it won't fall apart like is has.

Mrs. Davis said it's great that they have been able to obtain these funds for us and it's very appreciated and she thanked Engineer Schneider.

Mr. Cerra asked if Engineer Schneider has an idea of a start date?

Engineer Schneider said the plan is to do it this year, there is a level of oversight from ODOT that has to happen which we're in the process of and if it get's completed, the job will go out for bid this year and it would be later in the year, like September or October. We need this ordinance to enter into an agreement and to get the ball rolling.

Chair Tollett asked if we will have to work in coordination with the Lorain County Sherriff's Office so they have access?

Engineer Schneider said there is a maintenance of traffic that's required to be provided as part of the specifications. This project is basically a mill and fill and it will have flaggers on both ends. There will be access at all times, and the road will be useable at the end of the day along with temporary striping. They will let the Sheriff's Dept know about the project. It won't be directly in front of the Sheriff's Office.

Motion made by Mr. Cerra and second by Mr. Schneider to authorize the Mayor to enter into the 'said' agreement with ODOT for the 'said' project.

MOTION CARRIES COMMITTEE REPORT WRITTEN

9. The matter of Amending the Agreement with Browning-Ferris, DBA Republic Services for solid waste container services, Ordinance 2025-68.

[This matter was passed by The Utilities Committee on April 8th, 2026].

Referred By: Director Pyanowski

Dir Pyanowski said in May 2025 we passed an ordinance for a contract with Republic Services for dumpsters at EPD, EFD and a few other locations. Two dumpsters at Water Pumping were overlooked, so this is simply to add those two dumpsters to the contract.

Law Dir Deery said the original not to exceed was \$80,000, what is the amended amount?

Dir Pyanowski would like a separate amended amount because he would like the \$80,000 to be paid out of the Sanitation Fund and these dumpsters at Water Pumping are to be paid out of the Water Fund. When we get the numbers, we can have it reflect the 'not to exceed' amount.

Chair Tollett read the committee report and asked for a motion.

Motion made by Mr. Cerra and second by Mr. Schneider to authorize amending the 'said' ordinance.

MOTION CARRIES COMMITTEE REPORT WRITTEN

10. The matter of the maturing and issuance of Bond Anticipation Notes.

Referred By: Finance Directors Pileski and Farrell *[Standing Referral]*.

Finance Dir Pileski said at the end of June we have 5.46 million of one-year general obligation bond anticipation notes that are maturing. Of that amount, 5.2 million represents notes that are outstanding on the Chestnut Commons connector road. He is recommending that we take %500,000 from the General Bond retirement fund and pay down on that note and roll the remaining 4.7 over into another one-year note. We have \$110,000 maturing on the Fire Truck notes and he will pay that off by using monies from the 2016 ½ percent income tax fund and retire that note completely. He's been paying \$110,000 a year for the last four years. The final note is the Sanitation truck notes, he thinks the original was \$550,000 and we're now down to \$150,000 which is maturing and he will pay that note off by using Sanitation Fund monies. We're at 5.46 maturing and we're paying down \$760,000 and reissuing 4.7 million that will be for the Chestnut Commons connector road note.

Chair Tollett read the committee report and asked for a motion.

Motion made by Mr. Cerra and second by Mr. Schneider to authorize an ordinance for the issuance and sale of 'said' notes and issuance of bonds.

MOTION CARRIES COMMITTEE REPORT WRITTEN

11. The matter of amendments to the 2026 Permanent Appropriations.

Referred By: Finance Directors Pileski and Farrell *[Standing Referral]*.

Fin Dir Pileski said when the temporary appropriation was passed there was money appropriated for two new sanitation trucks that were already on the lot and ready to be sold and no waiting period, when the permanent request came through from the department, they only included one truck, but there were in the temporary, so we have to have two in the permanent appropriations.

They've already been encumbered and paid for so, we need to adjust capital outlay adding \$502,243 to the Sanitation Fund, Capital Outlay Account.

There were no questions and Chair Tollett read the committee report and asked for a motion.

Motion made by Mrs. Davis, seconded by Mr. Schneider to authorize the 'said' changes to the permanent appropriations for 2026, per the attached list.

MOTION CARRIES COMMITTEE REPORT WRITTEN

Chair Tollett said that is all the business of this evening's Finance Meeting and he asked for a motion to adjourn.

**Motion made by Mr. Cerra and second by Mr. Schneider to adjourn the Finance Committee Meeting at 6:50 P.M.
MOTION CARRIES**

That concluded this evening's meetings.

The Next Finance Meeting is scheduled for Monday, May 11th, 2026.

Respectfully Submitted by,

Colleen Rosado, Secretary/Administrative Assistant