

The FINANCE COMMITTEE held a meeting on Monday, April 27th, 2026 beginning at 6:06 P.M.

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FINANCE PRESENT: Chair Tollett, Cerra, Schneider, Davis
COM DEV PRESENT: Chair Schneider, Mitchell, Doehne, Lipian
OTHERS PRESENT: Armstrong, Oswald
EXCUSED ABSENCE: Rothgery

OTHERS PRESENT: Law Dir Deery, Safety Svc Dir Pyanowski, Finance Dir Farrell, Water Reclamation Supt. Stewart

1. The matter of approval of meeting minutes from the Finance Committee Meeting, which took place on April 13th, 2026, as circulated on 4/27/26.

And meeting minutes from the March 30th, 2026 Finance Meeting as circulated on 4/15/2026.

Mr. Van Wormer brought to the attention of the clerk assistant that he was listed as present at the March 30th Finance Meeting, when he actually was absent and that will be reflected in the updated minutes.

Motion made by Mr. Cerra and seconded by Mrs. Davis to approve the ‘said’ Meeting Minutes.

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2. The matter of City property from the Water Distribution Department, which is no longer fit for City use and to be disposed of by the best means possible.

Referred By: Public Works Supervisor Eye

Dir Pyanowski said this is an old 2011 Ford E-250 Box Van. They have purchased a new one this year and now have two vans, a primary and a backup.

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

Motion made by Mrs. Davis, 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 authorizing the Mayor to enter into a contract for the cleaning of two (2) anaerobic digesters at the Water Reclamation Facility.

Referred By: Water Reclamation Supt. Stewart

Chair Tollett wanted to congratulate Water Reclamation Supt. Stewart on achieving his certification as a Class Four Operator.

Superintendent Stewart said this referral is to clean two of our four anaerobic digesters. They are the tanks where all the biosolids go, where they heat them, break them down and where the methane is produced. One of the tanks is one million gallons, the other is 500,000 gallons. They are supposed to be cleaned every 6 to 8 years. They have taken really good care of them and have been able to extend it to every 9 years. They got a few quotes, one for \$250,000 and the other for \$350,000. That was the same costs 6 to 8 years ago. The big difference in the cost was the one company will haul in their own portable presses to press the material. They are actually starting earlier and spoke with another company that has done this kind of work on the collection systems and they also clean out the digesters. He asked if we were able to pump a lot of that down ourselves and they just need to get the real nitty and gritty at the bottom and we asked if they would be open to that, and they said, yes, they are open to that. So, that quote came back at \$111,000. Supt. Stewart felt that this is something that they should at least try, though, they haven't attempted it before. He and his team brainstormed this for the last 2 or 3 weeks and they now have a good plan. They have already started, regardless if C&K was going to do it or if they went with another company. So, they got number two down over half way and will now start working on the other ones in the next month or so.

Chair Tollett said when we hear the term sludge cakes that are hauled away, is this what this is?

Supt. Stewart said this is prior to going to the presses. The anaerobic digested sludge is then pumped to our sludge presses where it's pressed into cakes that are dewatered at that point. So, this is the product prior to it going to the belt presses.

Law Dir Deery asked for purposes of legislation, will this be a professional contract?

Supt Stewart said yes, and the not to exceed amount is \$111,825.00.

Chair Tollett said this is roughly a 60% reduction in our costs from 8 years ago.

Mr. Van Wormer said that the money has been appropriated for this project, how much are we coming in under what was appropriated?

Supt. Stewart said these funds are coming out of Engineering Misc. fund and there is roughly \$500,000 in that fund for plant professional services to be used as needed.

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

Motion made by Mr. Van Wormer seconded by Mr. Cerra to authorize the Mayor to enter into the 'said' contract for cleaning of two (2) anaerobic digesters at the Water Reclamation Facility, not to exceed \$115,000. Emergency clause requested.
MOTION CARRIES COMMITTEE REPORT WRITTEN

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

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

Finance Dir Farrell said there are two amendments this evening.

- 1.) To increase Operations & Maintenance by \$60,000 in the Workers Comp Fund and reduce the fringe benefit operation by that same amount. This money is used for education and training and investment fees in that fund.
- 2.) To increase Operations & Maintenance by \$17,500 in the Aldi-Sheetz TIF Fund to account for the fees that the Lorain County Auditor charges in collection of the TIF money.

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

Motion made by Mr. Cerra, 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. Van Wormer to adjourn the Finance Committee Meeting at 6:18 P.M.

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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