

**FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETING - Tuesday, January 27, 2026 – 4:00pm**

**PRESENT:** Meeting called to order at the Auditorium by Chair Jim Smith at 4:01 pm. The following answered the roll call: President Jim Smith and Trustees Jim Jonasen and Cindy Johnson. Also present was Village Clerk/Administrator Daisha Nolan and Village Treasurer Heather Rutten.

**REVIEW OF AGENDA:** No changes made to the agenda.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:** A motion was made by Jonasen to approve the open minutes, as presented, from the October 27, 2025 meeting, seconded by C. Johnson, MCU.

**PUBLIC INPUT:** None

**Cemetery Tree Purchase:** A motion was made by Jonasen to purchase 15 Red Splendor Crab Trees at \$260.00/each and 15 White Snow Crab Trees at \$295.00/each for a total of \$8325.00 from Superior Landscaping Contractors, Inc with funds from the Cemetery Account, seconded by C. Johnson. MCU

*Discussion: These trees will be to replace the memorial trees previously removed by Dahlberg Light and Power. Their placements will be marked and reviewed prior to planting in the Spring with the intent of forming an agreement with Dahlberg Light and Power that the Village Departments will maintain trimming of the trees if needed.*

**Cemetery Mowing Season:** Public Works employees have maintained the cemetery mowing for the past 2 years. As a time consuming task, the committee discussed if the Village should consider returning to contracting the service out. C. Johnson will reach out to a company that she is familiar with from Iron River and Nolan will reach out to Superior Landscape Contractors, INC. With an additional Public Works Employee joining payroll and training during the summer, it may not be needed this year. This item will be kept on the agenda for further discussion.

**Part Time Public Works - Hour Availability and Budget Review:** The committee reviewed options with the current budget versus scenarios that would require some allocation of surplus funds from 2025 to offer normal scheduled hours to part time Public Works employee Ted Ismail who will be training in alongside Pat and Preston Coughlin in preparation of Pat's retirement. Considering the current season's workload and upcoming season, the committee created a progressive schedule into the fall. A motion was made by Jonasen to recommend to the Village Board the following schedule: 15 Hours/Week (Feb, March and April), 20 Hours/Week (May-Aug) 40/hrs a week (Sept-Dec.) at \$24.50/Hour, seconded by C. Johnson. MCU

**Unpaid Delinquent Sewer Charge Preview (2019-2024):** Rutten and Nolan explained to the committee the missed process of paying special charges from Tax Settlements to the Sewer Account from the years 2019-2024. This results in having to back track through finance records to find which payments still need to be made, as some were made during August Settlements. The County has provided us with reports to assist with the process. This item will remain on the agenda to accompany the conversation surrounding surplus allocation and the details will also be delivered to the Sewer Commission at their January meeting.

**Zoom Meeting Access:** Past use of an online meeting platform was not used by the public, resulting in the discontinuance of the service. At the request of a resident to provide the service again, the committee reviewed the pros, cons and costs of the service. Nolan will utilize the Office Facebook page to

**CORRESPONDENCE:**

**Benevity Program Update:** LNVFD Member Eric Mack earned \$1595.00 through Enbridge employment who matches hours worked outside of normal scheduled hours- expressed he would like the funds towards needed equipment such as high vis gear, traction aids, gloves, safety glasses, and insulated fire boots.

**CLOSED SESSION:** The committee will not go into closed session.

**INFORMATION FROM THE CHAIR:** The next Finance Committee meeting is tentatively scheduled for February 24, 2026 with a time to be determined.

**ADJOURNMENT:** The committee adjourned at 4:52 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

*Daisha Nolan*

Daisha Nolan, Clerk/Administrator  
Village of Lake Nebagamon