

**VILLAGE OF MOUNT HOREB
FINANCE/PERSONNEL COMMITTEE MINUTES-BUDGET PLANNING
WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 15, 2025**

The Finance/Personnel Committee met in special session in-person on the above date.

Call to Order/Roll Call: Chair Jones called the meeting to order at 5:00pm. Present were Committee members Fendrick and Hook. Best and Healy were absent. Also present were Administrator Owen, Treasurer/Finance Director Schwenn and Village Clerk Gaffney.

Discussion Regarding Referendum to Exceed the Allowable Levy Limit in Mount Horeb: The committee discussed the possibility and process of a referendum, and also discussed a timeline.

Discussion Regarding Options to Balance the Budget Deficit for 2026. Options: 1. Capital Improvement Requests Deferred or Rejected. 2. Implementation of Wheel Tax: The committee discussed these two options and where to possibly make changes to the balance the deficit in the budget.

Discuss 2026 Budget- Draft 3: The committee discussed changes to the budget. Hook moved, Fendrick seconded to approve the changes as discussed, which included reducing Police Department overtime and merit increases for employees, and deferring a police department vehicle, Community Center Retaining wall, and lighted snowflakes for the Main Street light poles to 2027. Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

Review Upcoming Meeting Dates and Times: Since the budget was approved to be presented to the Village Board on November 5th, there would be no need to meet next week. The public hearing will be held on November 19th.

Meeting Adjournment: There being no further business before the Committee, Fendrick moved, Hook seconded to adjourn the meeting at 5:57pm. Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

Minutes by Alyssa Gaffney, Village Clerk