

## Attendance and Opening

- The meeting began at 6:34 PM with roll call.
  - Present: Council members Martin, Paessun, Koss, Grant, Council President Camara, Mayor Southard, Village Attorney Jesse Shamp, Jeff Wilcheck (Finance Director), and the Chief Delp.
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## Finance Committee Report Presented by Jeff Wilcheck:

- **April Financial Report:** Income tax revenue is currently 6.7% higher than the previous year.
  - **Emergency Resolution:** Council was asked to approve an emergency payment to T&J Excavating for waterline repair. The invoice lacked certification initially but is now being "vetted" retroactively.
  - **Levy Language Update:** Two updated resolutions were discussed related to a 4-mil levy. Language was adjusted per the county prosecutor's guidance.
  - **Council Salary Comparison:**
    - Council salaries are on the high end for villages of similar size (~2,000 residents).
    - Discussion on possible future changes included benchmarking salaries to external measures (like judges' salaries) to avoid conflicts of interest in setting pay.
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## Safety Committee

- **Speeding Concerns:** Maplewood and Minerva Lake Road were flagged for traffic issues.
  - **Traffic Studies:** A recent study on Minerva Lake near Valley Road showed over 11,000 cars in 9 days, but only 43 vehicles exceeded 35 mph—likely delivery drivers or emergency vehicles.
  - **Speed Sign Deployment:** New speed signs will be installed at key locations based on the traffic data.
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## Legislation Overview

- **Key Resolutions Discussed:**
  - 2025-09: Capital salary ordinance (council compensation).
  - 2025-11: Fuel levy language (tweaked multiple times for ballot compliance).
  - 2025-12: Certifying tax renewal for the fall ballot.
  - 2025-13: Payment authorization to T&J Excavating.

## COMMITTEE AS A WHOLE MEETING 5/8/25

- Intent to suspend three readings for some ordinances due to timing and minor changes.
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### Council Vacancy Process

- Public candidate introductions (3 minutes each) before executive session interviews.
  - Council will return from executive session to nominate and vote on a new member (majority of 3 votes needed). If no decision, the Mayor steps in.
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### Infrastructure and Planning

- **Pool Renovation Committee:** Council decided not to form a formal committee but to vet architects internally.
  - **Tree Survey:** Reviewed three new bids for a shoreline/tree bank survey.
  - **Road Repairs:**
    - Potholes have been filled.
    - Crack sealing is scheduled (cost estimate ~\$15,000).
    - Bids for Northland Plaza/Minerva Lake Rd. projects to open May 16.
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### Alcohol Sales Petition

- The council confirmed that the prior approved resolution remains valid, allowing signature collection for a fall ballot initiative.
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### Interview Questions & Misc.

- A standard set of interview questions was prepared for council vacancy applicants.
  - Updates were given on engineering contacts for local drainage/low spot issues.
  - Pool grant application has been fully submitted and is pending a decision by late May.
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This was a packed and productive meeting focused on **finance, legislative housekeeping, traffic safety, and infrastructure planning**, with a side of thoughtful conversation on **council compensation philosophy**. 