

## Summary of 6.12.25 Committee as a Whole Meeting

### Meeting Context

- Held on **Thursday, June 12**, beginning at **6:02 PM**.
  - Purpose: A "Committee-as-a-Whole" work session to discuss updates, resolve pending issues, and prepare for upcoming legislation and projects.
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### 1. Tree Maintenance & Surveys

- A **tree survey** is scheduled around **North and South Lakes** via **Davey Trees**.
    - Residents will be notified by postcard.
    - No cutting will take place—this is purely assessment on **village property**.
  - One **hazardous tree** near a walking path will be removed after two arborists confirmed the risk.
  - **MI section trees** overhanging sidewalks:
    - Council discussed stronger **enforcement**.
    - Considered assessing homeowners or setting a **small annual fee** (~\$20–25/year) for village-managed trimming.
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### 2. Park Visibility, Safety & Community Recognition

- Proposed **clearing shrubs** near the playground to improve visibility met with resident resistance; privacy is valued.
  - **Pool behavior concerns** prompted calls for **zero tolerance policies** and **police involvement** for disruptive behavior.
  - Council proposed recognizing **Officer Cliff Bigler** as “Officer of the Year”.
    - Future recognitions could include resident voting and be tied to **Police Week**.
  - Possible **4th of July community cookout** discussed (hot dogs, corn, simple donation-based).
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### 3. Erosion Control & Engineering Oversight

- Council reviewed **serious erosion** issues:
    - **Tunnel under the road**
    - **Spillway**
    - **Old bridge near the walking path**
  - Estimated repairs could cost up to **\$1 million**.
  - Council supports prioritizing erosion over lake restoration (which is now on hold due to lack of funding).
  - Discussion on whether to **continue using Jacobs (village engineer)** for all tasks or seek bids for smaller projects.
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#### 4. Leaf Contract & Council Compensation

- **Groundmasters Landscaping (Brad)** selected over Five Seasons for **leaf collection**, due to pricing and positive history.
  - Council discussed a new **pay structure**:
    - Implement **base pay + annual CPI (Consumer Price Index) adjustment**.
    - Must pass by **August 1** to affect incoming council members.
    - Discussion ongoing for mayor vs. council pay scaling and potential future administrator role.
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#### 5. Pool Concessions & Legislation

- Reviewed and simplified **pool discount structure**:
    - Final proposal: **10% employee discount, 15% end-of-season discount**.
    - Eliminated complex combo pricing and unused menu items (e.g., s'mores, hot dogs).
  - Approved appointment of **Amber Blackburn** as full-time officer.
  - Reviewed **roadway improvement resolution** and **2026 tax budget** (requires July approval).
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#### 6. Financial Report & Budget Planning

- **May financials** show income tax revenue is **7.8% higher** than last year.
  - Pool pass and concession revenue slightly lower due to **cooler weather**.
  - Idea proposed to create a “**Lakes Fund**” for long-term savings—requires further discussion.
  - **Public hearing for 2026 tax budget** scheduled for **June 26 at 6:30 PM**.
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## 7. Maintenance Building & Resident Questions

Residents near the planned **maintenance building** submitted concerns:

1. **Landscaping/Privacy** – No current plan, but council agrees it's important. Will be addressed post-construction.
  2. **Lighting** – Lights **are** included in the plan (above bays, one facing backyard). Council will explore motion-sensors, shielding, and minimizing impact.
  3. **Stormwater Drainage** – Engineer has reviewed it; council will double-check that no runoff impacts neighboring properties.
  4. **Tree Preservation** – Request to protect a **smoke tree** on village land. Council will try but can't guarantee it won't be affected.
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## Meeting Adjourned

The meeting closed with a motion to adjourn and consensus on several pending actions to be followed up at the next council meeting on **June 26**.