

Meeting Details-Committee as a Whole

- **Date & Time:** July 17, 2025, 6:31 PM
 - **Attendees:** Mayor Southard, Council President Camara, Councilpersons Martin, Grant, Kost, Pinter, Paessun (absent), and Chief of Police.
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Finance Report

- Finance Committee recently met with Jeff for about 1.5 hours.
 - His report was shared with members and uploaded to the website.
 - Key points:
 - **Pool membership revenue** is on target.
 - **Walk-in admissions** are at about 50% of projections.
 - **Income and real estate revenues** are within budget expectations.
 - No major concerns raised about the financials.
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Safety Updates (by Chief)

- **Speed Sign Issues:**
 - Old battery issues resolved via warranty.
 - Signs are operational and taking charge correctly now.
 - Data is still “raw” but being analyzed for traffic trends.
- **Traffic Data:**
 - On Cleveland Ave in early June: ~150,000 cars in 10 days.
 - Around July 4th: shorter test period (9 hrs), speeds stayed within the 85th percentile (~38 mph).
 - Anomalies (like a reading of 146 mph) likely due to radar interference or motorcycle.
- **Traffic Stops:**
 - Up by 40% this year.
 - Explained by fewer report-based calls, allowing more focus on speed enforcement.
- **Fireworks Safety:**
 - No significant incidents during July 4th.
 - One minor event: an intoxicated individual tried to steal fireworks.

- **Phantom Fireworks Site Traffic:**
 - Traffic was manageable.
 - Police presence appreciated; no major issues reported.
 - Suggestion made to add more officers next year on the weekend before the 4th.
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Road Projects & Public Communication

- Discussion on how to better **alert residents of upcoming road work**.
 - Suggestions included:
 - **Electronic signs** (cost: \$8K–\$18K to purchase, \$700/week to rent).
 - **Reusable aluminum signs** with simple messages and QR codes.
 - Concerns about yard signs being vandalized or ignored.
 - **Goal:** Improve visibility and awareness before projects begin.
 - Decision: Continue exploring cost-effective solutions and possibly budget in January.
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Community Room Rental Policy Changes

- Current issues:
 - The room is frequently left messy or damaged.
 - Inadequate fee to cover wear and tear and cleaning.
- Proposed changes:
 - Increase rental fee from **\$150** → **\$300**
 - Add **\$300 security deposit**, refundable if no damage.
 - Total up-front cost: **\$600**
 - Discussion around whether to:
 - Include a **cleaning fee**.
 - Hire a cleaning service.
 - Implement a refund system via Square.
- Legal considerations:
 - Previous legislation capped rental rate increases.
 - Will need to **repeal prior ordinance** before changes take effect.
- Final direction: Amend the legislation to reflect new pricing and remove references to tent rentals (tents are destroyed and no longer available).

□ Pool Loungers

- New chairs discussed.
- Vendor may honor current price if the Village commits before Jan 2, 2026.
- Recommendation: Order in advance, budget permitting.

🌳 Tree Trimming Ordinance & Misc. Legislation

- Tree-related legislation is being drafted.
- No new site plans or active legislative items presented but will be added for discussion at future meetings.

😊 Tone & Extra Bits

- Lighthearted banter (jokes about singing telegrams, air-tagged geese deterrents, and PTSD from old radar signs).
- Council expressed concern about public engagement, noting many residents don't read Facebook posts or newsletters.
- Emphasis placed on **proactive communication** and **efficient use of staff time**.

✓ Key Takeaways

- Financials are solid.
- Public safety is proactive, especially around traffic and seasonal events.
- Council is focused on improving transparency and managing community spaces responsibly.
- Room rental changes and signage for construction projects are top priorities.