



FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

MONDAY, APRIL 27, 2026, AT 5:15 PM

MUNICIPAL BUILDING COUNCIL CHAMBERS, 106 JONES STREET, WATERTOWN, WI 53094

Finance Committee members present: Mayor Stocks, Alderpersons Arnett, Blanke, Moldenhauer, Smith (5:28 arrival)

Others present: Finance Director Stevens, Fire Chief Reynen, Police Chief Brower, Ryan Thurow (video)

1. Mayor Stocks called the meeting to order at 5:20 p.m.
2. The Finance Committee **minutes from April 13** were presented. Ald. Arnett moved, seconded by Ald. Blanke, to approve. Unanimously approved.
3. As requested by the Finance Committee in a prior meeting, Chief Reynen, followed by Chief Brower, each provided a **description of their department's use of overtime** over the prior year.
4. Bids were received for the **modernization of the Senior Center elevator**, as the existing unit contains outdated components and requires mechanical and electrical upgrades to meet current code. Mr. Thurow recommended that the Finance Committee forward to the Council a contract award to Schindler Elevator Corp. in the amount of \$103,548 as the lowest responsible bid. The approved 2026 budget for the project is \$105,000. Ald. Arnett moved, seconded by Ald. Smith, to approve the recommendation. Motion carried unanimously.
5. A **water rescue boat** was purchased for \$29,063 in 2019 by the Dodge County Fire Chiefs Association (DCFCA) and is currently housed at the Watertown Fire Station. The boat is used for both local water rescue operations and mutual aid responses. The DCFCA now wishes to transfer full ownership of the boat to the City of Watertown at no cost, thereby shifting responsibility for maintenance, insurance, and registration to the City. A motion was made by Ald. Arnett, seconded by Ald. Blanke, to accept the **transfer of ownership of the 2017 SeaArk MV1872**. Motion unanimously approved.
6. **Non-EMS fire reports** have been shared with the Townships of Shields, Emmet, Watertown, and Milford. The Fire Department has recently created an intergovernmental agreement (IGA) for each town to review and sign. The Townships of Emmet and Shields have returned their IGA. Ald. Smith, seconded by Ald. Moldenhauer, moved to approve the IGAs for all four townships upon their receipt. Unanimously approved.
7. Ald. Arnett, seconded by Ald. Smith, moved to adjourn the Finance Committee at 6:36 p.m., and the motion was carried by unanimous voice vote.

Respectfully submitted,

Mark Stevens, Finance Director

Note: These minutes are uncorrected, and any corrections made thereto will be noted in the proceedings at which these minutes are approved.