



**TREASURER'S REPORT**  
**AS OF: 5/31/23**

**GENERAL FUND**

The Town of Columbus Fire Contract has been paid in April.

CHIPS reimbursement has been submitted and approved towards the truck in the amount of \$81,035 by Jared Kline. Funds have yet to be received from the State. Funds were sent to the Town of New Berlin in error. CHIPS has requested the funds back from the Town and will then send them to the Village, they anticipate by the end of June 2023.

The sale of the Firehouse was not completed at the end of the fiscal year. \$20,200 was budgeted to cover the roof replacement at the Village office, in addition to \$8,014 in expenses prior to legal and closing costs of the sale were expensed in 2022/2023 that would have been offset by the revenue from the sale. The anticipated sale less expenses was budgeted to increase the unappropriated fund balance in the estimated amount of \$47,786. This will now be pushed off until the 2023/2024 Fiscal Year.

The DPW was over budget for the year in the amount of \$77,235.06. The department was overbudget on salaries by \$4,107.30 with the addition of a full-time employee following the resignation of the part-time employee and overtime.

The department was \$51,445.91 over budget for equipment for the fiscal year 2022/2023, for a total spend of \$141,445.91. This spend includes the purchase of a new truck for the DPW, in which the Village is awaiting reimbursement from CHIPS that should be paid in late June 2023. \$38,500 was wire transferred as a down payment for the purchase of a backhoe for the department in May 2023 to a company that had cloned the website of Sam's Equipment, a legitimate equipment retailer in Missouri. The purchase of the equipment was approved by the board and the wire transfer approved by the mayor as discussed with the sales rep. Reports have been filed with the New Berlin Police Department and a claim for the fraudulent representation has been filed.

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with NBT Insurance and an investigation is pending for the claim to be paid by the Insurance Company. As this occurred in May, the investigation and insurance claim are under review in the new fiscal year and any recoveries will be recorded and reported in the 2023/2024 Fiscal Year. \$23,326 will be covered by the Equipment reserve for the DPW with the remaining shortfall to be covered by the unappropriated reserve balance, to be replenished upon successful resolution of the insurance claim.

As the planning board members resigned from the board, the Village does not currently have a planning board, there is a planning committee in place. The \$5,000 grant received from NYSERDA, in addition to the \$250 unused budgeted funds will be placed in reserve for the purpose of updating Village zoning and planning documents in the future.

Buildings and grounds were under budget by \$5,071.15 which has been deducted from the reserve. Painting of the library did not occur and will be revisited in the 2023/2024 fiscal year.

Community Events was under budget by \$289.16, which has been added to the reserve.

The Clerk/Treasurer's office was under budget \$1,438.01 for equipment and supplies, the savings has been added to the equipment budget for the clerk/treasurer's office.

The Fire Department has under budget by \$10,523.55 under budget, this was added to the budgeted reserve increases of \$17,000.

The overall net loss for the General Fund for the 2022/2023 Fiscal Year was \$51,827.28. Reserve balances, including unappropriated reserves, have been adjusted accordingly to cover the losses for the year. Some of which will be recoverable in the 2023/2024 Fiscal Year, and reserve balances will be replenished at that time as appropriate.

## **WATER FUND**

Metered sales were slightly over budget for the fiscal year, mostly from the large water leak at the Youth Center.

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SRBC Consumptive use grant has paid \$2,499.90 towards a new meter at the well house. The remaining grant will be used for in-home meter replacements once the water improvement project moves forward. We have 2 additional years to utilize the funds.

We have utilized \$25,799.15 of the \$50,717.19 in Fiscal Recovery Funds that have been received and slated towards the water improvement project as of 5/31/23. The annual report on usage has been submitted to the State. \$22,050.88 of the remaining funds have been slated to go towards the overhead mapping for the water project and Barton and Loguidice for funding assistance.

The Fiscal year closed strong for 2022/2023 with a net income of \$14,455.48 which has been added to the reserve balance for the water fund, leaving the reserve balance at \$79,569.21 with \$7,500 budgeted for the 2023/2024 Fiscal Year.

Wages were over budget by \$4,410 for the fiscal year, part in which was due to the re-allocation of the payment in lieu of insurance (Section 125 Plan) in January 2023 to the salary line item. This allocation change is valued at \$2,076.42 making the net overage in wages due to overtime from the Full Time Operations \$2,582.14, and the Administration line would have been under budget at (\$395.15).

The other main variance to the Water fund budget for the 2023/2023 Fiscal Year was attributable to not utilizing the American Rescue Plan Infrastructure funds, bringing expenses in under budget by \$24,918,

## **EMS FUND**

Payment for services compared to the budget for the 2022/2023 Fiscal year came in \$32,379.72 under budget, or 17.9% under budget due to less than budgeted call volume. This coupled with lost and or reductions to anticipated contracts with area municipalities lead to a net loss of \$24,091.15 for the Fiscal Year end. This reduces the reserve funds from the previous balance of \$99,073.89 to a new balance of \$74,982.74. The Village has committed \$65,885 of those reserves towards the purchase of a new ambulance in the 2023/2024 Fiscal Year.

Personell services came in 5.1% under budget for the year or \$8,347.23. Overtime was high as the Village went through the veting process for new employees with Civil Service, however the transfer of administrative duties provided savings to offset the overtime.

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Building expenses are under budget, as the fuel tank was not filled due to the pending sale of the building.

Health Insurance was not budgeted as there were no full-time jobs at the time prior to Randy's promotion.

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