

**Bloomington Township Public water district**  
**Finance Committee Meeting**  
**April 23, 2025**

Dave Baugh called the meeting to order at 1:05 p.m. Wednesday, April 23, 2025

Trustees present: Renee Ponsonby, Dave Baugh, John Emmert, Greg Allen

Also Present: District Manager Micah Stickling and Treasurer Karen Williams

**FISCAL YEAR 2026 BUDGET:**

After Discussion: - here are the highlights and recommendations from the finance committee to be included in the first draft of the budget presented to the full board of trustees at the May 2025 board meeting.

- Decrease the budget for legal fees from \$9,000 to \$8,000 as there have been no additional fees above the legal retainer of \$2000 per quarter for several years.
- Increase the budget for utilities from \$7,273.00 to \$8,000.00 to account for the projected 40% increase by Ameren effective this year.
- Employee Benefits – Renee has consulted her sources – and while most increases reflect larger insurance plans and not individual plans like BTPWD has – her best analysis is to budget for an 11.6% increase in premiums as suggested by BTPWD staff. The whole of the finance committee agrees.
- Insurance Expense (this is the liability and workman’s compensation insurance through Illinois Counties Risk Management Trust) Trustees suggesting increasing the insurance expense by 13% (the same percentage as the percentage increase in the prior fiscal year)
- The cost of mailing utility bills to customers was discussed. Dave would like this to be on the July agenda for the entirety of the board to discuss whether it is feasible and practical to charge customers who want a paper bill an additional amount to cover the cost of postage and processing. For the 2026 fiscal year – the finance committee elected to use the postage & shipping expense budget number suggested by staff.

Dave Baugh made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 2:20 p.m.: second by Renee Ponsonby. All ayes – motion carried.

Respectfully Submitted

Karen Williams  
Karen Williams, Secretary

Attest:

Dave Baugh  
BTPWD Vice Chairman