

Village of Glen Ellyn

Budget Process

Budgetary Basis

All individual fund budgets are prepared on a cash basis. This basis recognizes revenues when received and expenditures when paid.

Accounting Basis

For the purpose of internal interim reporting and budgetary control on a monthly and quarterly basis, the Village generally reports on a cash basis, consistent with its budgetary basis.

For purposes of external annual financial reporting, governmental fund financial statements are reported using the current financial resources measurement focus and the modified accrual basis of accounting. Revenues are recognized as soon as they are both measurable and available. Revenues are considered to be available when they are collectible within the current period or soon enough thereafter to pay liabilities of the current period. The Village considers revenues to be available if they are collected within 60 days of the end of the current fiscal period, except for sales taxes and telecommunication taxes which use a 90 day period. Expenditures generally are recorded when a fund liability is incurred. However, debt service expenditures are recorded only when payment is due.

Proprietary fund and fiduciary fund financial statements are reported using the economic resources measurement focus and the accrual basis of accounting. Revenues and additions are recorded when earned and expenses and deductions are recorded when a liability is incurred. Operating revenues/expenses include all revenues/expenses directly related to providing enterprise fund services. Incidental revenues/expenses are reported as non-operating.

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The annual budget process begins each year with a review of the current year financial report as of the end of the second quarter. From this point, revenue estimates for the current year are extended through the close of the year and preliminary revenue projections for the new year are prepared.

The Finance Department prepares and distributes budget templates to all departments which contain updated actual results from the previous fiscal year and revised current year budget amounts. Also distributed are some base assumptions to be used for various payroll and benefit line items. Department representatives are requested to provide estimates of current year final expenditure amounts as well as line-item proposals for the new budget year with supporting details included.

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The budget team, which consists of the Finance Director, Village Manager, Assistant to the Village Manager and Assistant Finance Director, meets with individual department managers and their support staff to review departmental budget proposals, department goals and organizational objectives. The budget team reviews total budget requests against anticipated revenue streams by fund to determine the extent to which available resources match requests. Follow-up departmental meetings are convened as necessary to modify and refine the budget.

The Village Board typically conducts two budget workshop meetings. Copies of the draft budget are made available for public inspection at the Civic Center, library and on the Village's website. A public hearing is conducted on the proposed budget according to state statutes. Approval of the final budget is typically approved at the regular Village Board meeting following the public hearing to allow additional opportunity for public input.

Budget Transfers and Amendments

The annual budget ordinance authorizes the Village Manager to make budget transfers within a department which do not exceed \$10,000. As a regular practice however, the Village does not record transfers of budgetary authority between accounts so as not to detract from original budget projections. The budgetary level of control is defined at the individual fund level.

The budget may be amended by the adoption of a budget amendment ordinance at any time during the fiscal year. At the onset of each new fiscal year, a budget amendment ordinance is adopted which is composed of total unliquidated encumbrances at the close of the previous fiscal year. Most encumbrances relate to previously Village Board approved contracts or projects which exceed \$10,000 and involve progress payments as the project is completed. Additional budget amendments may be considered as the fiscal year draws to a close to account for any significant unbudgeted or unforeseen expenditures which took place during the year.