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Finance Committee

Dept. Number, Name + Account	Questioner's Name/Question	Response
543 Veterans Programs	FitzPatrick: Is that a charge from highway?	Highway/Parks&Rec charge for manpower for event set up, includes street flags, chairs, cones for parades, etc. Usually NOT required for inclement weather events moved indoors. To date, we do NOT get charged by PD for details when we have road closures like Memorial Day parades in each village and in town center. Also, Veterans Day in town center.
543 Veterans	FitzPatrick: What causes the monthly variability (bullet 2)? Is it more that the average is usually less but there are occasional big expenses? For example, is the low of 3,114 typical but the high month had one benefit for 3K and 11 averaging \$283?	Most Ch 115 recipients are eligible for reimbursement of medical expenses, co-pays, insurance premiums, Medicare Part B&D. Fixed costs like insurance are adjusted when there are new premiums. Rent is adjusted when income changes may cause changes in reimbursement.
543 Veterans	FitzPatrick: Are the abatements funded by the overlay?	The Veterans Exemptions are funded by overlay.
543 Veterans personal	Bao: please explain the veterans tax work program request (\$7,500) vs the TMR (\$5,000)?	This was addressed with CoA/Senior Center, \$7500 is for 5 vet property tax works at \$1,500 each. Will match 20 from COA/Senior Center.
543 Veterans Supplies	Vetsa: What changed to increase the budget from \$500 - \$700.	Licensing for VA application software package and increase in basic office supplies.
543 Veterans Monument Maint	Vetsa: How many monuments are we responsible for and is the cost \$0 because it is absorbed from some other resource in town?	Veterans related - 14 monuments, 24 memorials, Freedom Park, American Legion Park, Veterans Memorial Complex. These all fall under other department's budget.
543 Veterans Misc	Vetsa: Are there any qualified veterans that are not receiving benefits because of any reason?	Possibly. We do not know every veteran or surviving spouse in town unless they voluntarily acknowledge their presence via annual town "census". Almost 900 have identified a veteran affiliation but I do not call everyone to ask if they

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		need assistance. Most will seek out services or come to me via referrals from other departments, other veterans or family and friends.
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