

July NEWSLETTER

The Village of Indian Point



Statue of Liberty (aka Trustee Denise Petersen) makes her appearance in Branson's Flag Day parade. A crowd favorite, Ms. Liberty arrived in the Village of Indian Point Public Works truck. Village Clerk, Beth Frazier, was busy handing out candy during the entire parade. Good time was had by all.



Some of our finest, Chief Mike Lucas and Indian Point Officers George Frye and Bob Bishop, participated in the Police Week celebration in downtown Branson. Police Officers from all across SW Missouri were in attendance with great response from the many onlookers. Thank you for your service!



Upcoming Events

1. Planning & Zoning

Date: 07/08/2026 (moved from 07/01)

Time: 6 PM

2. Trustees' Work Session

Date: 07/13/2026

Time: 5 PM

3. Police Promotion

Ceremony for Bob Bishop

Date: 07/15/2026

Time: 5:30 PM

4. Trustees' Meeting

Date: 07/15/2026

Time: 6 PM

July 2026

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The Village of Indian Point offices will be closed on Friday, July 3rd in observance of the 4th of July.



Village Manager's Report

- 1. 5-18-2026** – Met with Robert Ringer from Cochran. We looked at various issues around the point so he could begin preparing a professional statement for each case.
- 2. 5-19-2026** – Attended the MML “Legislative Wrap Up” meeting in Kimberling City with Denise Petersen and Shannon McQuality.
- 3. 5-20-2026** – Held a meeting with City of Branson West officials to discuss the digital zoning map solution the Village of Indian Point is pursuing. They are very interested and will continue to follow our progress in this area.
- 4. 5-21-2026** – Met with Katalog to discuss/arrange for the transfer of our zoning information in their project file into an ArcGIS account for the Village.
- 5. 5-21-2026** – TCED meeting held at the Village of Indian Point.
- 6. 5-21-2026** – Conducted a conference call with Joan Doerhoff (Environmental Unit Chief with the MoDNR), to discuss the future wastewater regionalization project with the City of Branson West.
- 7. 5-22-2026** – Attended the Higginbotham Leadership Seminar at the Branson Convention Center.
- 8. 6-2-2026** – Conference call with Daron, Cochran, and ESS to discuss the remaining elements of our road improvement project.
- 9. 6-3-2026** – Monthly Planning and Zoning meeting. Committee approved a Site Clearance Development Application for a residential property to be constructed on Map Ln.
- 10. 6-4-2026** – Daron and I met with a Village resident on Shady Cove Ln to discuss a potential project that they would like to begin on their property. The electric/cable company will need to relocate an electrical housing box which will require a small section of road to be cut and then repaired. This is estimated to result in little to no impact.
- 11. 6-4-2026** – Met with Randy Brashers from Higginbotham to discuss our current and future annual insurance needs and rates.
- 12. 6-5-2026** – Created an ArcGIS account for the Village, and notified Katalog that this account was ready to receive our GIS information provided by Stone County and Katalog.
- 13. 6-9-2026** – The hydraulic system of our 99 Ford Public Works truck caught fire while Lance was using it to haul dirt/gravel. Lance parked the truck a safe distance from Village Hall and contacted the fire department. An employee incident report was completed, and Higginbotham was contacted regarding the occurrence.
- 14. 6-9-2026** – Participated in general financials meeting with Shannon and Karen in preparation for the June Trustees meeting.
- 15. 6-9-2026** – Reviewed the editing feature of the Village Planning and Zoning map application to verify its functionality. Confirmed that the map was ready to begin updating in accordance with our most recent zoning map. Once complete, this application can be added to our village webpage for use.



Village Reports

FINANCIAL DEPARTMENT

The Village of Indian Point divides their budget into basically three areas:

Admin – payroll for our admin staff including the Village Manager and a share of the cost to maintain the buildings and supplies account for about 28% of our budget.

Police – which is also responsible for their share of village buildings, and our police force payroll and equipment including automobiles is about 30% of our budget.

Roads – includes the Public Works payroll, equipment, trucks and tools and a share of the cost for maintaining the buildings and supplies, which is about 42% of our budget.

Village:

May Total Revenues, \$61,000.78, were below budget by **\$1,353.22**.
YTD Total Revenues of \$379,079.08 were better than budget by **\$465.49**.

- **May Expenses, \$63,486.68**, were over budget by **\$48,941.41**.
YTD Expenses, \$364,910.37, were below budget by **\$20,273.46**.
This is mostly attributable to the reimbursement of \$50K from the Blue Shield grant, budgeted in May and expensed in April, resulting in a \$50K contra expense for May.
- **In the YOY MAY comparison, Revenues** were below LY by **(6.3%)**, **YTD Revenues** were better than LY YTD by **(4.2%)**.
Expenses were below LY by **(15.2%)**, **YTD Expenses** were over LY YTD by **(7.1%)**

R&E Summary Village May:

- **Admin highlights:** Office Supplies/Equipment **(\$339.65)**, Salaries and Benefits **(\$1,554.71)**
- **Admin overages:** Repair & Maint Building **(\$161.97)**, Septic Pumping **(\$182.50)**
- **Police highlights:** Salaries and Benefits **(\$930.44)**, Office Supplies/Equipment **(\$196.47)**
- **Police overages:** Repair & Maint Vehicle & Buildings **(\$925.67)**
- **Roads highlights:** Salaries and Benefits **(\$1,466.37)**, Uniforms **(\$739.00)**
- **Road's overages:** Repair & Maint Vehicle & Buildings **(\$760.75)**
Rev-Exp: MAY (\$2,485.90) YTD \$14,168.71

Sewer:

- **May Sewer Revenues, \$14,064.57**, were better than budget by **\$864.57**. **YTD Revenues, \$76,200.21**, were below budget by **\$2,601.77**.
- **May Sewer Expenses, \$16,935.30**, were over budget by **\$3,568.10**. **YTD Expenses, \$77,542.05**, were over budget by **\$2,778.50**. (**Factors:** Timing on Chemicals \$1.9K expensed in May, budgeted in June. Timing of Septic pumping: April & May expenses were expensed in May due to a \$2,250.00 billing delay. Increase in utilities for May: **\$390.00**.)
- **In the YOY MAY comparison: May Revenues** are better than LY by **(23%)**, **YTD Revenues** are better than LY by **(34%)**. **May Expenses** are over LY by **(42%)**, **YTD Expenses** are over LY by **(22%)**

Revenue less Expenditures for May: (\$2,870.73) – YTD – (\$1,341.84)

Financial Comments:

- **The WEX fuel cards have been received, assigned, and are officially in use.**
- **The amended ordinance for User Charges and Surcharges, Billing Payment, and Rate Fee Structure, has been completed and sent to the attorney for review. Amendment of the Sewer Rate Table, adding a re-connection fee for disconnected services for sewer. Amendment and consistency for Section 2 User Charges and Surcharges, and Section 3 Billing Late payment.**

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT

Vegetation. The Water Jetter has arrived. Daron picked it up from Springfield and then Lance and Daron had the opportunity to put it together and make room for it in the shop. A lot of time has been spent mowing and weed eating during this growing season. Lance continued his work on the flower beds at the office. We have also been spraying weeds along guard rails. Additional work included Daron and Lance checking ditches during the rainstorms and unplugging them so they could drain.

Sewer. Daron and Lance have been doing daily sewer tests at the sewer plant, and everything is going well. Daron will be having some sewer training and will be out a couple days a week July 16th – August 31st, Monday and Thursday 8 am–2pm.

Storms. Daron was called in on a weekend because of reports of a tree down on Indian Lane at 8pm. He was able to cut it up and remove it from the road. As a follow-up, due to the high winds, Daron checked the rest of the point before he went home. While checking for downed trees, Daron did identify some streetlights that were out and made note for repair that was completed the next day. Weeks later, a report came in of a line down across Tablerock Circle. It was identified as a loose cable tv line and it was removed from the road.

Vehicles and Shop. Lance cleaned his work truck and had it ready so it could be used in the Flag Day parade in Branson. Vehicle and equipment maintenance on trucks is up to date. We have contacted survey companies for quotes on getting the shop's boundary surveyed; so, maybe we can re-install the old salt shed and use it for storage to get equipment out of the weather.

Roads. Daron was also called in to examine possible road damage on Indian Lane where the house construction continues; so, Daron contacted the contractor. Contractor reports they will be working on the house for another 12–18 months and they will repair the road if it gets damaged. Daron also sent an email to Tribesman about the dumpster and trash truck destroying the road along Cave Lane. This was Daron's 3rd time contacting them about this issue. Jennifer emailed a response stating they would work on a solution as soon as possible. Emery Sapp and Sons had 3 pieces of culvert left (2 big ones from Indian Point Road and 1 small one from Moon Lane), and they left them here and some leftover gravel. Lance has also installed more road signs on Tablerock Circle and some that have been knocked over.

Village Reports

VILLAGE CLERK

Business Licenses

There were a total of 11 business licenses that were renewed in May and 2 new licenses for a total of 13 for the month. This brings our total to 141.

Sunshine Requests

There was one new Sunshine Request for the month of May.

Golf Cart Permits

There were 2 golf cart permits issued in the month of May.

Garage Sale Permits

There were 2 garage sale permits issued in May.

POLICE DEPARTMENT

Village of Indian Point Police Department had 45 patrol events in May.

- Frequent Visible Police Patrols. IPPD officers continue high visibility patrols each day. In May, we logged 1,659 miles of patrol-related driving. With approximately 18 miles of roads in the Village, which equals about 92 fulltrips around Village roads over 31 days. Officers have also made more traffic stops during the past 120 days. Again, please watch your speed and drive safely. The most common speeding area is Indian Point Road from Rock Lane to Indian Point Marina.
- IPPD officers make it a priority to visit residents, business owners, and visitors while on duty in the community. We also continue to stop and check suspicious vehicles, individuals, and situations encountered during our shifts.
- If you would like more police presence on your street, please let the Chief or any officer know, and we will do our best to accommodate. We are also providing vacation checks for residences when requested through the Police Department.

NO RECENT SIGNIFICANT CRIMINAL CASES TO REPORT IN MAY.

Flock Camera Update:

Indian Point is now sharing cameras with 471 plus networks as of 6-08-2026. Updates will be performed again in July to Flock sharing lists. Networks often include multiple cameras, such as Indian Point's three-camera system. In practical terms, we are now sharing access to several hundred cameras 24/7 with agencies across the country—from Dallas to Chicago and Tulsa to Tampa. This growing network is a valuable public safety resource for Village residents and visitors.

Police Vehicles – Equipment Update:

All police vehicles are current on maintenance and repairs. One older vehicle was sold to another local police agency. We have also taken delivery of a new 2026 police vehicle funded primarily through the Blue Shield Program. This truck will be a valuable year-round asset and will strengthen public safety capabilities across the community.

Final Numbers and Summary – Police Truck

The Board of Trustees approved this vehicle purchase after months of discussion, evaluation, and budget planning. Adding a heavy-duty truck will allow officers to provide enhanced services while on duty. Although a plow attachment is somewhat uncommon, it is not unprecedented. Given the Village's limited staffing and equipment, it is practical for officers to help clear snow during patrols in support of the public works team. Keeping roads clear during winter storms improves safety for residents and helps fire and EMS crews respond more effectively. The vehicle can also tow trailers, haul equipment and supplies, and provide a visible presence that helps deter crime. It includes additional features that expand department capabilities, including transporting staff and individuals in police custody.

\$55,537.00 – Price of Vehicle
\$13,167.67 – Cost to Outfit Vehicle
\$9,810.00 – Snowplow
\$1,400.00 – Graphics and Lettering
\$79,914.67 TOTAL

–\$50,000.00 BLUE SHIELD GRANT

\$29,914.67 TOTAL COST FOR NEW TRUCK

If the Village keeps the truck for 10 years, it should retain at least the \$29,915 value. In other words, excluding insurance, maintenance, and fuel, the police truck could effectively be a zero-cost piece of equipment over the next 10 years.



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