

AUGUST 4, 21025

REGULAR MEETING 6 P.M.

Regular meeting of the Village Board held at the Village Hall and called to order by President Starcevich with the following members present: Loving, Olson, Frenell, and Whiting (arrived 6:15 p.m.), Starcevich, and Johnson. Absent: Sappington and Baker.

Motion by Loving, second by Olson to accept the July 7, 2025 Budget Hearing and Regular meeting minutes. Voice votes: all votes were in favor, and the motion was carried.

Motion by Whiting, second by Loving to authorize the July 2025 bills. Voice votes: all votes were in favor, and the motion was carried.

There was no public comment.

President Starcevich reported that the sidewalk in front of Oldfather's on North Main Street was done, but there are more to do. He asked the Board to drive around the Village and check out the sidewalks, and Kevin Willems asked about his sidewalk on South Fifth Avenue and Sycamore Street.

President Starcevich stated that the Walsh property on State Street is for sale, and a title search showed \$3,000 in back taxes were due.

President Starcevich reported that Justin Fowler refuses to put a sewer in due to the sewer placement on East Franklin Street. The Board did note that Mr. Fowler's driveway and flower bed is in the easement. President Starcevich said that the Village would give him another month to put in his sewer, and the Village had already repaid him for going through his landscaping.

Stephen Thorp and President Starcevich reported on the properties left to hook up to the sewer. They reported nine: Justin Fowler, Nicholson's at 313 Franklin Street, Walshes at 403 State Street, Ben Daves 404 1st Ave., and T&R Trucking, (Singh) at 506 State Street, John Brown at 202 Main Street, 122 7th Avenue, Monica David 208 Main Street and 123 2nd Avenue. President Starcevich stated that five letters have been sent out by Village Attorney Halpin with the warning date for water shut off. He also said there should be a list of empty houses, and the Village could put a fee or a fine or a lien.

President Starcevich presented a list of the Board's committees. They are with the head named first: Parks and Rec: Whiting and Olson, Sewer and Water: Olson and Whiting, Street and Alleys: Sappington and Baker, Police: Frenell and Loving, Ordinance: Baker and Sappington, Finance: Loving and Frenell.

The Board agreed that Village Attorney Halpin needs to attend Board meetings.

President Starceвич stated that Maintenance Personnel Thorp and Olson need to put the water meters in starting on the North side first and then the South. He said that one side needs to be done, make a route for the south side and work on them three days a week. Mr. Thorp said there are about 90 – 95 meters left.

Police Chief Davis reported the Fair and Rodeo preparations are done. He said that the Fire Department is interested in the lights on the old squad.

Motion by Whiting, second by Loving to donate the old squad to the Fire Department with its lights. Voice votes: All votes were in favor, and the motion was carried.

Stephen Thorp and Rick Olson reported that The Crypt store has weeds up to Mr. Thorp's knees and weeds climbing the building and a ramp that is falling apart. President Starceвич stated that Police Chief Davis needs to give a warning and recommended a dumpster for the business. Mr. Thorp said He has mowed and sprayed the weeds. They said that the same people own the former car wash building. Chief Davis could give a warning then a warning or ticket for the first time at \$75 or \$100, then the second time would be \$250, and the third would be \$500.

Mr. Thorp said that the property at N. 217 7th Avenue has been mowed by the maintenance department and a charge for man hours and fuel should be given. The Board agreed on \$200 for the Village's mowing that property. Village Clerk Johnson was to send a bill.

Motion by Loving, second by Frenell to pass the Ordinance Number 2, Series 2025, The Tax Levy for the Fiscal Year 2025 – 2026. Voice votes: all votes were in favor, and the motion was carried.

Village Clerk Johnson stated that the next meeting would be September 8, 2025 due to the Labor Day Holiday.

Motion by Olson, second by Loving to adjourn. Voice votes: all votes were in favor, and the motion was carried. The meeting was adjourned.

Claudine D. Johnson

Village Clerk