

SEPTEMBER 8, 2025

REGULAR MEETING 6 P.M.

Regular meeting of the Village Board held at the Village Hall and called to order by President Starceвич with the following members present: Loving, Olson, Sappington, Whiting, Starceвич, and Johnson. Absent: Baker and Frenell.

Motion by Sappington, second by Loving to approve the August 4, 2025 regular meeting minutes. Voice votes: all votes were in favor, and the motion was carried.

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

Monica David present to report that she is in the process of selling the house on Main Street, and wanted to know about the sewer and water. She stated that the new owner is from Texas, and they know that they have to hook up the sewer. She also stated that her property on North Second Avenue needs the sewer hooked up, but doesn't know who to contact. President Starceвич gave her the list of contractors for the Village.

President Starceвич stated that Justin Fowler refuses to put in his sewer, and says he is getting a lawyer. President Starceвич said that Village Attorney Halpin has sent five letters out for hooking up to the sewer, but there have been no replies. Village Clerk Johnson reported that Multi-Construction (Tom Whiting) had picked up three applications for residential sewers.

President Starceвич stated that Stephen Thorp retired as maintenance superintendent, and the Village needs a replacement. He said that it is a part time job. Rick Olson stated that he is not comfortable putting in the new meters, and a plumber should do it. President Starceвич stated that Matherville hired Tony's Plumbing & Heating to install their meters. President Starceвич said that he will talk to someone about the part time maintenance position, but the Village should post it with the job description, pay, hours, use of Village equipment, some water work, reimbursed insurance, a cell phone, and snowplowing.

The Board requested a meeting with Village Attorney Halpin about the Village's problems such as ordinances, violations, demolitions, abandoned houses and other matters. President Starceвич stated that Attorney Halpin said that he would do a meeting, and the Board requested a monthly meeting other than the regular Board meeting.

President Starceвич stated that the Village should reach out to the Farmers State Bank of Western IL and Black Hawk State Bank on getting a \$15,000 to \$20,000 loan to hook up the new meters. President Starceвич stated that he would check on some prices.

Village Clerk Johnson stated that Bi-State may have some grant information for water meters, and would contact them.

Police Chief Andy Davis reported that Chicago Motors has offered \$2,000 for the Ford Taurus squad.

Motion by Sappington, second by Olson to sell the Ford Taurus squad to Chicago Motors, Inc. for \$2,000. Voice votes: all votes were in favor, and the motion was carried.

Chief Davis reported that he is working on vehicles in violation, and issued a \$100 fine to Robert Toste for not mowing his grass.

Chief Davis stated that he would like to check the ordinances that Attorney Halpin did, and go over the fine amounts.

Chief Davis stated that Tony Torres' building on 217 South Main Street is going to have new siding.

President Starcevich stated that he would contact Attorney Halpin about having a meeting on the third or last Monday of the month.

Motion by Whiting, second by Sappington to adjourn. Voice votes: motion carried. The meeting was adjourned.

Claudine D. Johnson, Village Clerk