

FEBRUARY 2, 2026

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, Whiting, Sappington, Baker, Frenell (arrived 7:15 p.m.), Starcevich, and Johnson. Absent: none.

Motion by Sappington, second by Baker to accept the regular meeting minutes of January 5, 2026 and the Special Meeting on January 26, 2026. Voice votes: all votes were in favor, and the motion was carried.

Motion by Baker, second by Olson to authorize the January 2026 bills. Voice votes: all votes were in favor, and the motion was carried.

President Starcevich reported that the Walsh property had been given notice by Village Attorney Halpin to reply by February 17, 2026, or the Village would demolish the buildings and take possession of the property. He stated that four No Trespassing signs and orange fencing be placed at the four properties to be demolished (Vann, Celada, Walsh, and Teresa Bessee's house next to Walsh's) and that the power and gas was shut off, the water was disconnected, and the septic tanks be pumped out to the sewer and taken out or crushed. Trustee Whiting stated that he could get a machine for the demolition at a cost of \$1,750 with \$750 to get it to the Village for a total of \$2,500. He said the machine rental will be insured and bonded by Rexco Rental. The Board also agreed that Logan Ericson may have the necessary equipment and is located in the Village. Trustee Whiting stated that if the machine was here on a Friday, the work could be done by Sunday and be returned. Also, he said the concrete would be wanted by people and a dumpster used for the debris and trees put on the Village's burn pile.

President Starcevich asked Village maintenance Stephen Thorp to check if there would be a fee for unhooking the power and the cost of four to five dumpsters and a load of dirt. President Starcevich said the Board would go over the plan on these properties and estimated the cost to clean up at \$3,000.

Motion by Sappington, second by Whiting to change the liquor ordinance hours to Sunday through Thursday 6 a.m. to midnight and Friday and Saturday 6 a.m. to 2 a.m. Voice votes: all votes were in favor, and the motion was carried.

*Trustee Sappington left the meeting at 7 p.m.

Motion by Baker, second by Whiting to change the Chicken Ordinance to no \$5 fee but leave all the rest the same. Voice Votes: all votes were in favor, and the motion was carried.

Motion by Whiting, second by Frenell to remove two big trees on South Fourth Avenue and grind the stumps and remove a branch at Sedwicks on North Fourth Avenue at a cost of \$3,450. Voice voters: all votes were in favor, and the motion was carried.

The Board tabled piping at the new fire station for run-off water until spring.

President Starcevich reported that letters have been sent to those residents who have not hooked up to the sewer yet. He estimated ten or eleven not hooked up, and that he would talk to Village Attorney Halpin about the matter. He said he would get a water listing with names and addresses to check on those who have not hooked up.

Trustee Frenell informed the Board about the ball diamond and the teams that would be playing there. He said that the 13 years and up would need a new moveable mound at \$4,500, and the Ball Association has raised \$2,000 and needed \$2,500 more. He said this would be hometown ball teams with the senior team later, and the current big mound would be moved to the outside of the fence. He also said that the field would need more dirt.

Motion by Whiting, second by Olson to donate to the Ball Association \$2,500 for a moveable pitching mound for the ball diamond. Voice votes: all votes were in favor, and the motion was carried.

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


Claudine D. Johnson, Village Clerk