

Regular Meeting Village Hall Monday April 6, 2026 7:00 pm

The regular meeting of the Village Board opened with Mayor Riley Goodwin presiding. Trustees present were Mike Marler, Kenneth (Butch) Chandler, Todd Kinzel, Chris Klingeman and John Baker.

Village Attorney -David Schneidewind, Michelle Birkner-Treasurer, Chief Laura Ottens, Chris Daugherty-Building & Zoning were also present.

Mayor Riley Goodwin led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Visitors present were Mike Trotter-County Journal, Oswald Kratz, Joann Emge, Pamela Baker, Kevin McDonald and Brandon Ottens.

Citizens Wishing to Speak:

Pam Baker would like to see the town cleaned up. She compiled a list of properties that need attention for Code Enforcement along the route of Pinckneyville Rd up thru Main St. with a few on Lyons. She would like to schedule another spring clean-up like last year. She said there are several abandoned homes that need to be cleaned up. Butch told her that there is a process and several of the homes are in the process of being taken care of. Mayor Goodwin is going to have Jackie put a Facebook message out for a small clean-up day before the May 1, 2026, parade.

Kevin McDonald told the Board that his wife is setting up a Farmers Market on the 1st Saturday of every month from May-September in the Friedens Church parking lot. A peddler's permit will be needed.

Ozzie Kratz would like a copy of the business license he was approved for in 2016. The original license burned in a fire. Mayor Goodwin told him that he would have the Office ladies find it.

Joann Emge-Sparta Hospital spoke about a conversation she had with Mayor Goodwin regarding a few requests he had for the gym. She said that she would be happy to allow the city workers a free gym membership if they came in and filled out the paperwork and signed the waiver forms. She said that due to safety reasons and a high security risk, she could not offer open access on Tuesdays to everyone. She would be willing to offer a promotional pass, but they still would need to sign up and sign a waiver. Mayor Goodwin has a few employees needing more hours and suggested they clean the gym on Tuesdays. Joann said they would need CPR, AED and other training unless they were strictly cleaning. Mayor Goodwin asked about the power bill. The agreement states that the Village, Township and Hospital split the power bill. A paragraph needs to be deleted on the new lease agreement because it goes against public policy. Joann said that she would be willing to sell the gym equipment to the Village if they were interested.

A motion was made by Todd and seconded by Chris to approve the previous meeting minutes from March 16, 2026. Motion passed with roll call as follows: Mike -yes, Kenneth-yes, Todd-yes, Chris-yes, John -yes.

Correspondence: Mayor Goodwin told everyone about E-recycle day on June 6, 2026.

Mayor Goodwin had no report.

Public Improvements, Parks, MACC Building and Streets. No report.

John -Public Safety, Police, Ambulance, Nuisance, Zoning and E.S.D.A. John reported that he spoke with Bryan Whittaker with the St. Clair County Emergency Management Agency and the cause of the sirens not functioning during the last storm was caused from the triggering station locked up. A document will be publicly released once issue is fully resolved and document has been legally scrutinized. Mr. Whittaker also stated that the alarms are designed to be heard outdoors. There are other warnings for indoors. John spoke with Dustin Bingel about sounding the old alarms at the Old Fire Station. Dustin would like an agreement drawn up for him to sound the alarms manually when he feels necessary. Requested operation and maintenance manuals from ATI for when year 3 is over and the Village is responsible for maintenance on alarms. Discussed with Chris Daugherty a variance for a portable shed. Touched base with resident wanting the variance. Replaced breaker in Pump #2, supported installation of influent pump and wrote insurance claim to submit to insurance for failed influent pump.

Butch-Utilities-Water and Sewer. Butch reported that the water bill went down \$7,000.00. Kendall has been opening the manholes and listening for leaks. Mayor Goodwin asked Michelle to get them a 2-year comparison for the water during the month of March. The port-a-potties for the North and South Park will cost \$190.00 per month. The city shed is open from 8am-3pm on Monday-Friday and from 10am-3pm on Saturday. Exit signs were fixed at the Church-storm shelter. Butch says that the Church needs automatic locks. Doug Birkner-Building & Zoning wrote 7 warnings and 6-7 3rd warnings.

Chris-Finance, Ordinances, Personnel and Budget. Chris reported that next year's budget will be ready in a few weeks. Police contract should be finished soon.

Todd-Beautification. No report

Mike-Landfill- Mike reported that the pipeline drilling is moving forward. The company is being cautious and doing everything by the book.

Building & Zoning: Chris reported that a zoning variance will be needed for a resident who would like to put a portable shed on his property. Chris spoke with the resident and the neighbors about the shed. A permit was paid for. Chris approved a fence replacement.

Old Business:

Consideration to approve the sale of surplus vehicles (2021 Chevrolet Tahoe and 2014 Ford Explorer) was postponed. An ordinance will need to be made. The Village Attorney will need the year, make, model, VIN# and mileage for each vehicle. Butch would like to keep the newer vehicle in case we hire another Officer so we don't have to purchase them a vehicle and we could use as a spare.

Consideration to approve the surplus sale of the Marissa Chamber of Commerce Building located at 203 N. Main St. was postponed. An Ordinance will need to be made for the sale. The building was donated to the Village when the Chamber dismantled. Village Attorney David Schneidewind asked if the Village name was on the deed. Chris said he believed it was. David is going to gather more information. The building will also need an appraisal. Mayor Goodwin would like to sell with a Real Estate agent.

New Business:

Consideration to appoint a new trustee to fill the remainder of Roy Dean's seat is postponed until next meeting. A notarized letter of resignation is needed from Roy Dean before a new Trustee can be appointed in his place.

A motion was made by Butch and seconded by Mike to approve a Parade Resolution to close Main St. to the high school for a parade on May 1, 2026, starting at noon. Motion passed with roll call as follows: Mike -yes, Kenneth-yes, Todd-yes, Chris-yes, John -yes.

A motion was made by Butch and seconded by Chris to approve paying for the fire inspections at the First Baptist Church-storm shelter. Motion passed with roll call as follows: Mike -yes, Kenneth-yes, Todd-yes, Chris-yes, John -yes.

A motion was made by Butch and seconded by Mike to approve the following liquor licenses: Pour House, Dhara One Inc., Casey's General Store and American Legion Post 172. Motion passed with roll call as follows: Mike -yes, Kenneth-yes, Todd-yes, Chris-yes, John -yes.

Consideration to approve a resolution to renew the lease agreement with Sparta Hospital for the Medical building is postponed until a paragraph in the lease is deleted. No rent increase for the first year was discussed.

Consideration to approve the Marissa Township permission to place a storage unit on Village owned property to store salt is postponed for gathering more information.

A motion was made by Chris and seconded by Butch to enter executive session for 5 ILCS 120/2(C) 6-sale of surplus property at 8:16pm. Motion passed with roll call as follows: Mike -yes, Kenneth-yes, Todd-yes, Chris-yes, John -yes.

A motion was made by John and seconded by Mike to re-enter regular session at 8:34 pm. Motion passed with roll call as follows: Mike -yes, Kenneth-yes, Todd-yes, Chris-yes, John -yes.

No action will be taken on the consideration of approving a reserve bid for the property at 1365 Green Diamond Rd, Marissa, Il 62257 (PN: 21.17-0-400-016).

A motion was made by Chris and seconded by Butch to enter executive session at 8:35pm for 5 ILCS 120/2(C) 1-Personnel. Motion passed with roll call as follows: Mike -yes, Kenneth-yes, Todd-yes, Chris-yes, John -yes.

A motion was made by John and seconded by Todd to re-enter regular session at 9:31pm. Motion passed with roll call as follows: Mike -yes, Kenneth-yes, Todd-yes, Chris-yes, John -yes.

A motion was made by John and seconded by Todd to adjourn at 9:32pm.