

Regular Meeting Village Hall Monday, June 15, 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, John Baker, Kevin McDonald, and Chris Klingeman

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

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Mayor Riley Goodwin.

Visitors present were Pam Baker, Justin Kleinschmidt, Mike Trotter-County Journal, Janet Schilling (7:03), and Doug Birkner (7:50).

Citizens Wishing to Speak:

Pam Baker presented board members with a photo plan of landscaping she would like to see done at the corner of Main St. and E. North Railroad St. as well as an estimate from Minks Landscaping. She would like to see this project done for America's 250th birthday. The area would involve planting an oak tree with landscape around it. Pam would like to have a ceremony for the space and she is looking at the ceremony to be around September 11th. She plans to ask the Legion members if they would be interested in grilling for the community that day as well. Pam plans to ask for donations to fund this project. Minks Landscaping estimate is \$3,455. She stated she has three donations already. Pam believes the Yard of the Month program needs to be revamped. She thinks the judges should be people from out of town as this will allow for fair judging of properties. She has three people who do not know anybody in town that are willing to do it. She has suggested a prize of \$100 to be applied towards the winner's water bill. This would last through growing season and there would be a lighted Yard of the Month throughout the winter months. The City Clean-up was a success with over 300 tires recycled and dumpsters full. Pam would like to plan for another Clean-up week sometime in October. She would like to see Main St & Lyons St cleaned up. There will be an Illinois Shoot and AB Softball Tournament soon. Starting July 23rd, there will be a Kids Shoot, Adult Shoot, and then Coal Fest. She asked if the flags could line the streets through Labor Day. Chris said she will need to talk to the FFA. Pam is also concerned that Ozzie Kratz is not cleaning up his business property. Riley states that Code Enforcement is giving him projects to complete. Pam said her new neighbor said that the town is looking better.

Janet Schilling stated that semis traveling down N. Borders have become an issue. They are driving too fast and creating potholes. Riley Goodwin suggested possibly placing a speed hump there. Janet has spoken with Cody Whaley and he is willing to demolish his house but he needs a dumpster. The homeless in town are an issue.

A motion was made by Todd and seconded by John to approve the previous meeting minutes from June 1, 2026. Motion passed with roll call as follows: Kevin-yes, Mike-yes, Kenneth-yes, Todd-yes, Chris-yes, John-yes.

A motion was made by John and seconded by Todd to approve the Finance Committee meeting minutes from June 8, 2026. Motion passed with roll call as follows: Kevin-yes, Mike-yes, Kenneth-yes, Todd-yes, Chris-yes, John-yes.

A motion was made by Chris and seconded by John to approve Village Financial Reports. Motion passed with roll call as follows: Kevin-yes, Mike-yes, Kenneth-yes, Todd-yes, Chris-yes, John-yes.

A motion was made by Chris and seconded by Kevin to consider approving paying bills of the Village.

Discussion was had and John stated that Hydro Services still owes us reports. Michelle has sent an email to Hydro Services to obtain those reports and informed them that they will receive payment once we receive our reports. There has been no response as of yet. John also stated that Eva Par has been out to work on the generators. There are still some issues that need to be addressed. He stated that we have not received any reports on the work as of yet. John recommends holding payment to Hydro Services and Eva Par at this time.

An amended motion was made by John and seconded by Kenneth to approve paying the Village bills except for Hydro Services and Eva Par. Motion passed with roll call as follows: Kevin-yes, Mike-yes, Kenneth-yes, Todd-yes, Chris-yes, John-yes.

Correspondence: Mayor Goodwin received a letter from Kay Jetton related to the Mow to Own Program. She has expressed interest in buying the property located at 304 N. Euclid Ave. David stated that Mayor Goodwin should first find out how the Village acquired the property and go from there.

Mayor Goodwin had no report.

Committee Reports:

Kevin – Public Improvements, Parks, MACC Building, & Streets. Kevin reported that he has had an electrician working on the lights at the Khoury League ball park. He has spoken with Justin Rhodes about issues at the park. Kevin contacted Arrow Asphalt Paving and inquired about how much cost would be to install a speed hump. The cost would be anywhere between \$2,000 and \$4,000. Kevin stated he has been driving around town and has noticed around forty places that have grass growing in the road. He has suggested using Round-Up or something similar. Kevin reported that he is waiting for a rainy day so he can locate any leaks in the roofs of buildings at the park. He stated that there are a couple of buildings that need gravel filled in around them. David suggested that the board discuss speed humps with the Village Engineer.

John – Public Safety, Police, Ambulance, Nuisance, Zoning, & E.S.D.A. John reported that he has been working with Jackie Surmeier in the water department to get the citizen water testing going again. The testing was not completed in 2025. Citizen water testing has to be done on a semiannual basis. The cost of the testing is \$3,200 per year to the Village. The public works office improvements will be going up for bid on Tuesday, June 16, 2026 and bids will be accepted from July 1, 2026 until August 1, 2026. John has been monitoring the solar panels out at the sewage treatment plant and has noted that the output is jumpy. John would like to see the power purchase agreement with Ameren as well as have a conversation with them.

Kenneth – Utilities – Water & Sewer. Kenneth reported that there has been no luck in locating the leak on Hamilton St. The Street Department has put pressure meters on a few residential meters to assist them in locating where the leak may be. There is a bad leak by the church as well. Illinois Rural Water Association will be coming out to consult on the leaks. Kenneth stated that with copper pipes and rock surrounding the pipes, the rock is putting holes into the pipes and causing leaks. Kenneth asked if the Village is still going to purchase a new truck for the Street Department. David asked if the quotes he has gotten are from a state procurement. David stated that an advertisement needs to be posted in the newspaper for bids on purchasing a new truck if not going through state procurement. Riley suggested that Kenneth speak with Chief Ottens about where she has purchased the vehicles for the police department.

Chris – Finance, Ordinances, Personnel, & Budget. Chris stated that he and a few other members of the board held an interview for a police officer recently. He stated they have also amended the budget.

Todd – Beautification. Todd reported that he will talk more about the Yard of the Month at a later time. He purchased a 15 gallon water sprayer with a rechargeable battery to water the flowers on Main St. Riley stated that he has a second set of plants to replace the current hanging baskets with. Riley plans to take down the current baskets and revive them to put back up at a later date.

Mike – Landfill. Mike reported that testing has been done at the old fire department. He has nothing to report on the Landfill at this time. Riley stated that the animal control officer was recently hired on part-time to complete water testing and testing at the sewer plant daily.

Building & Zoning. Chris Daugherty reported that he recently completed an inspection on a rental property that he failed due to multiple issues that need to be fixed and the property needs to be cleaned up. Chris stated that he heard that he will have to take a certification test and asked if this is true? David stated that Chris does not have to have a certification until January.

Old Business:

Consideration of the Marissa Township putting up a storage unit on Village property at the Township Building to hold salt was tabled.

A motion was made by Chris and seconded by Kevin to approve an Ordinance 2026-06 approving the Appropriation of funds for FY 26/27. The motion passed with roll call as follows: Kevin-yes, Mike-yes, Kenneth-yes, Todd-yes, Chris-yes, John-yes.

New Business:

A motion was made by Kenneth and seconded by Chris to approve an ordinance amending the budget FY 26/27. Motion passed with roll call as follows: Kevin-yes, Mike-yes, Kenneth-yes, Todd-yes, Chris-yes, John-yes.

A motion was made by John and seconded by Kenneth approving Gonzalez Engineering for the design for the retention pond project. Justin Kleinschmidt with Gonzalez Engineering was present for questions. He stated the project needs to be shovel ready for better grant opportunities as being shovel ready is 20% of the score. Gonzalez Engineering has quoted \$143,450.00. Plans are 100% ready. It will take approximately two months to have the ground shovel ready. The total cost of the project is \$1.4 to \$1.5 million with 25% of the cost being the Villages responsibility. Motion passed with roll call as follows: Kevin-yes, Mike-yes, Kenneth-yes, Todd-yes, Chris-yes, John-yes.

A motion was made by Chris and seconded by Kenneth to approve the agreement for professional services from Gonzalez Engineering in the amount of \$61,000.00 for the Pedestrian Bridge. Motion passed with roll call as follows: Kevin-yes, Mike-yes, Kenneth-yes, Todd-yes, Chris-yes, John-yes.

A motion was made by Chris and seconded by Kevin to approve CompuType as the Village IT provider at a cost of \$551.00 for 3 months then dropping to \$431.00 per month. CompuType will transfer everything to new computers. Motion passed with roll call as follows: Kevin-yes, Mike-yes, Kenneth-yes, Todd-yes, Chris-yes, John-yes.

A motion was made by Kevin and seconded by John to approve an Ordinance adding two stop signs at East Fulton & Joan Avenue to make it a 4-way stop. Motion passed with roll call as follows: Kevin-yes, Mike-yes, Kenneth-yes, Todd-yes, Chris-yes, John-yes.

Consideration for approving a one-time buyout in the amount of \$100,000.00 for the solar panels was tabled.

A motion was made by Chris and seconded by John to approve 280 ft of culverts for East Drive. Motion passed with roll call as follows: Kevin-yes, Mike-yes, Kenneth-yes, Todd-yes, Chris-yes, John-yes.

A motion was made by Kenneth and seconded by Todd to approve an incentive for the Yard of the Month. The incentive would be a \$100 water bill credit. Motion passed with roll call as follows: Kevin-yes, Mike-yes, Kenneth-yes, Todd-yes, Chris-yes, John-yes.

A motion was made by Kevin and seconded by Chris to enter executive session for 5 ILCS 120/2(C) (1) – Employment at 8:15pm. Motion passed with Ayes-5, Nays-0.

A motion was made by Kenneth and seconded by Kevin to re-enter regular session at 8:57pm. Motion passed. Ayes-5, Nays-0.

Consideration to approve hiring a full-time Police Officer was tabled

A motion was made by Kenneth and seconded by Chris to approve rate of pay for part-time sewer position Justin Evans of \$20/hour. Motion passed with roll call as follows: Kevin-yes, Mike-yes, Kenneth-yes, Todd-yes, Chris-yes, John-yes.

A motion was made by John and seconded by Kenneth to approve paying Building & Zoning Administrator Chris Daugherty \$500.00 per month. Motion passed with roll call as follows: Kevin-yes, Mike-yes, Kenneth-yes, Todd-yes, Chris-yes, John-yes.

A motion was made by John and seconded by Kevin to postpone indefinitely approving \$50.00 per month back pay for Building & Zoning Administrator Chris Daugherty from his hire date. Motion passed. Ayes-5, Nays-0.

A motion was made by Kenneth and seconded by John to approve a pay raise for Code Enforcement from \$17 per hour to \$20 per hour with retroactive pay to May 1, 2026. Motion passed with roll call as follows: Kevin-yes, Mike-yes, Kenneth-yes, Todd-yes, Chris-yes, John-yes.

Consideration to approve a bid for the demolition of Chris Daugherty's mobile home at 428 East Drive (PN: 21-27.0-202-007) was tabled. The demolition bid was \$3,500.00. Riley would like to put a retention tank in the ground at this location to help with flooding. David stated that Chris would have to grant the Village an easement.

A motion was made by Kenneth and seconded by John to adjourn at 9:15pm. Motion passed. Ayes-5, Nays-0.