

**VILLAGE HALL
213 N DOUGLAS
PRESIDENT AND BOARD OF TRUSTEES
WEDNESDAY, MARCH 5, 2025
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES #25-05
CALL TO ORDER, ROLL CALL AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Present: Mayor Richard Schiefer
Clerk Kathy Becker

Trustee George Gavlick
Trustee Guideon Richeson
Trustee Derek Ashoff
Trustee Nathan Schmidt
Trustee Dawn Ross

Absent: Trustee Tim Elliott

Quorum present
Meeting called to order at 6:30 pm

I. APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

1. Trustee Richeson made a motion to approve minutes 25-04 for February 19, 2025. Trustee Ashoff seconds. Roll call vote, all in favor, motion passed.
2. Trustee Richeson made a motion to approve the agenda 25-05 for March 5, 2025. Trustee Schmidt seconds. Roll call vote, all in favor, motion passed.

II. COMMUNICATION:

III. OPEN TO THE PUBLIC:

IV. COMMITTEE:

A. COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT/HEALTH:

1. Trustee Elliott was not present.
2. Trustee Schmidt made a motion to Establish a BBQ Committee and open a separate banking account for the committee. Trustee Gavlick seconds. Roll call vote all in favor, motion passed.
3. Trustee Gavlick made a motion to approve the appointment of Zach Mason, Matt Streif, Zach Heidrich and Nathan Schmidt. Roll call vote, 4 ayes and Trustee Schmidt abstain, motion passed.

B. WATER AND SEWER:

1. Trustee Ashoff, tabled water storage & booster station.
2. Trustee Ashoff made a motion to approve Ordinance 25-638 to amend the shut-off fees. Trustee Richeson second. Discussion ensued, Trustee Ashoff amended approval with the changes of the ordinance title and the reconnect after hours of being between 7am to 3pm Monday through Friday. If a resident request to be turned back on after those hours there will be a \$200 fee to do so. Trustee Richeson seconds. Roll call vote, all in favor, motion passed.
3. Vac trailer tabled.
4. Discussion ensued regarding First Cable's unauthorized usage of hydrants for water. Attorney Craney stated that there could be local, state or even federal charges filed for the offenses. A representative from First Cable apologized and stated that they used a meter with a backflow preventor, and they usually work with American Water and use hydrants for the water. There was a discrepancy in the amount of water the village says they used and the amount they say they used. The board to discuss in closed session.

C. POLICE:

1. Trustee Ross reported the Chief's report. On 2/22/25 a Madison Co Sheriff's deputy took reports of 1 stolen vehicle with the keys inside from Dakotah Dr, it was recovered in Berkley, MO. Currency totaling \$2,800 in an unlocked vehicle burglary on Olyvia, and 2 credit cards from an unlocked vehicle on W. 5th St.

A 9mm pistol that was stolen from a vehicle on Irene last year was recovered in Quincy, IL. There were no tickets or fines collected.

D. ORDINANCE AND FINANCE

1. Purchase of 2 acres tabled.
2. Trustee Gavlick made a motion to approve the proposal from Loy Tally Miller for fiscal year audit in the amount of \$10,925. Trustee Richeson seconds. Roll call vote, all in favor, motion passed.

E. PUBLIC GROUNDS & BUILDINGS:

1. Trustee Gavlick made a motion to approve the start of the purchase of 1900 ft of fencing for the back field behind the maintenance shed not to exceed \$24,228.61. Trustee Schmidt seconds. Roll call vote, all in favor, motion passed.
2. Trustee Schmidt made a motion to approve the quotes from C.A.V.I. for cameras to be installed at Village Hall, Sewer plant and the fuel tanks and gate not to exceed \$7,500. Trustee Gavlick seconds. Roll call vote, all in favor, motion passed.
3. Trustee Richeson made a motion to approve applying for the Madison County PEP grant. Trustee Schmidt seconds. Roll call vote, all in favor, motion passed.

F. STREETS AND LANES/MOTOR FUEL TAX:

1. Trustee Richeson stated they had a committee meeting, and he made a motion to approve the street closures for the Fall Fest 2025 on September 27th. Trustee Schmidt seconds. Roll call vote, all in favor, motion passed.
2. Trustee Richeson made a motion to approve Milling/oil and chip/road core samples projects for 2025 not to exceed \$27,000. Trustee Ashoff seconds. Roll call vote, all in favor, motion passed.

V. REPORTS:

- A. Village Attorney-
- B. Engineer Report- Nothing to report.
- C. FOIA request-Nothing to report.
- D. Building Inspector- Nothing to report.
- E. Planning Commission-Nothing to report.
- F. Zoning Officer- Nothing to report.
- G. Public Works-Nick reports the fountain at the Mill Pond is not working, they will get to it. The U of I was out, and it will take 4-6 weeks for the recommendation reports.

VI. OLD BUSINESS:

VII. NEW BUSINESS:

1. Trustee Gavlick stated that Clerk Becker sent out the budget worksheets to everyone and please get started on them.

VIII. CLAIMS:

- A. Trustee Richeson made a motion to approve the claims in the amount of \$43,024.22 Trustee Schmidt seconds. Roll call vote, all in favor, motion passed.

IX. OPEN TO PUBLIC:

XI. CLOSED SESSION:

Trustee Richeson made a motion to go into Closed Session for the purpose of discussion the appointment, employment, compensation, discipline, performance, or dismissal of specific employees. (5 ILCS 120/2© 1), pending litigation and purchase of property. Trustee Schmidt. second. Voice call vote all in favor, motion passed.

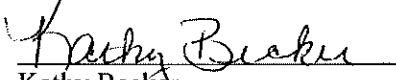
X. OPEN SESSION:

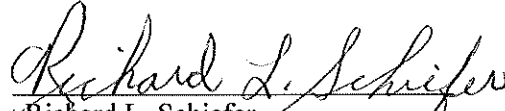
1. Attorney Craney explained to the representatives of First Cable the legalities of the authorized usage of water hydrants and stated that the board does not want to prosecute. The Village will be issuing ordinance violations, and they will have to pay for the water usage. Trustee Gavlick made a motion to issue the violations and the water usage in the amount of \$1,586.20. Trustee Richeson seconds. Roll call vote, all in favor, motion passed.

XI. ADJOURNMENT:

A. Trustee Ashoff made a motion to adjourn. Trustee Schmidt seconds. All in favor, motion passed.

Meeting adjourned 8:17 p.m.


Kathy Becker


Richard L. Schiefer