

The Friendship Village Board meeting was called to order followed by the Pledge of Allegiance by all present. President Gerald Sonnenberg called the meeting to order and roll call was taken. Present were Trustees Brad Oberbeck, Ernie Klicko, Nadine Ashworth, Melvin Waller, Bob Berry, and President Sonnenberg. Also present were Attorney Joseph Hasler, Public Works Director Beth Schultz, Treasurer Sandy Shawback and Clerk Rebecca Reuter.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

MOTION by Berry, second by Ashworth to approve February 2, 2026, Village Board minutes, motion carried.

<u>TREASURER REPORT</u>	<u>General</u>	<u>Water</u>	<u>Sewer</u>
January 1, 2026, Balance	187,615.07	324,019.19	40,287.24
January Receipts	57,395.95	177,445.45	62,508.32
January Disbursements	88,479.95	152,458.38	67,005.99
January 31, 2026, Balance	156,531.07	349,006.26	35,789.57

LGIP #1 TIF \$1,063,333.55 – LGIP #9 ARPA \$0.45 – Capital Project Checking \$34,280.53 - Building Fund \$70,000.00 – Money Market \$1,646.91 – CDBG Working Fund \$13,857.48 - LGIP #6 Park/Beach \$46,144.62 – Tax Checking \$254,013.67 – TIF Checking \$95.00 -Street Equipment Fund \$43,416.50 – Court Order Proceeds \$3,808.03 – Water LGIP #3 Special Redemption Fund \$206,088.62 - LGIP #4 Water Replacement Fund \$398,368.32 – LGIP #8 Water Debt Reserve Fund \$80,766.68 – Sewer LGIP#2 Special Redemption Fund \$68,458.62 - LGIP#5 Sewer Replacement Fund \$56,882.24 – LGIP#7 Sewer Debt Reserve Fund \$65,666.97

MOTION by Klicko, second by Ashworth to approve treasurer report, motion carried.

PAYING OF BILLS

MOTION by Klicko, second by Oberbeck to approve February vouchers 28076 - 28127 in the amount of \$349,578.89, motion carried.

CITIZEN INPUT

There was no citizen input

REPORT FROM COUNTY REPRESENTATIVE RICK PEASE

Not in attendance

UPDATE ON PSC PUBLIC HEARING

Reuter stated that there was no written public comment to be read off at the public hearing, and one citizen that attended but had no comment. Waller, Berry, Sonnenberg, Schultz and Reuter were all in attendance for the livestream public hearing. Everything went well, and they have approved our water rate increase. She has the final report on hand if anyone wishes to look it over. She will send a notice to the paper and out with the water bills when they get sent out next.

DISCUSSION & POSSIBLE ACTION ON: SET DATE FOR APRIL VILLAGE BOARD MEETING

After a discussion the Village Board decided to move the Board meeting to the 2nd Monday in April, because the 1st Monday Village Hall will be set up for the Spring Election.

MOTION by Berry, second by Klicko to have the next Village Board meeting on April 13th, 2026, motion carried.

DISCUSSION & POSSIBLE ACTION ON: ONLINE UTILITY BILL PAYING

Reuter stated that they received a quote from Town Wed to set up online bill paying for the Villages website. The office staff felt that with both water and sewer going up it might be easier for our residents to break up their bill and pay it online. We do have some residents in our community that get help paying for utilities, but it comes on a card, and we can't except their payment that way. So, for them to be able to pay online could be helpful. There are always residents that come in or call asking if we can take a payment

with a card. This is probably the number one thing we get asked when it comes to paying utility bills. She knows this is something that the community wants, we just need to set it up.

Klicko stated that we have been working up to it for a few years now.

Reuter stated that once we have it approved and the contract signed Town Web should be able to get us up and running in a few weeks. It will be through HeyGov, so it's a secure site. It will cost \$2,000.00 to set it up and have Workhorse integration.

MOTION by Berry, second by Klicko to approve the quote of \$2,000.00 for online bill paying through Town Web, motion carried.

DISCUSSION & POSSIBLE ACTION ON: WINE WALK ON MAY 9TH, 2026

Reuter stated that the annual wine walk with the City of Adams that Wendy Delvis puts together every year, they are looking to have it on May 9th. The nonprofit that will benefit is going to be the Adams County Humane Society again this year. **MOTION** by Berry, second by Ashworth to approve the wine walk on May 9th, motion carried.

DISCUSSION & POSSIBLE ACTION ON: PUBLIC WORKS ATTENDING THE WRWA CONFERENCE IN GREEN BAY

Schultz stated that they would like to go for 2 of the days on Wednesday and Thursday. They have a lot of classes that they can participate in.

Berry stated that he went for many years and it's fabulous.

MOTION by Berry, second by Klicko to approve the Public Works to attend the WRWA conference in Green Bay, motion carried.

PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE REPORT BY CHAIRMAN BERRY - DISCUSSION & POSSIBLE ACTION ON:

a. Citizen input

Berry stated that Jake Roseberry submitted a letter to the Board about the apartments at 600 Main Street. Schultz has sent a nuisance letter to them with a 15-day deadline, she will fill the committee in on the progress as it comes.

Tony Sindealer reminded us that we need to put signage on to identify our new trucks. So that will be taken care of.

b. Code enforcement

This was tabled until the next Public Works meeting until we can get some more information from the City of Adams and the County.

c. Water rate increase

It's the recommendation of the Public Works Committee to raise the rates according to what the Public Service Commission has approved.

MOTION by Berry, second by Waller to increase our water rates to what the Public Service Commission has approved, motion carried.

d. Public Works Directors report

The water meter was replaced at Villa Pines.

They picked up the new truck. We will be working on getting sides on it.

Schultz - stated that she had RC ElectRick come and change out some of our streetlights. They didn't have enough bulbs for all the streetlights, so he had to order some bulbs. All the lights will be fixed as soon as they come in.

She went to TNT to see about getting the truck lettered. They are in the process of getting the stencils made. As soon as we get a call from them the trucks will be going in.

The power steering box is out of the yellow plow truck, she called the county and they have ordered one for us. As soon as it comes in, we will have the county put it in for us.

FRIENDSHIP LAKE DISTRICT REPORT BY TRUSTEE ASHWORTH

Ashworth stated that they have not had a meeting. The next meeting will be on March 19th. There was correspondence about buoys, so she knows that will be discussed.

FIRE DISTRICT REPORT BY TRUSTEE KCLICKO

Klicko stated they talked a lot about a fire that happened In Strongs Prairie. They are forming a rope team through the fire officer’s association. All the ropes will be stored at the fire district here in town because it’s a central location. They have had to do rescues 3 times in the last two years.

AMBULANCE COMMITTEE REPORT BY PRESIDENT SONNENBERG

Sonnenberg stated they had a meeting to sign the agreement with an addendum reliving Lifestar of the responsibility to have \$100,000 deposit on hand. Even though we voted agents the addendum, he still had to sign it because otherwise we wouldn’t have ambulance service for the Village residents.

CONSIDERATION & ACTION ON THE APPROVAL OF OPERATOR LICENSES

MOTION by Berry, second by Waller to approve Operator licenses for Misty Allen, motion carried.

CORRESPONDENCE

A letter was handed out by Jake Roseberry

SET AGENDA ITEMS FOR APRIL 13th MEETING

Nothing at time of meeting

Being of no further business to come before the board, **MOTION** by Ashworth, second by Oberbeck to adjourn, motion carried. Meeting ended at 6:33

Rebecca Reuter
Village Clerk