

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, and President Sonnenberg. Also present were Treasurer Sandy Shawback and Clerk Rebecca Reuter.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

MOTION by Oberbeck, second by Ashworth to approve March 2, 2026, Village Board minutes, motion carried.

TREASURER REPORT	General	Water	Sewer
February 1, 2026, Balance	156,531.07	349,006.35	35,789.57
February Receipts	57,828.54	12,601.77	6,119.78
February Disbursements	60,361.86	21,573.61	7,656.58
February 28, 2026, Balance	153,997.75	340,034.51	34,252.77

LGIP #1 TIF \$1,066,344.82 – LGIP #9 ARPA \$0.45 – Capital Project Checking \$34,306.83 - Building Fund \$75,000.00 – Money Market \$1,646.91 – CDBG Working Fund \$13,857.48 - LGIP #6 Park/Beach \$46,275.30 – Tax Checking \$36,957.99 – TIF Checking \$95.00 -Street Equipment Fund \$41,416.50 – Court Order Proceeds \$3,808.03 – Water LGIP #3 Special Redemption Fund \$212,694.55 - LGIP #4 Water Replacement Fund \$399,496.47 – LGIP #8 Water Debt Reserve Fund \$80,995.40 – Sewer LGIP#2 Special Redemption Fund \$73,548.42 - LGIP#5 Sewer Replacement Fund \$57,043.33 – LGIP#7 Sewer Debt Reserve Fund \$65,852.93

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

PAYING OF BILLS

MOTION by Klicko, second by Oberbeck to approve March vouchers 28129 - 28174 in the amount of \$156,203.40, motion carried.

CITIZEN INPUT

There was no citizen input

ROPORT FROM COUNTY REPRESENTATIVE RICK PEASE

Pease- We just had an election; there will be 6 new County Board members come next Tuesday. The county just had 4 resent retiaries, that makes 4 job openings. He would like us to let anyone know who might be looking to go on the county website, or they could go to the Administrative and Finance Committee and look at the agenda, and click on the Human Recourses link, and it will list all the job openings and where they are located.

COUNTY ATV/UTV ORDINANCE REVIEW BY BRUCE BAIN

Bain – stated that he is the president of the Monroe ATV club, also on the board of the Adams County ATV association. He was with Sheriff Bren York and Steve McIntosh. They took the county ordinance and revised it to make it work for the municipalities. What they are trying to do is get all 17 municipalities in Adams County uniformed. It would make riding a lot easier. They also would like to have Main Street open from North Street up to Family Affair. Thay have also asked the City of Adams to open up Main Street on their end.

Sonnenberg asked how many of the 17 have looked at this ordinance and passed it?

Bain replied that the Town of Rome, Big Flats, Lincoln and Quincy. It is defiantly a work in progress.

Al Arndt had a citizen concern stating the issue he has with ATVs on HWY 13 is they run north to the state park. He has seen a few times where a police officer had passed one going south on HWY 13, and nothing was done. He has talked to Sheriff York a few months back about it. He wonders if this passes how it will be enforced, and the procedure if they aren’t following the rules? Because as it stands right now, they aren’t following the rules.

York stated as far as that goes people on AVTs, scooters or a vehicle they are breaking rules every day. They do their best with all that. He feels part of that is in the Village and the City all the roads are open up excepting for Main Street. He feels that our current ordinance doesn’t prohibit ATV/UTV traffic on Main Street. As far as enforcement, they enforce all the different laws, but they can’t be everywhere at once.

Klicko stated that our ordinance specifically excludes County, State and Federal Highways.

York stated that HWY 13 is considered Main Street in the Village of Friendship. He feels that it would be a hard one for them to enforce when it could be considered both.

Waller asked if they changed the law last year where if any state highway going through a Town or Village where the speed limit is under 25mph that it’s an option if we want to have them open or not?

York stated that is correct. The Village has jurisdiction to allow ATV traffic if we wish.

Bain stated that if we can work together then it can help with education with the laws because the ordinances will all be the same.

Ashworth asked if it’s open in the City of Adams for ATV use on Main Street.

Bain answered that no, they are not. But he said that where he lives in Arkdale they have a state road open that goes around a curve that is 25-30mph. They have had that open for 8 years. He said downtown WI Dells is open, Montello, Mauston they all have state roads going through them.

Sonnenberg stated that we will bring this before the new Village Board in May and see what we can do and have more of a discussion on this.

Oberbeck also stated that this should go to our Public Works Committee so that they can make a recommendation to the Board.

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

Sonnenberg stated that Berry was absent so he can give the report.

a. Citizen input

Sonnenberg brought up during citizen input to have everyone read the County ATV ordinance.

b. Code enforcement

Was tabled until the next meeting.

c. Letter from American Legion Red Cloud Post 250

We received a letter from the Americal Legion Red Cloud post 250, and we are working with them with what is going to happen with their site.

d. Public Works Directors report

We have our new truck in service to help with all trees that were lost during the storm damage. He wanted to thank Waller who has worked on the truck and made it look really nice, and today he was out driving that truck and helping to pick up as much stuff as we can. We only have one person right now as Schultz is out for a few weeks.

FRIENDSHIP LAKE DISTRICT REPORT BY TRUSTEE ASHWORTH

Ashworth stated that they have not had a meeting. They will have one on Thursday April 16th.

FIRE DISTRICT REPORT BY TRUSTEE KLINKO

Klicko stated they had a busy month. They had 27 calls: that’s almost one every day. They got a body camera grant from Kwik Trip for \$1,000; they are getting dash cameras on some of their trucks. They will be filling swimming pools again this year, \$250 for the first truck load of 3,500 gallons, and \$50 after that. They were able to make \$2,000 last year. Their next meeting is May 14th at the Fire Station at 6:00p.m.

AMBULANCE COMMITTEE REPORT BY PRESIDENT SONNENBERG

Sonnenberg stated they have not had a meeting yet. They are going to be meeting on April 22nd.

CONSIDERATION & ACTION ON THE APPROVAL OF SODA WATER BEVERAGE LICENSE

MOTION by Klicko, second by Waller to approve soda water beverage license for Visit Adams County and El Sembrador, LLC, motion carried.

CONSIDERATION & ACTION ON THE APPROVAL OF MOBILE FOOD VENDING LICENSE

MOTION by Ashworth, second by Klicko to approve mobile food vending license for El Sembrador, LLC, motion carried.

CONSIDERATION & ACTION ON THE APPROVAL OF OPERATOR LICENSE

MOTION by Klicko, second by Waller to approve Operator licenses for Tracy A. Larson, motion carried.

CORRESPONDENCE

Reuter stated that we received card from Lydia Hutter saying “Thank you Village of Friendship, you guys do a lot of hard work that keeps our village running smoothly that often goes unnoticed and unrecognized. As a senior in the TEMA Academy at the high school, one of our focuses this semester is a pay it forward project. I am giving back to the public service departments that help us every day and go unrecognized. I hope you enjoy the treats!

SET AGENDA ITEMS FOR MAY 4th MEETING

Go over the ATV/UTV packet
Set the new committees

Being of no further business to come before the board, **MOTION** by Waller, second by Ashworth to adjourn, motion carried. Meeting ended at 6:23.