

MINUTES

April 16, 2025

The Regular Board Meeting of the Village Board was called to order by Village President, Robert Spurley on Wednesday, April 16, 2025, at 6:30 p.m. at the Village Hall.

Roll Call: John Trace, Denny Rickard, Stephen Troester, Jason Cartwright, Larry Dale Schultz, Doug Rider, Robert Spurley.

Absent: None

Employees: Sue Lindner, Alan Schrank, Randy Kitelinger, Mike Silvers

Citizens: Mel Masters, Tom Slaney, Nikki Mumm

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Mel Masters, county board rep, commented on things happening in the county.

Motion by Jason Cartwright seconded by Stephen Troester to move item 9A Discussion and Approval of Meal Site Contract before the consent agenda. Motion carried 7-0.

Mel Masters, Tom Slaney, & Nikki Mumm were on hand to talk about the meal service. They reported that Iowa County will be taking over the Sun Program and it will be run by the county under the name Iowa County Senior Nutrition Program. They asked that we have a signed contract with the Senior Nutrition Program by May 1st. The need for new flooring was discussed due to wear and tear over the years. Mel Masters reported that the county had voted to give up to \$1000 one-time donation towards new flooring. Jason Cartwright made a motion and seconded by John Trace to approve a new contract with the Iowa County Senior Nutrition Program as it currently is with no fees. Motion passed 7-0.

Consent Agenda:

- a) Approval of March 2025 Regular Board Minutes.
- b) Approval of March 2025, Park Committee minutes
- c) Approval of March 2025 Treasurer's reports.

Motion by Jason Cartwright seconded by Denny Rickard to approve the consent agenda as presented. Motion carried 7-0.

Presidents Correspondence:

Clerk/Treasurer Correspondence:

The office will be closed April 28th & 29th while Sue Lindner is attending the League insurance conference. Sue also reminded the board that the Board of Review is scheduled for April 29th @ 6:30 pm.

Staff Reports:

Sewer/Water/Public Works

Randy Kitelinger reported the sewer plant is running well. The sludge was hauled out on April 15th. The new replacement furnace from Collins & Hying is coming in June. There will be no cost as it is covered under warranty. Water reports are done except CCR. Mike passed his tests and is now the operator in charge. There is a hole on Vine & Galena Street that needs to be looked at. The new equipment building is in place at the park. The building & accessories will be paid out of the park checkbook.

Police Correspondence:

Alan Schrank said he will be putting out the speed board trailer if the weather stays warm. He said he is working on getting people to get their junk picked up. Alan is working on getting the village domain changed to .gov.

Committee Reports:

Bob Spurley stated the need to have the streets, buildings, and park committees meet to discuss future needs.

Old Business:

- A. Discussion on the 2025 fees listing was tabled until the next meeting.

New Business:

- B. It was suggested to get estimates to resurface the ball diamond. Mike Silvers is working with a company. Larry Dale Schultz will be running the Wednesday night men's slow pitch league.
- C. Updates need to be made to the Sewer Chemical Building. The building committee is going to look at it before the next board meeting.
- D. John Trace made a motion seconded by Stephen Troester to deny the fire department from charging for call outs based on our attorney's advice. Motion passed 7-0.
- E. Jason Cartwright made a motion seconded by Denny Rickard to approve Jeff Hogue as a Captain on the Linden Vol. Fire Department. Motion passed 7-0.
- F. Jason Cartwright made a motion seconded by Stephen Troester to replace the tires on LVFD Engine #1. Motion passed 6-0. Larry Dale Schultz abstained.
- G. Jason Cartwright made a motion seconded by Stephen Troester to approve spending \$7000 for crack filling using Scott Construction.
- H. The Village Board stated that department inventory is needed from the Police, Fire Department, & 1st Responders.
- I. The village board discussed police department coverage and the need to have 50 hours a month in patrol time. Traffic grants were discussed, and Alan Schrank assured the board that all wages, fringe & WRS were reimbursed. And gas was reimbursed through a soft match.

Motion by Jason Cartwright and seconded by John Trace to approve the April 2025 bill list. Motion passed 6-0. Larry Dale Schultz abstained.

Motion by Stephen Troester and seconded by Denny Rickard to adjourn @9:44pm.

Sue Lindner/Linden Village Clerk