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Village Board Meeting

2026-01-13 Meeting minutes

Roll Call

President Dan Quinn called the Tuesday, January 13, 2026, Village Board meeting to order. Board members were Dan Quinn, Mary Litviak, Brad Wilson, Brandon Bindl, Adam Reno, Corey Ewers, and Brad Seymour.

Also in attendance: Elizabeth Gieck, Chris Conner, Cameron Quinn, Christa Quinn, Sandra Creasey, Pat Christianson, Bart Nies, Peggy Adank, Donald Pulvermacher, and Richard McGee.

ZOOM: Joe Block (Independent Starr) and Michael.

Approve Agenda

Motion to approve the agenda as presented by Brad Seymour, seconded by Mary Litviak. Motion carried unanimously.

Approval of 12/09/25 Meeting Minutes

Motion to approve December 9, 2025, meeting minutes as presented made by Brad Seymour, seconded by Corey Ewers. Motion carried unanimously.

Proposed 2025 Wastewater Treatment Facility Improvements

Pay Application #6 – MZ Construction, Inc.

Bart from Delta 3 Engineering presented Application #6 from MZ Construction for payment in the amount of \$95,765.00. He explained this is not the final payment, and the project is about 40% complete. The headworks building is now enclosed, with rough end plumbing to be completed this week and concrete floor pouring planned for next week. Much of this payment is for equipment that has arrived on site, including mechanical screens, lagoon baffles, and electrical components.

When questioned about the project timeline, Bart indicated that while they got off to a slower start than expected (they did not clean out the lagoons and haul sludge in the fall as planned), they are generally on schedule with a July completion date. He noted the main potential challenge could be work on the lift station by the fire station in the spring, which will be difficult to construct.

Bart also shared information about DNR Clean Water Fund financing for the lift station portion of the project. While the village did not receive any additional grant money, they did get 100% funding through a low-interest loan at a rate of 1.58% locked in for 20 years. This rate may potentially decrease in the next quarter due to federal rate reductions.

Motion to approve contractors' application for payment number 6 to MZ Construction in the amount of \$95,765.00 made by Brad Seymour, seconded by Corey Ewers. Motion carried unanimously.

Proposed Tap Grant Sidewalk – S.T.H. 130

Bart from Delta 3 Engineering provided an update on the proposed sidewalk project on State Highway 130/133. He distributed a location map showing the proposed sidewalk route. The village was awarded approximately \$241,000 in DOT grant funding for the project, with the village's portion estimated at about \$100,000 of the total \$340,000+ project.

Bart explained there was an issue with project timing - it was incorrectly allocated for 2027 funding by someone at the DOT, despite the village's application showing 2025 construction with 2024 design. He has been working to get this corrected to align with the village's desire to coordinate with planned state highway work. Following discussions with the DOT, he is proceeding with plans for construction this calendar year, although official confirmation of the schedule change is still pending.

The proposed sidewalk will start at Dr. B. Reynolds Street with a stub at Pearl Street and Highway 130 to connect to the memorial in Battery Park. The sidewalk will connect to existing north-south sidewalk at Dr. B. Reynolds, head west to the east side of the highway, continue north on the east side until Fourth Street, then cross to the west side and extend to Shell gas station. An additional crosswalk is planned at the entrance to Little River Rock mobile home park. The design calls for a 5-foot-wide concrete sidewalk.

Public Input

During public discussion, concerns were raised about safety due to high traffic speeds on Highway 130 and the lack of police enforcement. Donald Pulvermacher suggested an alternative route down Broadway Street, but Bart explained this would not qualify for grant funding.

Several board members expressed strong support for the project, with Brad Seymour and another member noting the significant safety concerns with pedestrians currently walking along the road, particularly at night and wearing dark clothing. Questions about crosswalk safety features, and the board discussed options including flashing warning lights and several types of crosswalk markings. Bart noted that the village would be responsible for maintaining the sidewalks, including snow removal.

The board gave general consensus to proceed with the project planning, with Bart taking notes of the feedback regarding crosswalk safety features for incorporation into the final design.

Special Board Meeting Outcome

Richland County Sheriff 2026 Contracted Services Agreement

The board discussed the revised contract with the Richland County Sheriff's Department. Tammy explained that she had removed the half-hour specification as requested at the special meeting and the sheriff had recalculated the math. The revised contract called for 13 hours of service per week, while the village had budgeted for only 10 hours.

There was extensive discussion about whether to accept the 13-hour contract at approximately \$8,300 more than budgeted, or to insist on the 10-hour contract that matched the budget. Board members expressed frustration that the sheriff's department had not been proactive in discussing their needs before the village finalized its budget in October. Adam Reno shared that he had spoken with a neighboring community that pays for only 4 hours of service per week and finds that sufficient for ordinance enforcement.

Brad Seymour expressed concerns about the need for law enforcement coverage for ordinance enforcement, noting that without the contract, the village would have limited ability to enforce its ordinances. Several board members expressed dissatisfaction with the perceived value received over the past three years, noting that despite spending around \$150,000, no ordinance violations had been written.

After considerable discussion, the board decided to amend the contract to reflect the budgeted amount.

Motion to amend the contract with Richland County Sheriff's Department for police services in the village for the county to provide 520 hours of patrol services annually for a contract amount of \$27,560 made by Brad Seymour, seconded by Adam Reno. Motion carried unanimously.

Lone Rock Estates Infrastructure Improvements

The board discussed moving forward with the infrastructure improvements for Lone Rock Estates. They noted that to properly understand the costs involved, they need to proceed with completing the plans to the point where they can obtain bids. The estimated cost to complete the plans and bid process is \$40,000-\$45,000, which would be covered by TID funding once sufficient funds are available.

Board members agreed that moving forward with the bid process was essential to making informed decisions about the project and to facilitate selling lots in the development. They noted that money from the recently sold lot (\$35,000) has gone into the TID fund, and other tax increment is now beginning to flow into the fund as well.

Motion to authorize Delta 3 Engineering to proceed with the bid process for the Lone Rock Estate's property made by Adam Reno, seconded by Brad Seymour. Motion carried unanimously.

Zoning Administrator Report

Brad Seymour reported that revisions to Chapter 13 of the zoning code are still in progress. No zoning approval permits were issued since the last meeting, although several applications are in progress. He met with the new owner of a property on West Commercial Street who plans to build a 40' x 60' steel building on the property.

The property at 444 South Maple Street remains in violation, and he continues to work with the owners to resolve the issues. He also noted that he has begun providing zoning administrator updates in the water and sewer bills and plans to include similar information in the new quarterly newsletter.

Zoning (B. Seymour) and/or Building (D. Butteris) Permit(s): approved.

No permits to report.

Fire District

Brad Wilson reported that the next Fire District meeting is scheduled for January 27th.

EMS

The EMS, Jen Merrison, reported 13 patient contacts for the month. They will be conducting a refresher course in March over two weekends and are reviewing credentials for one new EMT.

Discussion followed about the "I Am Responding" system, with issues noted about text alerts not coming through properly. They are working with Richland County and Iowa County to resolve these issues.

Police

The board received a letter from Sheriff Clay Porter reporting 26 calls for service and 5 citations issued in December. He indicated that the ordinances provided by Brad Seymour should be entered into their system shortly and would then be entered into the court records system in the next week or two. Four deputies have been assigned to handle the bulk of the hours in the village and take the lead on ordinance enforcement: James Tucker and Jason Sutton for day shift, and Isaac Gerber and Phoenix Ewers for night shift.

Library

Brad Seymour presented library statistics for 2025, including 1,717 visitors, 298 computer users, 1,746 items checked out, 483 Facebook followers with 28,800 page views, and 977 website visits. The library held 35 story times and 12 summer reading events with a total of 316 attendees.

At the library board's request, the library will be purchasing an AED that is compatible with the village EMS equipment. He also thanked the historical society for allowing the library to have a display table at the Festival of Trees.

Public Works Department – Chris Conner & Cameron Quinn

Chris reported that they would begin remodeling the basement next week, with epoxy flooring to be installed from Menards. The project should be completed within one to two weeks.

Public Input

Sandra Creasey reported that they have 10 teams for the upcoming puzzle competition this weekend, slightly short of their goal of 12 teams. He noted the Parks and Recreation Committee is also considering a soup night and has received requests for another spaghetti dinner. She mentioned that the delivery service option for the spaghetti dinner was particularly popular.

Mary Litviak also announced a Fourth of July celebration kickoff meeting scheduled for Tuesday, February 3rd at 6pm at the village office, noting that America will be celebrating its 250th anniversary this year. Adam Reno mentioned that the fireworks coordinator has obtained certification that will allow him to purchase fireworks at cost.

Upcoming Meetings

President Quinn reminded everyone that the Caucus was held tonight at 6pm at the Village Office. The next Village Board meeting will be February 10, 2026, at 7:00 pm at the Village Office, and the Fourth of July meeting will be February 3rd at 6pm.

Review Check Register/Bills

The board reviewed the check register and bills, noting that the Excel sheet format was working for them.

Adjournment at 8:19 PM.

Respectfully submitted: Tammy Christianson, Clerk.