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## 2026-02-10 Meeting Minutes

### Roll Call

Village Board Meeting was called to order on Tuesday, February 10, 2026, at 7:00 PM. President Dan Quinn called the roll. Present were Dan Quinn, Mary Litviak, Brandon Bindl, Adam Reno, Corey Ewers, and Brad Seymour. Brad Wilson was absent.

Also in attendance: Elizabeth Gieck, Chris Conner, Cameron Quinn, Christa Quinn, Pat Christianson, Sandra Creasey, Jen Merrison, Jake Kleckner and Logan Hoppman.

ZOOM: Joe Block (Independent Star News) and Michael.

### Approve Agenda

Motion by Brad Seymour to approve the agenda as presented. Seconded by Corey Ewers. Motion carried unanimously.

### Approval of 1/7/26 & 1/13/26 Meeting Minutes

Motion by Brad Seymour to approve January 7, 2026, and January 13, 2026, meeting minutes as presented. Seconded by Corey Ewers. Motion carried unanimously.

### Proposed Sidewalk Extension – S.T.H. '130' – Crosswalk options

Logan from Delta 3 Engineering presented options for the sidewalk extension project's crosswalks. He explained there were two main pavement marking styles: the continental/zebra style (more visible but more expensive at approximately \$500 per crossing) and the standard style (\$400 per crossing). The board discussed three potential highway crossings and three side street crossings.

Logan also presented options for enhanced pedestrian crossing safety systems, showing three different illuminated beacon styles that could be installed at highway crossings. These ranged from \$15,000-\$22,000 per crosswalk, with 80% potentially eligible for reimbursement through the TAP grant, meaning the village would be responsible for approximately 20% of costs. The board discussed the importance of having illuminated beacons for the highway crossings due to the darkness of those areas.

The board members agreed that the continental/zebra style markings would be most appropriate for all crosswalks, and that LED enhanced rectangular beacon crosswalk signs (the option on the left of Logan's handout) would be necessary for the three highway crossings.

Motion by Adam Reno to install continental pavement markings for pedestrian crossings and LED enhanced rectangular beacon crossing signs for all three crossings on State Highway 130. Seconded by Brad Seymour. Motion carried unanimously.

### Lift Station #2 Replacement - Bond Counsel Agreement

The board discussed the bond counsel agreement for the Lift Station #2 replacement project. The bond is \$650,000, while the total project cost is estimated at \$737,956. The discrepancy caused concern among board members, as they questioned where the additional funding would come from.

Corey explained that the additional costs beyond MZ's bid of approximately \$557,000 included administration expenses, miscellaneous costs, relocation of utilities, and Delta 3's fees of \$41,000. The board discussed that some of these expenses might not materialize, such as the relocation of utilities, bringing the actual cost closer to \$680,000.

The village has a \$100,000 line of credit that could cover the difference between the bond amount and the actual cost. The board was concerned about approving a bond for less than the potential cost but proceeded with the agreement based on recommendations from their consultant Bart.

Motion by Adam Reno to approve President Dan Quinn signing the \$650,000 bond for Lift Station #2 replacement. Seconded by Brad Seymour. Motion carried unanimously.

## Approval to increase ACH (Automated Clearing House) with Royal Bank from \$7,000.00 to \$10,000.00

Tammy requested an increase to the ACH limit from \$7,000 to \$10,000 to accommodate larger transactions, including payroll and contractor payments, without having to constantly request temporary increases from the bank.

Motion by Corey Ewers to increase the ACH amount with Royal Bank from \$7,000 to \$10,000. Seconded by Mary Litviak. Motion carried unanimously.

## Approval of increasing amounts and/or combine CD's with less than \$10,000 for short term, higher interest rate.

Tammy explained that the bank is currently offering 9-month CDs at 3.5% interest compounded monthly, which is significantly better than the village's current CDs (some earning as little as 0.5-1.2%). She proposed consolidating smaller CDs and some savings into \$10,000 increments to take advantage of this rate, which would generate more interest income for the village.

Motion by Brad Seymour to increase amounts and/or combine CDs with less than \$10,000 for short-term higher interest rate, currently 9 months at 3.5% compounded monthly with auto renewal, giving the clerk and treasurer authority to manage these investments as they deem prudent on an ongoing basis. Seconded by Mary Litviak. Motion carried unanimously.

## Temporary Liquor License on March 7th Cabin Fever Dance from 11 AM- 7 PM

Motion by Adam Reno to approve temporary liquor license for March 7th Cabin Fever Dance from 11 AM to 7 PM. Seconded by Brad Seymour. Motion carried unanimously.

## Splash Pad Fundraisers (basement) 2/28(Sat)-Puzzle, 3/11(Wed)-Soup/Salad, 3/21(Sat)-Garage Sale and 3/28(Sat)-Puzzle

The board discussed four upcoming splash pad fundraisers planned for the community center basement. There was discussion about the frequency of events (with the board previously approving them once per month), potential scheduling conflicts, and the cost to the village for cleaning and utilities versus the revenue generated. A representative explained that while some events like puzzles might only raise around \$300, others were more profitable, and all funds supported maintenance and improvements for the splash pad, including potential new shade structures and replacement parts.

Motion by Brad Seymour to approve the suggested splash pad fundraisers on February 28th, March 11th, March 21st, and March 28th, allowing use of the basement at no charge. Seconded by Mary Litviak. Motion carried unanimously.

## Buena Vista Lions Club asked if the Village would donate Community Center rental fee for fundraiser.

Jake Kleckner, president of Buena Vista Lions Club, requested the village waive the rental fee for the community center for a benefit fundraiser for Rick and Mary of Lone Rock on April 4th. The event would include a silent auction, bake sale, and food service.

Several board members expressed concerns about waiving fees. Brad Seymour raised the legal question of whether a municipality can donate to a private entity and noted that it might not be in the best interest of village residents to cover expenses for an event benefiting non-residents. Adam Reno explained that the board had previously stopped waiving rental fees for various organizations, including the fire department, as the \$200 rental fee primarily covers cleaning and utilities rather than generating profit.

The board did not take any formal action on the request, effectively denying it, but encouraged the Lions Club to still hold their event at the community center with the standard rental fee.

## Permission to hire someone to type Chapter 13 Ordinances

Brad Seymour explained that approximately 50 pages of Chapter 13 ordinances need to be retyped into a Word document format to allow modification and to prepare for public hearings on the new zoning code. The electronic version they currently have is not workable for their purposes. He estimated the work would take 32-40 hours of continuous typing.

Brad proposed two options: 1) Hire someone to retype the entire Chapter 13, or 2) Move forward with adopting specific ordinances he had already retyped that address pressing enforcement issues.

The board decided to pursue both paths, with Brad moving forward with the already-prepared ordinances while also looking for someone to type the complete Chapter 13.

Motion by Adam Reno for Brad Seymour to look into finding someone to type up Chapter 13 ordinances. Seconded by Mary Litviak. Motion carried unanimously.

## Zoning Administrator Report

Brad Seymour reported there were no zoning permits issued in the past month, though he was working on a couple that were not ready for approval yet. He noted the ongoing zoning code violation at 444 South Maple Street was still being addressed.

Seymour also reported that he had responded to inquiries from two parties interested in using the property at 358 South Oak Street for an Airbnb-style short-term rental. He advised them that while permanent residency would not be allowed, the current zoning code might permit this type of use (like motels/hotels) with Plan Commission approval.

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

Dennis Butteris's building permits were presented for approval.

Motion by Brad Seymour to approve the building permits as presented on the agenda. Seconded by Corey Ewers. Motion carried unanimously.

## Fire District

No report was presented as Brad Wilson was absent.

## EMS

Jen Merrison reported that EMS had 19 patient contacts in the past month. They are looking for drivers, EMTs, or nurses to help. The "I'm Responding" system is now up and running, which has improved communications. They are exploring hosting an EMT class in Lone Rock if there is enough interest and have a refresher course scheduled for March. The EMS is also planning a chicken barbecue fundraiser.

## Police

President Quinn read a letter from Clay indicating that during the January billing period (January 4-31), there were 13 calls for service and 2 citations issued. The total bill was for 40 hours at \$53/hour, totaling \$2,120.

Brad Seymour mentioned that according to emails he received, 13 ordinances had been entered into the court system, allowing citations to be issued for those ordinances. He noted that the board would need to decide on forfeitures for violations when additional ordinances are entered.

## Library

Brad Seymour reported from Troy Reinhart, the library director, that the library had 106 visitors during January, 123 physical checkouts, and 83 checkouts on the Libby electronic system. Troy is completing the 2025 annual report for the state, which the village board will receive a copy of.

The library is participating in the "Libraries with Heart" program, which will include a blood pressure testing machine that patrons can check out. The 2026 summer reading program theme is "Unearth a Story."

Brad also mentioned that the library board is planning to improve the building's energy efficiency by removing and replacing the siding and adding insulation. The library has the funds for this project and will coordinate with the village on approval.

## Public Works Department – Chris Conner & Cameron Quinn

Chris Conner reported that construction on the lift station is progressing with plumbing and concrete work completed in the building, and walls now being installed. He also noted that epoxy has been laid in the basement at the Community Center and it looks "fantastic."

## Public Input

Sandra from the Farmers Market committee asked about how the upcoming road construction might affect the Farmers Market, expressing concerns about dust and vendor parking. The board advised that construction is still planned but should not significantly affect the Farmers Market location. Sandra mentioned that Driftless has offered their location as an alternative, but board members cautioned against relocating, as it might be difficult to move back downtown afterward.

Jen Merrison added information about her earlier EMS report, noting that Southwest Tech may have access to a large grant that could cover licensing costs for new EMTs.

## Upcoming Meetings

- Monday, March 9th – 4th of July Committee - 6:00 PM - Village Office
- Next Board Meeting – March 10, 2026 - 7:00 PM at the Village Office

## Review Check Register/Bills

The board reviewed the check register and bills.

## Adjourn

The meeting adjourned at approximately 8:21 PM.

Submitted by: Tammy Christianson, Clerk.