

Summary of Village Board & Public Safety Updates

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Action Items

Monitor county radio plan

Track Motorola negotiations, county funding, compatibility requirements, and expected implementation timelines.

Review sanitation contract

Examine the existing contract, cancellation terms, bidding requirements, and alternatives before deciding on bulk pickup.

Consult library attorney

Forward the proposed agreement and concerns about ownership, term limits, capital costs, and added language for legal review.

Draft property ordinance

Ask the village attorney to develop an enforceable outdoor storage and property maintenance ordinance.

Address dog licensing

Prepare law-enforcement notices and improved new-resident communications to increase dog license compliance.

Evaluate Highway 175 sidewalk

Research ownership, DOT requirements, accessibility constraints, possible designs, and costs for a Dollar General sidewalk.

Prepare traffic proposals

Develop recommendations for intersection parking restrictions near Highway 175 and traffic control at Chestnut Street.

Village Board & Public Safety Updates

Public Safety and Radio System

- The county selected Motorola for a potential regional radio system and is negotiating final contract terms. Options include a countywide group purchase, departments purchasing radios through the group buy, or leasing radios from the county.
- A final proposal is expected to go to the County Board after negotiations. The contract may be completed by the beginning of the year, but system infrastructure and tower expansion could take approximately two to five years.
- Departments would need radios compatible with the selected system, although compatible brands may be available. Leasing would reduce upfront costs and place maintenance responsibility with the county, but annual subscription pricing is not yet known.
- The board discussed whether to delay local radio purchases until county pricing and funding are confirmed. The issue will remain on future agendas, with additional information available from the sheriff's office and emergency management.

Village Administration and Ordinances

- The board approved a minor subdivision letter of intent outside the village limits.
- The sanitation contract addendum was tabled until the original contract, cancellation terms, purchasing requirements, and possible competing bids are reviewed. Removing annual bulk-item pickup could save approximately \$9,600, but residents will need advance notice and alternative disposal information.
- The proposed library agreement was referred to the village attorney for review, particularly ownership of the building, officer term limits, capital improvement responsibilities, and language added by the library board.
- Resolution 2026-14 establishing updated compensation and mileage reimbursement for the village president and trustees passed despite two opposing votes. The increases apply to positions after the relevant future elections and are not immediate raises for current officials.
- The village expects a \$2,000 election-related grant for a laptop and firewall. Banking changes remain unresolved while the village waits for documents from National Exchange Bank.

Public Safety, Licensing, and Property Maintenance

- A 2027 Humane Society contract for stray animals was approved at the lowest option, approximately \$2,000 for up to five animals.
- The board supported further development of an ordinance addressing outdoor storage, parking, recreational equipment, and unsightly property. The village attorney will be asked to ensure the ordinance is enforceable without improperly infringing on property rights.
- The police department will consider sending law-enforcement notices to residents who fail to license dogs, while also improving new-resident communication about dog licenses and other permits.
- Police camera installation is pending payment and scheduling. A department retirement is anticipated at the end of the year.

Infrastructure, Parks, and Finance

- Potential parking restrictions near intersections along Highway 175 and a stop or yield sign at Chestnut Street will be placed on a future agenda.
- The board will investigate a safe sidewalk connection to Dollar General, including property ownership, grade requirements, DOT restrictions, and estimated costs.
- A used brush attachment and parts unit were approved for approximately \$1,925. The Highlander Park gazebo will be demolished because repairs would exceed its practical value.
- August bills, payroll, budget-to-actual reports, and the treasurer's report were approved. The board also noted upcoming budget, highway project, bulk pickup, and Halloween dates.

Action Plan

- Continue monitoring county radio negotiations and pricing.
- Review the sanitation contract and return with a recommendation.
- Send the library agreement and concerns to the village attorney.
- Develop parking, property maintenance, dog licensing, and sidewalk recommendations for future meetings.

