Regular Meeting Village Hall Monday, October 19, 2026 7:00 pm

The regular meeting of the Village Board opened with Mayor Riley Goodwin presiding. Trustees present were Mike Marler, Kevin McDonald, Kenneth (Butch) Chandler, Todd Kinzel Chris Klingeman, and John Baker.

Michelle Birkner-Treasurer, Chief Laura Ottens and Sergeant Tavis Leroy were also present.

Mayor Riley Goodwin led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Visitors were Dean Weber, Justin Kleinschmidt-Gonzalez Engineering, Sharon Cross, Pam Welshans, Janet Lenzo, Toni Picou, Steve Barber, Larry Matzenbacher, Donald Wagner, Jake Easton, Chris Williams, Cheryl Tilka, Alex Cortez, William Norton and Mike Trotter-County Journal,

Justin Kleinschmidt from Gonzalez Engineering attended the meeting to give a presentation on the proposed retention pond and to answer questions from citizens. He spoke about keeping the basin of the pond on the low end of the property, new pipes would be buried on Grace St. with new plates and culverts. South of White St. will stay the same with a few minor improvements. The pond will be about 15-20 acres and 8ft deep with a 10 ft levee. The question was asked if it was going to have an aeration system to keep it from going stagnant. He said that it will not but the wind from the open field will keep it moving. The biggest issue will be maintenance such as keeping grass mowed and cleared and making sure no beavers make damns near the opening. There will be no mechanical devices. The residents along the South side are concerned about the 50ft easement and would be interested in purchasing some of the property to keep green space. Surveyors will be out soon to survey the property. Some of the residents asked if the Soil and Water Conservation had been contacted and if a flood risk assessment had been done. No flood risk was performed because we are not in a flood zone and Soil and Water conservation was not contacted because we are not changing the direction of the water. There is currently no time scheduled for this project as we are going to apply for a grant but need the project to be shovel ready to help increase our chances of getting the grant. Residents are concerned about who will be responsible for any damage done to property or pipes during construction. The contractor will fix all damages caused by them. It was pointed out that the field has a water and sewer line running through it that will need to be moved and there is also a septic tank in the field. Justin has designed 30-35 ponds like this and has had no issues with them. One resident asked how it would affect his property value. Property value should stay the same or increase. One resident who lives close by questioned how it will affect her. She currently gets flooding from both sides, and this will redirect the water away from her. One resident asked what has changed in the last 4 years to cause the flooding because she has lived in her home for 40 years and never had this problem. Climate changes and higher intensity rain is one cause. There is never any guarantee that a flood can happen, but this retention pond will allow the water to be held and released at a lower rate. A detention pond is cheaper so why are we doing a retention pond. The board decided

to do a retention pond for the aesthetic look, and we could have a place for locals to fish and possibly make a park in the future.

Citizens Wishing to Speak: None

A motion was made by John and seconded by Chris to approve the previous meeting minutes from October 5, 2026. Motion passed with roll call as follows: Kevin-yes, Mike -yes, Kenneth-yes, Todd-yes, Chris-yes, John -yes.

A motion was made by Kevin and seconded by Todd to approve the Public Impprovements meeting on September 30, 2026. Motion passed with roll call as follows: Kevin-yes, Mike -yes, Kenneth-yes, Todd-yes, Chris-yes, John -yes.

A motion was made by Butch and seconded Chris to approve the Personnel Committee meeting on October 5, 2026. Motion passed with roll call as follows: Kevin-yes, Mike -yes, Kenneth-yes, Todd-yes, Chris-yes, John -yes.

A motion was made by John and seconded by Kevin to approve paying the bills. Motion passed with roll call as follows: Kevin-yes, Mike -yes, Kenneth-yes, Todd-yes, Chris-yes, John -yes.

Todd made a motion to approve the financial report. Motion was seconded by Chris. Year to date interest on the FNB Waterloo accounts is about $21,000.00. Motion passed with roll call as follows: Kevin-yes, Mike -yes, Kenneth-yes, Todd-yes, Chris-yes, John -yes.

Correspondence: None

Mayor Report- Riley spoke about the success of the pumpkin patch and how the kids enjoyed the wagon rides. He gave a special thank you to Mike and Erica Marler for donating their time and resources to provide the free wagon rides. Three hundred pumpkins were given away. The block grant paperwork for the pedestrian bridge has been signed and submitted. A thank you to Officer Brandon Ottens for how he successfully managed the emergency scene when a vehicle drove though the Faith Baptist Church. Riley picked up a PTAX form to change the tax status of the American Legion and requested a list of all Village owned property. Currently there are sixty-five properties that are being investigated to see which ones can be sold as surplus property. Justin Evans is actively addressing the raccoon situation. Riley would like to hire former Mayor Jerry Cross to help with the landfill contracts.

Public Improvements, Parks, MACC Building and Streets. Kevin reported that ¾ of the wall of the Lemonade stand at the park was replaced due to rotting wood. The public improvement would like to apply for the park grant and use the money to repair the buildings in the park.

John -Public Safety, Police, Ambulance, Nuisance, Zoning and E.S.D.A. John and Butch met with representatives from KWD to discuss plans for the upcoming water tower cleaning. Kendell will be temporarily valving out our tower and we will operate off the Lenzburg tower. This test will determine any drop in water pressure while our tower is out of service. John and Butch also met with both owners of the companies' giving bids for the abatement and demolition of the old Fire House for clarifications on their bids. John attended the Township meeting to discuss possible culvert modifications on their property for the retention pond. Spoke with several neighbors of the retention pond to invite them to tonight's meeting. Worked with Dustin Bingel and Tommy Thompson to temporarily remove the legacy sirens from the old Fire House. The St. Clair County siren system will still be in effect. Watson Excavating has started ditch clean out. John also met with a few residents regarding an issue of drainage in their yard that will need to be addressed and a large hole that is developing in another resident's yard that the street guys will need to go look at. He met with Richard Zetler for a proposal for some control modifications recommended by Tim Albers.

Chief Laura Ottens gave the Police Department Statistics from April 1, 2026-October 15, 2026. The department has had 45 arrests, 96 traffic warnings, 96 traffic citations, and 658 calls for service. A total of 256 reports for 2026 and a total of 974 calls in 2026.

Butch-Utilities- Kendell has flushed one hundred and eight fire hydrants. There is another fire hydrant that will need replaced. Butch would like to put the two old trailers up for bid.

Chris-Finance- No report.

Todd-Beautification. Todd reported that the scarecrows are starting to be put up on Main St. poles and once they are judged and taken down the poles can be rented for a snowman contest. All money raised will be donated to the food pantry. Horse drawn carriage rides will be given during the Christmas Walk on December 5, 2026.

Mike-Landfill- Mike reported that he has been working with Kevin at Waste Management to get a plan for ditch clean out. The Pipeline is about 85% complete.

Building & Zoning: No report.

Old Business:

Butch made a motion to approve Owens Abatement LLC. to perform the abatement and demolition of the old Fire House in the amount of $57,962.50. Motion was seconded by John. Motion passed with roll call as follows: Kevin-yes, Mike -yes, Kenneth-yes, Todd-yes, Chris-yes, John -yes.

New Business:

John made a motion to approve Watson Excavating to clean out ditches 2 and 3 in the amount of $14,700.00. Motion seconded by Chris. Motion passed with roll call as follows: Kevin-yes, Mike -yes, Kenneth-yes, Todd-yes, Chris-yes, John -yes.

John made a motion to pay the Real Estate taxes on Village owned property at 201 W. Harding St. Motion was seconded by Kevin. Motion passed with roll call as follows: Kevin-yes, Mike -yes, Kenneth-yes, Todd-yes, Chris-abstain, John -yes.

John made a motion to begin the process of getting an agreement prepared for Dean Weber to use part of the building at 307 N. Main St. The building will need to be cleaned out and equipment moved. Motion was seconded by Butch. Motion passed with roll call as follows: Kevin-yes, Mike -yes, Kenneth-yes, Todd-yes, Chris-yes, John -yes.

The overhaul of the SBR blower was tabled until we find out if there is a warranty on the overhaul.

Butch made a motion to approve strobe lighting on the new street truck in the amount of $1,627.84. Motion seconded by John. Motion passed with roll call as follows: Kevin-yes, Mike -yes, Kenneth-yes, Todd-yes, Chris-yes, John -yes.

The electric at the 4-way stop was tabled. We are waiting for another bid.

The fully funded water reserve fund savings, depreciation fund savings and sewer reserve fund savings will be transferred to a short-term CD in January 2027 to receive a better interest rate.

John made a motion to approve Chief Ottens to trade in tasers that are no longer in use. Motion was seconded by Chris. Motion passed with roll call as follows: Kevin-yes, Mike -yes, Kenneth-yes, Todd-yes, Chris-yes, John -yes.

Butch made a motion at 8:21pm to enter executive session for personnel. Todd seconded the motion. Motion passed with roll call as follows: Kevin-yes, Mike -yes, Kenneth-yes, Todd-yes, Chris-yes, John -yes.

Butch made a motion to re-enter regular session at 8:56pm. Motion was seconded by John. Motion passed with roll call as follows: Kevin-yes, Mike -yes, Kenneth-yes, Todd-yes, Chris-yes, John -yes.

John made a motion to hire Jerry Cross as an advisor to the Village specific to landfill issues with an option to review the assignment in six months. Mike seconded the motion. Motion passed with roll call as follows: Kevin-yes, Mike -yes, Kenneth-yes, Todd-yes, Chris-yes, John -yes.

The Village currently owns sixty-five properties. We pay no taxes on these properties, but we pay the summer help to mow them. Village Attorney Clay Finley will advise on the proper way to declare them as surplus property so they can be placed for bid or for sale. If we get a bid that is too low, we do not have to accept the sealed bids. If we sell the properties, then they must be sold for no less than 80% of their appraised value.

Butch made a motion at 9:00pm to adjourn. Motion seconded by Mike. Motion passed with roll call as follows: Kevin-yes, Mike -yes, Kenneth-yes, Todd-yes, Chris-yes, John -yes.