

Regular Meeting Village Hall Monday July 6, 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, Jackie Surmeier-Water Clerk, Chris Daugherty-Building & Zoning, Sergeant Travis Leroy and Chief Laura Ottens were also present.

Mayor Riley Goodwin led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Visitors present were Mike Trotter-County Journal, Art Dickerson, Kendall Lloyd, Kayla Lloyd, Destiny Kistler and Jeff Tumirati-IRWA, and Pam Baker.

Citizens Wishing to Speak:

Pam Baker spoke about the landscaping project she had brought to the board in the area next to Village Hall. She is asking for donations and estimates the project to be around \$3,500.00. She has heard complaints about the flag wrapping around the pole and would like to move it and purchase a new flagpole. Butch would like to see a commercial grade flagpole installed and it will cost around \$1,200.00. Pam said the ball diamonds looked nice for the tournament last weekend. There is a wedding at the Leemon property this weekend so people will be traveling that road. Riley let her know that he mowed the pumpkin patch.

Art Dickerson spoke about a park pavilion request he submitted for an Evangelistic church sermon and Gospel music. Art has been a Pastor for a few years, and he goes to different Churches. He said that his service will have a service and Gospel singing and all denominations will fit in.

Destiny Kistler with IRWA spoke about the apprentice program they offer. It is a 2-year hybrid program with 1 on 1 training at our water treatment plant and online classes through the University of California Sacramento. The cost for 2-years is \$1,200.00. Sending a person through the program would allow the Village to have their own wastewater treatment worker. The program requires 4000 hours of on-the-job training and 30 hours of retraining a year.

A motion was made by John and seconded by Chris to approve the previous meeting minutes from June 15, 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 Chris and seconded by Todd to approve the personnel meeting minutes from June 11, 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 Chris and seconded by Kevin to approve the personnel committee meeting minutes from June 23, 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 by Kevin to approve paying the bills. John asked if Hydro had given permission to release records yet. Michelle told him no. John made a motion to amend paying all bills except Hydro Services which was seconded by Kevin. Motion passed with roll call as follows: Kevin-yes, Mike -yes, Kenneth-yes, Todd-yes, Chris-yes, John -yes.

Correspondence: No correspondence.

Mayor Goodwin reported that the tracks look nice.

Public Improvements, Parks, MACC Building and Streets. Kevin reported that he has heard mixed reviews about the new Stop signs at Joan Ave. making it a four way. Gibson Electric completed the preliminary lighting at the park, and he shut off power to a few electrical standards that were broken until they can be fixed. He also spoke with Gibson Electric about the electrical situation in the band stand. Kevin spoke with Justin about putting rock by the band stand and the cake stand and Justin said that concrete would be better. The chip house roof leaks and needs fixed. He is still waiting to hear back about the speed humps. Riley noted that the preliminary number of trees trimmed is 2500. Nathan with Nelson Tree Service will get him final numbers when they are finished.

John -Public Safety, Police, Ambulance, Nuisance, Zoning and E.S.D.A. John reported that the load bank testing at the Police Station and Village Hall is complete with a few follow ups needed. The generator at the wastewater plant has a bad breaker so he will get a new breaker replacement on next agenda. An influent pump was replaced at the sewage plant. Spoke with Waste Management regarding the leachate. There were some increased leachates due to an overflow from Doza Creek requiring the entire quantity to be treated as leachate. The quantities will decrease once resolved. An IPEA notification was due to a request for minor operational changes. He inspected core samples previously done for the Village to see if they were for the future retention pond. They were not as they were clearly labeled Cottonwood Hills. Volkert was contacted regarding if they ordered core drilling at the retention pond. They did not order it. Cleaning of influent filter media, repair of influent pump #2, removing sludge on the pump and the EQ tank and cleaning of the SBR tanks #1 and #2. Illinois State Fire Marshall passed the dispensing station. St. Clair Services can fill tanks. The wastewater treatment basin dam inspection is complete and submitted to IDNR. There is a minor deficiency with some animal holes that needs corrected so the Street Department will need to fill in the holes on the West side. He needs CDBG grant ideas for FY 2027. It is usually around \$80,000-\$120,000.

Butch-Utilities-Water and Sewer. Butch reported that one of the leaks at the Sewer plant was found. They will have to start digging to find the other leaks. He has started having monthly safety meetings with the Street workers.

Chris-Finance, Ordinances, Personnel and Budget. Chris reported they had interviews for Police and will be acting on them later in the meeting.

Todd-Beautification. Todd reported that a 3rd party will be judging the Yard of the Month which will start soon.

Mike-Landfill- Mike reported that when they met with Waste Management, and they will help with the clean out of creeks and tributaries. The new gas plant will be finished end of the year.

Building & Zoning: Chris received a call regarding the placement of a mobile home on Pinckneyville Rd. He explained to them the process they needed to go through to get the proper permits.

Old Business:

A shared salt shed with the Township and the Village was tabled. We are waiting on an Intergovernmental Agreement.

The one-time buyout for the solar panels was tabled until more questions have been answered and possibly a lower purchase amount.

Hiring a full-time Officer was tabled until later in the meeting.

Demolition of property located at 428 East Dr. was tabled until Village Attorney David Schneidewind can draw up an easement between the Village and the Daugherty's.

New Business:

John made a motion to approve a business license for John Taylor-Taylor Home Remodeling. It was seconded by Mike. Motion passed with roll call as follows: Kevin-yes, Mike -yes, Kenneth-yes, Todd-yes, Chris-yes, John -yes.

Butch made a motion to approve a business license for John Baker-J. Baker Consulting Services, LLC. it was seconded by Mike. Motion passed with roll call as follows: Kevin-yes, Mike -yes, Kenneth-yes, Todd-yes, Chris-yes, John -abstain.

Butch made a motion to approve paying EVAPAR \$4,770.04 for a water pump kit for the well pump station. It was seconded by Chris. This is for a bad water pump for the potable water.

Motion passed with roll call as follows: Kevin-yes, Mike -yes, Kenneth-yes, Todd-yes, Chris-yes, John -yes.

Chris made a motion to approve an estimate from JAS for an opener in the amount of \$5,471.70. It was seconded by John. Motion passed with roll call as follows: Kevin-yes, Mike -yes, Kenneth-yes, Todd-yes, Chris-yes, John -yes.

Butch made a motion to approve an estimate from JAS in the amount of \$386.20 for service call, labor and spring. It 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 to approve the purchase of guns, holsters and vests and equipment for the new Police hires in the amount of \$5,869.00. It was seconded by Chris. Motion passed with roll call as follows: Kevin-yes, Mike -yes, Kenneth-yes, Todd-yes, Chris-yes, John -yes.

Kevin made a motion to approve the purchase of a new 2027 truck with a snowplow for the street workers in the amount of \$56,673.00. John seconded the motion. 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 by Mike to approve a bid from Gibson Electric for \$5,045.00 for electric at Sewer Plant for dog kennels. 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 by Kevin to approve a quote from HACH for \$3,487.29. This is to purchase test equipment and consumables to get the lab going. Once we have a qualified person at the treatment plant the Pace and Tech lab bills will be lower. Motion passed with roll call as follows: Kevin-yes, Mike -yes, Kenneth-yes, Todd-yes, Chris-yes, John -yes.

A motion was made by Mike and seconded by Kevin to approve a park pavilion request for Art Dickerson on July 19, 2026, for a Ministry Service with Gospel music from 9am-noon. Motion passed with roll call as follows: Kevin-yes, Mike -yes, Kenneth-yes, Todd-yes, Chris-yes, John -yes.

A motion was made by Chris and seconded by John to enter Executive session at 7:59 pm for 5 ILCS 120/ 2(C) 1-employment. Motion passed with roll call as follows: Kevin-yes, Mike -yes, Kenneth-yes, Todd-yes, Chris-yes, John -yes.

A motion was made John and seconded by Kevin to re-enter regular session at 8:19pm. 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 by Todd to approve hiring Brandon Ottens as a full-time Police Officer. 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 Todd to approve hiring Jesse Wright and sending him to the full-time Police Academy. Motion passed with roll call as follows: Kevin-yes, Mike -yes, Kenneth-yes, Todd-yes, Chris-yes, John -yes.

A motion was made by Chris and seconded by Mike to approve hiring Chris Salger and sending him to the part-time Police Academy. 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 Mike to adjourn at 8:22pm. Motion passed with roll call as follows: Kevin-yes, Mike -yes, Kenneth-yes, Todd-yes, Chris-yes, John -yes.