

Regular Meeting      Village Hall      Monday, May 18, 2026      7:00 pm

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

Courtney Ragland – Village Attorney, Michelle Birkner – Village Treasurer, Charlie Heyl and Chris Daugherty – Building and Zoning were also present.

Mayor Riley Goodwin led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Visitors present were Pam Baker, Fritz Hoffarth, and Mike Trotter – County Journal.

Citizens Wishing to Speak:

Charlie Heyl stated that on March 28<sup>th</sup>, the tornado sirens did not sound during severe weather. The police on duty did unlock the door to the tornado shelter and they had four people and two dogs utilize the shelter. Two days later, the sirens sounded with no bad weather in the area. Charlie did go and unlock the shelter just in case, but nobody showed up. Exit signs and backup lights were recently replaced. The church currently has an inspection for the fire extinguishers every year. Charlie asked if the exits signs and backup lights also need inspected. The cost for inspection is approximately \$176 per inspection.

Pam Baker asked if the Village is planning to do anything for the 250 year celebration or can it be incorporated into the Coal Festival? She stated curbs on corners are an issue in town and she has spoken with multiple people who have stated they are mowing grass in the street. Powers and Sunrise has grass growing in the street. Riley Goodwin stated that we now have six summer help employees and that he has seen city workers spray in the past. Pam asked who is responsible for ditch grass not getting mowed as there are many homeowners who do not mow ditches or are physically unable to. Riley believes it is the homeowners responsibility and that the Village does get some funds from the state to maintain certain areas. Pam stated everyone at Village Hall needs to lead by example. City wide cleanup is the first week in June and there is brush everywhere in town but she will need hands to help get it picked up. It is posted on the fliers that residents can call the Village Hall to get on a list for assistance with cleanup. Pam stated that the Amanda Bodendieck Softball Tournament is coming up at the Khoury League Ball Fields and that the grounds need spiffed up because it is a representation of our community. Mike Marler suggested taking orange trash totes out to the Khoury League.

A motion was made by Todd and seconded by Chris to approve the minutes of the previous meeting on May 4, 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 Chris to approve the Public Improvement Committee meeting minutes on May 7, 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 Village Financial Reports. 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 paying the Village bills. Motion passed with roll call as follows: Kevin – yes, Mike – yes, Kenneth – yes, Todd – yes, Chris – yes, John – yes.

Mayor Riley Goodwin read a letter from St. Clair County Board Chairman, Mark Kern, stating that Craig Rahlfs three-year term with the Marissa Fire Protection District will be expiring.

Mayor Riley Goodwin reported that the celebrities in town for the Grease Parade brought so much energy to our town. He has been asked to join them on the remainder of their tour. Mayor Goodwin stated that the celebrities loved the town of Marissa. Mayor Goodwin also reported that the Village Board is working with Waste Management to rectify compliance issues with the EPA. As of March 31, 2026, the Village has an expired NPDES permit that John is working on.

#### Public Improvements – Parks, MACC Building and Streets

Kevin reported that he is awaiting answers from the previous meetings. Kevin received a letter from the Coal Fest Committee stating that the Band Parents Stand needs a new roof and the electrical box needs updated. They asked to use the power boards from the Toast of Marissa if the electrical box cannot be replaced at this time and inquired about the Toast of Marissa tent gifted to the Village from Denny Wright. Coal Fest Committee also reported that the roof on the beer chip house needs replaced as well. Riley stated that he has a tent in his garage he would be willing to lend out. Chris stated he was at the Coal Fest Committee meeting and Tom Cheetham asked about the donated tent from Denny Wright. Chris also confirmed that the roofs on the Band Parents Stand and the chip house are both leaking. Riley suggested Jeremy Gibson look at the electrical box in the Band Stand and the street department look at the roofs.

#### Public Safety – Police, Ambulance, Nuisance, Zoning and E.S.D.A.

John reported that he spoke with Luis Felix, Rail Safety Specialist with the Illinois Commerce Commission after receiving an email from Jacqueline Surmeier. Per Luis Felix, the Village is responsible for improvements to the Lyons St grade railroad crossing and can be reimbursed for the cost. Luis stated an extension can be given until July 2027. John stated the Village will have to work with the railroad to complete the work.

John also reported the Village received a notice concerning leache but it appears we don't have to do anything at this time. He will forward to Mike to look into further. Riley stated he contacted Joe Durako at Waste Management about this notice as well.

John and other board members received a copy of a news article about grants for funding demolition of vacant homes. Riley stated that the Village has plywood on hand to board up vacant homes and our Code Enforcement has been doing a great job.

#### Utilities – Water and Sewer

Kenneth reported that the dump truck is fixed but while test driving, the rear brakes locked up so that will be fixed before we get it back. A plumber came out and located a major water leak on Hamilton that will be fixed. Kenneth stated he is looking into getting the water tower washed. The previous company used is no longer in business. The water tower does not appear to need painted at this time. Chris thinks that there are inspection requirements for the water tower. Butch stated he will look into inspection as well.

#### Finance – Ordinances, Personnel, and Budget

Chris has nothing to report.

Chris attended the Coal Fest Committee meeting. He told Kevin that now that he is on the board, he should attend the Coal Fest Committee meetings going forward.

#### Beautification

Todd reported that the hanging plants on Main St are okay. Riley stated he bought a 200 ft heavy duty hose to aid in watering the Main St plants. Riley also stated that he has asked a local farmer to donate a portion of farm ground to plant approximately 200 pumpkins for the Marissa community. Pam Baker stated she would assist in gathering helpers to plant the pumpkin seeds and help tend to them.

#### Landfill

Mike reported that the OPAL Fuels natural gas line project has been shut down at this time due to unhappiness with the Union at present. Drilling has stalled inside Waste Management property. The project is still expected to be completed before the end of the year.

#### Building and Zoning

Chris Daugherty reported that a special variance meeting was held on May 12, 2026, for property located at 614 E. Keys. He stated that Nancy Cahoon's son-in-law is present to answer any questions.

#### Old Business:

A motion to consider approving a Resolution renewing the lease between Sparta Hospital and the Village of Marissa for the Marissa Medical Building at 521 N. Borders was tabled pending Sparta Community Hospital approval of the contract.

A motion to consider approving the Marissa Township to put up a storage unit on Village property at the Township Building to hold salt and be shared with the Village was tabled pending an Intergovernmental Agreement. Kenneth spoke with Tommy Neal, who stated the storage unit would be half the Townships and half the Villages. Mike stated we need to get an Intergovernmental Agreement together.

A motion was made by John and seconded by Mike to consider approving the mayor's appointment of Dustin Bingel as Trustee to the Beryl Meek Trust. The motion passed with roll call as follows: Kevin – yes, Mike – yes, Kenneth – yes, Todd – yes, Chris – yes, John – yes.

#### New Business:

A motion was made by Kevin and seconded by John to consider approving dog waste disposal stations (5-6) at a cost of \$181.90 per waste station. Two would be placed at the south park, one at the north park, two at the Khoury League park, and one on Main Street. Street workers would be responsible for emptying and stocking them. They do lock and there is a key for them. Motion passed with roll call as follows: Kevin – yes, Mike – yes, Kenneth – yes, Todd – yes, Chris – yes, John – yes.

A motion was made by Kenneth and seconded by John to consider approving the recommendation from the Public Improvement Committee to accept the bid for the pavilion at the four-way. The bid was from Jaime Harris for approximately \$49,000. The concrete work alone costs \$18,000. The bid met all the criteria and was the only bid submitted. Jaime Harris will need a permit, and Building and Zoning would like to see a plan drawn out. 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 consider approving the sewage basin dam inspection prepared by BWC Engineering & Surveying. This follows the letter the Village received from the Illinois Department of Natural Resources. The Village has to have the inspection done. 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 consider approving a Peddler's License for Heather McDonald (Donuts Coming Soon). She is beyond certified as she teaches the Food Handler's course. This will be for sales at the four-way. Time to be modified from beginning at 10am to beginning at 6am. Motion passed with roll call as follows: Kevin – abstain, Mike – yes, Kenneth – yes, Todd – yes, Chris – yes, John – yes.

A motion was made by Todd and seconded by Chris to consider approving a safety upgrade proposal for the lighting control at the Khoury League ball diamonds. There is a high voltage box with a 20-amp breaker that has to be flipped to turn the lights on. People have to reach in there to accomplish this, risking injury and electrocution. Getting the lights on a timed

delay would be ideal. This can be done in a couple of ways, one of them being two switches, one for each field. John and Mike can install if the Village wants to order the parts needed. A list of parts was submitted to the board. The other option is getting bids. Riley stated the work is not to exceed \$2,000. Motion passed with roll call as follows: Kevin – yes, Mike – yes, Kenneth – yes, Todd – yes, Chris – yes, John – yes.

A motion was made by Kenneth and seconded by Kevin to consider approving a proposal for an exterior door replacement at the Khoury League ball diamonds. There are three doors, two double doors that a tractor goes through. Would like to change this door to a roll-up door. The door to concessions and restrooms is difficult to lock. There is also a door to the electrical room. John Taylor Home Remodeling provided an estimate. It was recommended by Chris Daugherty to use industrial type metal frames and metal doors due to vandalism. There are no cameras and no internet at the Khoury League. Kenneth asked if John Taylor has insurance. Mike stated that he does. Riley stated that work is not to exceed \$7,000. Motion passed with roll call as follows: Kevin – yes, Mike – yes, Kenneth – yes, Todd – yes, Chris – yes, John – yes.

A motion to consider approving Walt’s Maintenance Service for hazardous material testing and inspection for demolition of the old Fire Department was tabled pending license check.

A motion was made by Todd and seconded by Kevin to consider approving the following Liquor Licenses for a 1-year term: Dhara One Inc (D/B/A Denny Rays), Caseys General Store, American Legion Post 172, and the Pour House. 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 consider approving the recommendation from the Zoning Board along with their stipulations approving Nancy Cahoon to move a 12x40 with an 8x16 add on structure to be used as a residence at 614 E. Keys St. The stipulations are to reduce the porch by 2 ft, place on a county approved foundation, and there are to be no axles. This was approved 3 years ago. Motion passed with roll call as follows: Kevin – yes, Mike – yes, Kenneth – yes, Todd – yes, Chris – yes, John – yes.

A motion to consider approving integrated fleet management and asset tracking for Village vehicles and equipment was tabled pending further discussion. This would be mainly for the Police so that Chief Laura Ottens could monitor the patrol vehicles. This should be discussed with Chief Ottens soon so that if it is to be integrated, it can be added to the new Police Department.

A motion was made by Chris and seconded by Todd to consider approving \$3,000 towards tire collection on June 6, 2026, with a limit of 4 tires per resident with residents paying for every additional tire after the 4<sup>th</sup> tire. The \$3,000 will cover approximately 500 tires. The Village will have to have someone up at the collection site to collect money. The Village will

potentially have J&C Recycling collecting the tires, if so, they can collect the money and keep it. This has not been advertised yet. Tire recycling will be for in-town residents only. Motion passed with roll call as follows: Kevin – yes, Mike – yes, Kenneth – yes, Todd – yes, Chris – yes, John – yes.

A motion was made by Kenneth and seconded by Chris to consider approving paying Michelle for the first meeting of the month and paying Jackie for attending both meetings of the month (when she is not Deputy Clerk). The Village does not want to pay overtime. Riley suggested working a couple hours less per week when the meetings are attended. Michelle suggested banking time at the meetings as comp time. Riley in agreement with comp time to be used by the end of the year each year. Comp time is retroactive to May 1, 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 consider approving a pay raise for Animal Control Officer Justin Evans retroactive to May 1, 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 Mike and seconded by Kevin to adjourn at 9:00 pm. 5 – ayes, 0 – nays, 0 – absent.