

DECEMBER 1, 2025

REGULAR MEETING 6 P.M.

Regular meeting of the Village Board held at the Village Hall and called to order by President Starcevich with the following members present: Loving, Olson, Frenell, Sappington, Baker, Starcevich, and Johnson. Absent: Whiting

Motion by Baker, second by Sappington to accept the November 3, 2025 Minutes. Voice votes: all votes were in favor, and the motion was carried.

Motion by Sappington, second by Frenell to authorize the November 2025 bills. Voice votes: all votes were in favor, and the motion was carried.

Stephen Thorp present to report that the Village has gone through eight transducers, and it is \$2,300 to put new plugs instead of \$1,697 for a transducer for the sewer.

Motion by Loving, second by Sappington to purchase plugs to replace the transducers on the sewer system. Voice votes: all votes were in favor, and the motion was carried.

President Starcevich stated that the houses to be condemned have had their time limit expire and Village Attorney Halpin will get a court date.

Police Chief Davis reported that he met with Attorney Halpin on the Village's ordinances, and the Board should approve them next month. Chief Davis said that he would make books of the ordinances. Chief Davis stated that on violations, the Village would give thirty days, and then a court date would be set up, and the Village could also do their own liens.

Chief Davis reported that he is applying for a grant for the police department for police cameras, and he would need the Village's tax number, bank numbers, and audits. Village Clerk Johnson stated that she would get those items to him.

Chief Davis reported on the Marlena Welsh property and said that \$3,500 is due on taxes, and a guy who is paying the taxes said he would have \$12,000 in the property. Ms. Welsh has said she would sell for \$5,000, but she sold the property to a realtor in Texas who has a commission of \$1,500. Chief Davis stated that the neighbor of the property (Jim Lacamera) would pay the \$5,000., but there is the \$401 for the dog she left, and he could give a ticket every week for violations and put a lien on the property. President Starcevich said that Giffin Engineering could do a report on the property's and house's condition to condemn. Chief Davis reported that her husband gets out in September 2026.

Chief Davis requested that the Board hire an exterminator for the Village Hall due to the cockroach problem

Motion by Baker. Second by Loving to hire an exterminator for the Village Hall. Voice votes: all votes were in favor, and the motion was carried. The Board asked Stephen Thorp to call the exterminator, and he recommended Bosch Exterminators from Muscatine.

President Starcevich stated that Kyle McEwen from Mercer County Better Together could be contacted about grants or monies available for new waterlines and water tower.

Trustee Sappington asked about the old scoreboard from the Ball Park, because he would like to have it for his business, Hootypuckers. He said he would donate to the Village or volunteer time to pay for it.

Stephen Thorp said the Village should get rid of the old spreader as scrap, and the snow plow from the old dump truck that was used only a year. Trustee Sappington stated that he would be interested in the snow plow, and he would take a look at it.

The Board wanted to know about the sewers not in yet, and what to do about them. President Starcevich said that John Nicholson and Justin Fowler have a problem with putting in their sewers on Franklin Street. President Starcevich stated that there is a Sewer Ordinance 2, Series 2017, but does not state a fine, and that citations should be issued for no sewer installed and come from Attorney Halpin on his letter head.

Chief Davis has Attorney Halpin's cell phone, and the ordinances need to be updated and include a fine schedule (first offense, 2nd offense, 3rd offense).

Motion by Frenell, second by Olson to adjourn. Voice votes: all votes were in favor and the motion was carried. The meeting was adjourned.

Claudine D. Johnson, Village Clerk