

MARCH 9, 2026

REGULAR MEETING 6 P.M.

RESCHEDULED FROM MARCH 2, 2026

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, Sappington, Whiting, Baker, Frenell, Starcevich, and Johnson. Absent: none.

Motion by Frenell, second by Sappington to accept the February 2, 2026 regular meeting minutes. Voice votes: Loving – aye, Olson – aye, Sappington – aye, Whiting – nay, Baker – aye, Frenell – aye. Five ayes, one nay, the motion was carried.

Motion by Frenell, second by Olson to authorize the February 2026 bills. Voice votes: all votes were in favor, and the motion was carried.

Police Chief Davis present to report on the Power Point IT with Share Drive. He said that the police department would be related for the public with security for Trustee Frenell and himself, and the water and sewer departments and ordinances that are done are the Village's information. Chief Davis reported fifteen arrests made with one in jail.

Fire Chief Scott Frenell present concerning the Village's hydrants. He stated that the hydrant at First Avenue and Sycamore Street was leaking, and the one at State Street and First Avenue was not working. He also reported that the caps on some of the hydrants were frozen or had so much paint on them that they would not open, and it was miserable to get the chain off. Mr. Frenell stated that the Fire Department would flush the hydrants, but a weeks' notice should be made public. The Board agreed that the Village should know of any issues with the hydrants.

President Starcevich reported that the house at 401 South Fifth Avenue was demolished, and the next house would be at 403 State Street. He said that the septic tanks would be broken up. The Board agreed that the demolition at 301 South Eighth Avenue property would include the house and garage, and if there is not a basement, dig a hole and bury the debris.

Trustee Whiting stated concerns of the Special Meeting held February 23, 2026 due to using text messages to inform the Board. Village Clerk Johnson posted notice at least forty-eight hours before the meeting. He was also concerned with the demolition projects going over the \$20,000 limit for bids and hiring of Logan Ericson to do the work instead of Stephen Thorp or himself. Mr. Ericson was present, and President Starcevich stated that Mr. Ericson was local and had the equipment in the Village, and Stephen Thorp was injured and could not work.

President Starcevich stated that liens would be put on the properties that had the demolitions, and because of the liens, a former owner could not bid on the property. He said that everything paid

out for the demolitions would be received back through the liens and sales, and Village Attorney Halpin had it covered.

President Starcevich reported that Teresa Bessee, who lives in the white house south of the State Street demolition and owns the vacant blue house on South Third Avenue beside it, would like to have the blue house burned down, but due to power lines, shingles, trees, and houses close by, it would not be possible. Trustee Frenell stated he would talk to the Fire Chief about the house being burned down, and he would talk to Ms. Bessee about the house and keeping the trees.

The Board agreed that the snowmobile routes remain the same, but the speed limit should be 35mph and under to cross the highway, and to open up Fourth Avenue as a route, and get a cost on signs for the routes.

President Starcevich reported that Ms. Converse, water and sewer billing clerk, is ready for the bills to be made payable on line.

Motion by Whiting, second by Sappington to have Attorney Halpin send notices to the people who are not hooked up to the sewer and are in violation with a payment due of \$800 to tap on, and if they are not hooked up seven days after the receipt of the certified/return receipt letter or have a contract in hand by a certified contractor approved by the Village and hooked up with in thirty days they will have their water shut off. Voice votes: All votes in favor and the motion was carried. The Board agreed that if the certified letter is not picked up or returned, warning letters will be posted on the door.

Motion by Sappington, second by Frenell to use the File Share with Village files on it. Voice votes: All votes in favor and the motion was carried.

President Starcevich stated he would get estimates on putting in the water meters due to Stephen Thorp not being able to continue due to injury

The Board tabled billing Miller Excavating for leaving a hole unguarded by the new fire station, that Stephen Thorp had to watch for two hours.

Motion by Baker, 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