

August 3, 2026

Regular Meeting 6 P.M.

Regular meeting of the Village Board held at the Village Hall and called to order by President Starceвич with the following members present: Loving, Olson, Frenell, Sappington, Baker, Starceвич, and Johnson. Absent: none.

Motion by Sappington, second by Olson to approve the July 6, 2026 Public Hearing on the budget/appropriations and the regular meeting. Voice votes: all votes were in favor, and the motion was carried.

Motion by Baker, second by Sappington to authorize the July 2026 bills. Voice votes: all votes were in favor, and the motion was carried.

President Starceвич reported that the water to Monica David, Jon Nicholson, Justin Fowler, and Najinder Singh is off due to no sewer hooked up.

Mr. and Mrs. Jon Nicholson present and complained about their water being shut off due to their sewer not hooked up. President Starceвич stated that he had talked to the IMEG engineer that did the Village's sewer project, and they need a pump. He said elevations were planned, but then moved. President Starceвич said that the engineer would get all the plans to them per their FOIA request, and that a pump would cost \$2,500. Trustee Sappington explained about the need for a pump due to the elevation being off. Mr. Nicholson stated that they had called Tom Whiting to install their sewer. President Starceвич told them that the Village is doing everything that it can, and that the engineer John Kusak would send them the information requested. The Nicholson's said they had problems with having funds to cover the cost, and knew their sewer needed to go in. President Starceвич told them to contact him if they get a contractor, and to call various contractors to see if there is a pay plan,

President Starceвич reported that Jason Lambin was going to install the water meters, and would do the apartments and high usage people first and the north side of the Village. He said that he was preparing a list of water users.

Dave Maynard present to report on the curb box replacement due to a leak by Cozy Haven, with the meter being two blocks away. He called Advanced Plumbing to repair and had the fire hydrant tapped off and the curb stop put on the property.

Mr. Maynard stated that there would be people coming tomorrow to check the water tower.

President Starceвич reported that the on line billing is done and live, and that Kevin Willems tried it, and it worked. He said there is an automatic billing or app out now.

Village Clerk Johnson reported that Kelly at Compton Accounting had not answered a bout the treasurer's work being done by them. She also stated that the auditor's had a person that may be able to do it.

President Starceвич said that Debbie Willems wasn't sure about doing the Depot park sign, but she had a new employee at the library that might be able to do it.

Trustee Frenell reported on the Ball Park's diamonds, and that the infield needed to be redone, and the back diamond needed to have the grass taken off, but could use some dirt off the front diamond. He had gotten quotes to cut the grass, redo the infield, dig out the batter's and catcher's boxes at a cost of \$3,000 and the New Windsor Fair and Rodeo Association would paint and put a logo on the other dugout at no cost.

Motion by Loving, second by Sappington to make improvements to the ball diamonds at the Village's cost in the amount of \$3,000. Voice votes: all votes were in favor, and the motion was carried.

Motion by Sappington, second by Frenell to increase the maintenance workers pay to \$20 per hour. Voice votes: all votes were in favor except for Olson who abstained. Motion was carried.

Zoning Officer Sappington reported that there are six residents not getting a building permit, but he would contact them. He also stated that the Zoning Ordinance needs to be redone, and the permit fee increased. He said he would contact Bi-State about the matter.

President Starceвич reported on the Village's sidewalks needing repair at the west edge of the Depot Park to the end of the sidewalk, and the sidewalk by the Township Building that has rocks over it from the concrete bunkers, and the sidewalk at south Fifth Avenue where tree roots need to be cut out. He said that TC Concrete should be contacted for a cost on the sidewalks at 4 foot wide.

Dave Maynard present and stated that his last day of his contract is August 31, 2026. He had talked to Jeff Rissinger from Alpha to take over the Village's water, but Jeff may have shoulder surgery. He also said that Jeff McCready is retired from Illinois Rural Water and might be interested. Mr. Maynard stated that his license has expired, but he is renewing it. He said he will find out about the water tower tomorrow and recommended a new tower, but will have the leveler fixed. The Board agreed that the Village should seek out a grant for a new tower.

President Starceвич stated that Giffin Engineering did a grant for Joy, Illinois for a 70/30 match. He stated that he would talk to Mike Halpin and Dan Swanson to see about a plan and funding. He will also contact Giffin Engineering.

Mr. Maynard said that someone needs to do the daily water check of taking readings, chlorine, and sampling which does not require a license and takes about fifteen minutes. President Starceвич said he would talk to Jeff McCready.

Mr. Maynard also reported that the shed over the wells has no floor and is on skids, and he walks in the front and closes the door. He would install a pump house wall with a couple sheets of sheet metal, and he is changing the chlorine system.

Motion by Sappington, second by Olson to pass Ordinance Number 3, Series 2026, Tax Levy for FY 2026 – 2027. Voice votes: all votes were in favor, and the motion was carried.

President Starcevich stated that he would contact Giffin Engineering about a couple houses that had fires, and he will talk to Village Attorney Halpin about selling the lots that the Village cleared.

President Starcevich addressed the overdue water bills. He reported on the six highest ones: Joe Walker \$2,300, Nolan Robb \$4,100, Brenda Hartshorn \$1,500, Adrian Adrie \$1,700, Tom Miller \$2,267, and Drexel Miller \$5,800. He stated that their water would be shut off tomorrow, and that whoever owns the house, pays the bill.

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

Claudine D. Johnson, Village Clerk