

February 18, 2026

The Board of Trustees met in regular session on February 18, 2026. Roll call was taken. Present were Village President Edens, Clerk Harrison, Treasurer Edens, Trustees Baker, J. Campbell, R. Campbell, Cimei, Raiter, and Trone. The minutes of the January 21 meeting were approved by Trustee R. Campbell with a second from Cimei. Motion carried.

TREASURER'S REPORT - 01/31/26

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| General Fund | |
| FSB - Checking Account | 8,738.00 |
| FSB - Money Market | 996,900.68 |
| TOTAL | 1,005,638.68 |
| Motor Fuel Tax Fund | |
| FSB | 35,444.01 |
| TOTAL | 35,444.01 |
| Sewer Fund | |
| FSB | 181,694.71 |
| TOTAL | 181,694.71 |
| Water Fund | |
| FSB | 33,817.91 |
| TOTAL | 33,817.91 |
| Baseball Fund | |
| FSB | 296.00 |
| TOTAL | 296.00 |
| TOTAL OF ALL FUNDS | \$1,256,891.31 |

The financial report dated 01/31/26 was approved by Trustee Trone with a second coming from Raiter. Motion carried.

Trustee Cimei made a motion to pay mileage for Clerk Harrison for travel to a meeting with Attorney Churney in Streator. Baker seconded, motion carried.

BILLS (SEE ATTACHED SHEET)

Bills were approved for payment by Trustee Baker with a second coming from R.Campbell. Motion carried.

COMMUNICATIONS

-Hennepin Park District - summer swim lessons. J. Campbell made a motion to pay for (1) one session, \$35.00, per village resident student. R. Campbell seconded, motion carried.

-Society of Growth - donation request - no action taken.

-PCHS Career Day - donation request - no action taken.

GUESTS

ZONING AND PLANNING

-No new building permits were issued.

MAINTENANCE

-Greens will be removed from Main Street pots

-Flags removed on Rt. 89 - flags, ropes will be replaced

-Mower has been serviced

-Haar stated the west side park needs (3) new toddler swings and (3) new reg swings. He will purchase new swings from Amazon.

WATER AND SEWER

-Harrison stated she has been informed from McNabb Telephone that the apartment behind the post office will not be rented out again. Water has been shut off, furniture moved out.

-B. Harrison has started replacing the many caps that are spraying water at the sewer treatment plant.

ENGINEERING

-Ryan Lane was in attendance to answer any questions concerning the process of applying for IEPA loan for water tower project.

POLICE

-January report was presented to the board - 48 hrs.

-PC Sheriff's office contract payment is due.

BASEBALL

-J. Campbell stated that no action is being taken on donation requests at this time.

OLD BUSINESS

-Village President Edens met with Attorney Churney, at length, and informed the board of financing options for water tower repairs as per her conversation with Attorney Churney.

-Bank loans, bonds and EPA loans are among the financing options that were discussed

-Churney recommends applying for a EPA loan due to the low interest rate. She stated that the interest rate for bonds will be quite a bit higher, as well as any bank loans.

-Edens discussed the possibility of some money being used from the General Fund to pay for a portion of the project. Attorney Churney thought this was a great idea.

-The village takes in \$123,000 in sales tax revenue every year so the money used from the general fund would be replaced within a couple years.

The subject of increasing our sales tax rate in the village was brought up - Edens will discuss this option with Attorney Churney to see if this is possible and how to proceed if the board decides to move forward with this.

After discussion, R. Campbell made a motion to move forward with applying for this EPA loan, Cime seconded, motion carried.

Roll call was taken: Baker - aye
J. Campbell - aye
R. Campbell - aye

Cime - aye

Raiter - aye

Trone - aye

-The next order of business was to discuss the possibility of raising water and sewer rates beginning 5/1/26. The last increase in water and sewer rates was in 2023. Treasurer Edens put together a spreadsheet with different options for rate increases. Trustee Trone made a motion to move forward with the rate increase of 6% for water and 2% for sewer. R. Campbell seconded this motion, motion carried. New water rates will be \$27.06/month with \$4.88 per 1000 gallons of overage. New sewer rates will be \$61.65/month with \$3.88 per 1000 gallons of overage. New minimum monthly cost will be: \$88.71 for non-meter reading months which is a total increase of \$2.74. The rates will be looked at annually and increases planned accordingly.

-Last month, a property owner of Main Street apartments complained of high water usage for his 3 apartments. After six weeks of usage since the last meter reading, Harrison read the meter in the apartment building and the water usage was a bit high. Harrison sent a message to the property owner asking him to check for water leaks, running toilets, leaking faucets, or faulty water softener in his apartments - no response from the owner at this time.

-Harrison reports that as of today she has 13 new veterans banners to order. Ordering will take place next week. More brackets to hang the banners will be needed. Haar will rent a lift to install all the veterans banners this spring.

-Attorney Churney has informed Village President Edens that the paperwork for the C. Oliver's abandonment case has been sent to court.

-Update on the Magnolia Library - it will for sure be closing and moving quite a bit of books/shelving to McNabb. Peggy Smith is hoping to have everything moved to McNabb and ready by June. The plan is that the library will be open 6 days/week, 2-3 hours/day after everything is in place. A meeting with President Edens will take place before anything is finalized.

NEW BUSINESS

-NCICG is requesting (2) two projects to be submitted for possible funding. After discussion, These projects were top of list: Water line looping

