

August 20, 2025

The Board of Trustees met in regular session on August 20, 2025. 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 7/14/25 meeting were approved by Trustee Trone with a second coming from Trustee Cimei. Motion carried.

TREASURER'S REPORT – 7/31/2025

General Fund	
FSB – Checking Account	17,712.32
FSB – Money Market	907,729.62
TOTAL	925,441.94
Motor Fuel Tax Fund	
FSB	27,081.74
TOTAL	27,081.74
Sewer Fund	
FSB	172,687.63
TOTAL	172,687.63
Water Fund	
FSB	24,684.32
TOTAL	24,684.32
Baseball Fund	
FSB	336.00
TOTAL	336.00
TOTAL OF ALL FUNDS	\$1,150,231.63

The financial report dated 7/31/25 was approved Trustee Trone with a second coming from R. Campbell. Motion carried.

Trustee Cimei approved travel turned in by Harrison, Baker seconded, motion carried.

BILLS (SEE ATTACHED SHEET)

Bills were approved for payment by R. Campbell, second coming from Cimei. Motion carried.

COMMUNICATIONS

-Information from Ameren Illinois to upgrade street lights to LED was reviewed by the board. No action was taken.

-Freedom House fundraiser – Oct. 4 - \$250/pp. No action taken.

GUESTS

-No guests

ZONING AND PLANNING

-Zoning board met to discuss two (2) variances filed by two residents. The variances were to allow a second structure on their properties. The residents provided all the required paperwork. The zoning board recommends approving the variances. R. Campbell made a motion to allow the variances, Raiter seconded, motion carried.

MAINTENANCE

-Haar informed the board that the Conifer trees by the Coleman Park Sign are dying from a disease. They are older bushes, will be removed, and replaced with new.

-Theodore Street/10th Street storm sewers are full of grasses and weeds. Haar has talked to B. Keller who recommends cleaning them out, sloping the sides with concrete. Keller will get Haar a price to do this work.

Scott Bergen gave Haar a price of \$1900 to fill with 4" rock instead of concrete.

-Main Street gutters have been cleaned.

- The weeds and tall grass on the corner of 4th Street/Rt. 89 has been cleaned up.
- Haar informed the board that the mower keeps shutting off. A new voltage regulator has been installed – now not starting. It will be picked up on Friday for service. The mower is under warranty.
- Placing benches in the gazebo was discussed. Haar will bring ideas to the next board meeting. Wiring has been completed in the new gazebo.

WATER AND SEWER

--Rudy's Lawncare has agreed to do work at the WWTP. Cost will be \$90/hr. for 2 men.

ENGINEERING

- A sample letter and information from Chamlin Engineering was distributed concerning water/sewer increase. Lane will supply us a letter every February for possible water/sewer rate increase.
 - Ryan Lane reported that he has noticed rust on the top of the water tower. He recommends getting it inspected (\$5,000-\$10,000) and painted. There are options to pay for this work: EPA loan, standard bank loan or Municipal bonds.
- Depending on the findings from the inspection, approximate cost could be:
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| \$150,000 exterior painting |
| \$120,000 interior painting |
| \$200,000 if lead paint and |

needs to be sandblasted

Lane will have a proposal for the water tower inspection at the September meeting.

POLICE

-July report was presented to the board – 52 hrs.

BASEBALL

-There are still hot dogs, water, soda left in the concession stand. These will be used at Halloween.

OLD BUSINESS

-Will contact Sheriff's Dept. to talk to Railroad Street business owner about garbage, junk parts, burning.

NEW BUSINESS

- E. Edens will work on new water/sewer rates. These will go into effect in May 2026 if the board decides to move forward.
- Ordinance #281 Grocery Tax** was approved by roll call vote. This is not a new tax. Previously it was the State of Illinois' responsibility, now it is the local municipalities responsibility.
- 2024/2025 Audit was distributed to the board members for their review.
- Due to the large number of unpaid water/sewer bills in the recent months, the billing policy that went into effect 1/1/24 was discussed by the board. **The policy states that all bills must be paid in full by the end of 60 days or water will be shut off. There will be a \$100 non-refundable charge to have water service restored.**
- Letter will be sent to 10th Street resident about the installation of his new remote water meter. He will be given until September 30 to contact Grassers and have the meter installed. Water service will be discontinued if meter is not installed by Sept. 30.
- State of Illinois will celebrate 250th Anniversary in 2026. The state is encouraging activities to mark this milestone anniversary.
- Board reviewed the village insurance property schedule. There are questions concerning the coverage on the water tower. After lengthy discussion, the board would like David Campbell to attend the September meeting.
- It was decided to not have a Halloween parade this year. Will serve hot dogs and drinks in Centennial Park.
- There was a request to inquire about SURF internet to come to the village. No action was taken.
- Campbell asked if the village would be ok if the Produce Box was supplied with groceries in the winter. Board was in favor of this.

The board moved into Executive Session at 8:09 p.m. Executive session adjourned at 8:20 p.m.

There was no further business. Cimei made a motion to adjourn, Raiter seconded, motion carried. Meeting was adjourned.

Next meeting will be held on Wednesday, September 17 at 6:30 pm.

Patricia Harrison
Village Clerk