

The Andover Village Board met on Monday, February 3, 2025, with the following members present: Kevin Betcher, Elma Gay, Dan Heiar, Jennifer Hirsch, Valli Putnam, Conner Riddell, Mike Mielke, Garrett Adamson, and Bev Josephson. Also present were Dave Riddell, Village Water Operator and Mike Halpin, Village Attorney.

The minutes of the January 6, 2025 minutes were reviewed and revisions were noted. A motion was made by Elma to accept the minutes as corrected and Conner seconded the motion. Motion carried.

The Village of Andover Financial Report through January 31, 2025 was reviewed. It was questioned if we should keep the gazebo restoration account active and Elma said that we had discussed making the gazebo handicap accessible. Mike said we need to get an estimate on making the back side handicap accessible. A motion was made by Jennifer to accept the report and Elma seconded the motion. Motion carried.

The Village of Andover General Bills through February 2, 2025 were reviewed. Conner made a motion to approve the bills and Kevin seconded the motion. Motion carried.

The Andover Water Bills through January 6, 2025 were reviewed. The circuit board on the heater at the water plant burnt out and was replaced. The generator should arrive this week. A motion was made by Valli to approve the bills and seconded by Dan. Motion carried.

Correspondence

Mike read a letter from the Orion After Prom Committee for a donation. Jennifer made a motion to give \$250 to the Orion After Prom Committee and Elma seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Elma contacted Nancy Brandt about the fluoride in the water and she thanked Elma. Mike had sent the information to Ken regarding spraying in the park for weeds. Ken has talked to surrounding communities and they use chemicals. Elma said they rototilled the volleyball court and that helped to keep the weeds down. Mike said we could continue to investigate and he asked Elma to let Nancy Brandt we are investigating.

Old Business – Water System

Mike has been in contact with Jack. Jack talked to the new state engineer with the EPA. They are backed up and they have hired some additional staff. The project may require BABA and Jack asked to push the review forward. BABA is already in the specs. He replied on January 31st. The generator is to be shipped from Minnesota on February 6th. It has been in review at the state for 8 months. There is a pump that needs to be replaced and it was stated we are going to order the pump and motor.

Andover 190th

Elma reported the planning committee met on January 16th, Due to some scheduling conflicts on Friday evening, the the dedication of the gazebo has been moved to Saturday at 3:00pm. Sunday will be community worship and then some children's games and a potluck. The Orion Lions Club will discuss serving the breakfast on Saturday at their next meeting. Elma contacted a taco truck. We will have the rope bridge, various historical building will be open, touch the truck and the fishing derby are some of the events being Elma has been in contact with several bands to supply music on Saturday. The car show on Saturday will be from 3-7:00p and the pork chop dinner from 4:30-7:00pm. She is also working to get fireworks for Saturday night. Jennifer sent a request to Mid-American for \$500 donation for the celebration. Mike asked about porta potties. Elma suggested a couple of porta potties.

New Business

Bev reported we are locked in with Dewey for clean-up on May 16th. Garage sale days will be May 9th and 10th. Bev suggested April 12th for the Easter Egg Hunt with April 19th as the rain date. She will come to the next meeting with a donation request for monies for the candy.

2025-2026 Budget Meeting

Mike said we need to start thinking about next year's budget. Ken is looking at trucks and we will set a date for a budget meeting at our March Village Board Meeting.

Employee Evaluations

Copies of the evaluations for Ken, Ron and Dave were handed out. The evaluations are due May 1st and Mike would like the completed evaluations returned at our March meeting.

Other New Business

Mike reported on the condition of the Jeff Southerland house. Half of the south roof is gone and rafters are exposed. Mike Halpin said to send a letter giving them 15-days to repair the house. Mike Halpin suggested having an engineer inspect the property and since the condition of the roof can be seen from the street it would not be necessary to go on the property. After the letter is sent to the resident and no repairs are done, the next step is to go the circuit court to see about demolishing the house. Mike Halpin will send Mike Mielke the names of some engineering firms we might be able to use.

Conner made a motion to adjourn the meeting and Valli seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Bev Josephson, Village Clerk

