

The Andover Village Board met on Monday, March 3, 2025, with the following members present Elma Gay, Dan Heiar, Jennifer Hirsch, Conner Riddell, Mike Mielke, Garrett Adamson, and Bev Josephson. Also present were Ken Estes and Ron Grymonprez, Village Employees, Dave Riddell, Village Water Operator and Mike Halpin, Village Attorney.

The minutes of the February 3, 2025, meeting were reviewed and revisions were noted. A motion was made by Dan to accept the minutes as corrected, and Conner seconded the motion. Motion carried.

The Village of Andover Financial Report through February 28, 2025, was reviewed. A motion was made by Elma to accept the report and Dan seconded the motion. Motion carried.

The Village of Andover General Fund bills through March 3, 2025, were reviewed. A motion was made by Conner and seconded by Elma to approve the bills. Motion carried.

The Andover Water Bills through March 3, 2025, were reviewed. A motion was made by Dan to approve the bills and seconded by Elma. Motion carried.

Visitor Comments

None.

Correspondence

The email sent by Mrs. Brandt was discussed. Ken tried the homemade recipes for weed killer and nothing worked. They are going to try a flame thrower. We will continue to try to find a solution to removing weeds without the use of weed killers.

Old Business – Water System

Mike said his goal is to get the Andover project reviewed by the end of this month with the state EPA engineer, but Mike didn't hear from Jack today. USDA State Engineer is the hold up. He has to get it reviewed. The generator is built and ready for packing and then shipping.

Andover 190th

Elma has been running into some problems between Andover Historical Society and Andover Tourism and the tax ID number. The Andover Historical Society President lives in Tennessee. Elma is working to resolve this to get donations from businesses. You have to have a website, and everything has to be on the website. The Andover Historical Society and the Andover Tourism Council have their own boards. Elma said that once Bonnie Bandelow, who is treasurer of the Andover Historical Society, gets back from Texas they hope to get this resolved.

Elma also reported we have confirmation on the fireworks. They will be set up on 4th Street on the north side of the lake and the fireworks display will be on Saturday night at 9:30-9:45. She also stated she lost one of the bands who was going to play on Saturday night and was trying to find an alternative. Mike suggested a gentleman who has worked with the fire department, and he has a puppet/magic show. Mike will reach out to him. Elma reported the next meeting is scheduled for March 20th at 6:30pm at the Village Hall.

Easter Egg Hunt

Bev reported the Easter Bunny will be present for the Easter egg hunt and requested a donation of \$400 for the candy and other expenses. Jennifer made a motion to donate \$400 for the Easter Egg Hunt and Elma seconded the motion. Motion carried.

2025-2026 Budget Meeting

Mike said he would like to schedule a meeting of the whole Board to work on next year's budget. The meeting was set for March 24th at 6:00pm at the Village Hall.

Employee Evaluations

Mike has all the evaluations with the exception of Kevin's. Dan said that Kevin would be dropping his evaluations off at the Village Hall. Elma and Dan will assist Mike with the evaluations. Mike suggested last week of March to hold the meetings. March 27th at 5:30pm was set for the evaluations.

Other New Business

Conner presented some information on Christmas decorations that were on sale from the company that we purchased last year. The sale goes until March 31st. We will add the purchase of additional Christmas decorations to the Budget Meeting agenda.

Mooch is working on a resident's guide to Andover and it could be distributed together with the Talk of the Town newsletter and given to new residents when they get their water turned on.

Mike said that Ken has requested a new lighter weight weed eater. There is a commercial grade model for \$399.99 and a homeowner model. This will be placed on the agenda for the budget meeting.

Ken also reported there is a big equipment auction at the end of this month in Annawan and he suggested putting our flail mower on the auction. The auction gets 8% of the sale if it sells. The Board agreed and Ken will get it hauled to Annawan.

Ken also said the ash pile at the burn site needs to be leveled off. Blade Trucking will do it, and it will cost \$125 an hour for the truck, and they would also have to bring their

loader because ours won't work to empty into the truck. The Board authorized Ken to contact Blade Trucking and have this completed.

The Pine Street culvert is starting to cave in. Elma and Dan will check it out with Ken.

Ken has been looking at commercialtrucktrader.com for a dump truck to replace our current dump truck.

Mike also asked Mike Halpin how we proceed with individuals selling farmland to work with a developed to sell it for lots. If a developer purchased farmland for housing, he would have to work with the Village and our subdivision ordinances.

Bev asked about the farmer who was going to reseed 2nd and 3rd Street between Mulberry and Locust. Mike said he is working with him, and it should be reseeded this year. Ron asked about having conservation come and check the fish population in the lake. It has been a couple of years since this was completed. Ken and Conner will work on this.

Elma made a motion to adjourn the meeting and Dan seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Bev Josephson, Village Clerk