

The Andover Village Board met on Monday, April 7, 2025, with the following members present Kevin Betcher, Dan Heiar, Jennifer Hirsch, Valli Putnam, Mike Mielke, Garrett Adamson, and Bev Josephson. Also present were Ken Estes, Village Employee, and Mike Halpin, Village Attorney.

The minutes of the March 3, 2025, regular Board meeting were reviewed. A motion was made by Dan to accept the minutes, and Kevin seconded the motion. Motion carried.

The minutes of the March 24, 2025 Budget meeting were reviewed. A motion was made by Valli and seconded by Dan to approve the minutes. Motion carried.

The Village of Andover Financial Report through March 31, 2025, was reviewed. A motion was made by Dan to accept the report and Jennifer seconded the motion. Motion carried.

The Village of Andover General Fund bills through April 7, 2025, were reviewed. Bev said a new printer was purchased at a cost of \$479.48 through Amazon. A motion was made by Jennifer and seconded by Kevin to approve the bills. Motion carried.

The Andover Water Bills through April 7, 2025, were reviewed. A motion was made by Dan to approve the bills and seconded by Valli. Motion carried.

Visitor Comments

Bev reported she was contacted by a resident regarding his neighbor's property. There is a camper parked in the yard and a truck the resident thought was inoperable. He also said there is rubbish in the yard that blows into neighboring yards. There is nothing that the Village can do about the camper as it can be parked on their property. If the truck is inoperable and not properly licensed we can issue a summons. A letter will be sent regarding the trash/rubbish in his yard.

Correspondence

Valli read a letter from a Quad Cities Bandoliers regarding a donation to the Village. The money will be put in the gazebo account for the handicap accessibility project. Bev will send a thank you to the group for their donation.

Old Business – Water System

Mike reported the generator is set and right now waiting on Ameren. We have to reach a specified pressure. Allen installed another regulator on the furnace. There is a checklist on the generator that needs to be completed before the technician will come out and start it up. Per Mike Halpin's recommendation, Mike contacted Darren LaHood's office for assistance. Mike said there was a form he had to fill out which he did and we are now awaiting a reply from Representative LaHood's office. Dave Riddell is going to try to get the pump rebuilt if it is feasible.

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Mike will order port-a-potties and Bev said there is some information needed for our insurance company regarding the fireworks.

Easter Egg Hunt

Bev asked for assistance putting out the eggs on Saturday, April 11th at 12:00 noon in preparing for the Easter Egg Hunt at 1:00pm.

2025-2026 Budget Meeting

The 2025-2026 budget was reviewed and some corrections noted. Bev said we have until the end of June to finalize our budget. We may need to adjust the amount allocated for village employees and summer help based on our decision regarding raises.

Employee Evaluations

The employee evaluations will be discussed in closed session.

Other New Business

There was discussion about the ball diamond. Orion Little League is interested in using it. Mike said he will call Bruce Laleman regarding any equipment the Outlaws purchased and left in the shed aft the diamond. Steve Stone will do the preparation of the diamond for one more year.

Southerland House

Mike called IMEG and Jack Kusak checked the Southerland house. He took pictures and reported it is a tear down. Bev said jeff Southerland no longer has a mail box and his mail comes back undeliverable. She will call the assessor's office for verification of the owner and an address and let Mike Halpin know what she finds out. Mike will send the IMEG report to Mike Halpin and he will compose the letter.

Further New Business

Jennifer made a motion to go into closed session and Valli seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken and there were 4 ayes, 0 nays and 2 absent.

The Board resumed after leaving closed session.

A motion was made by Jennifer to approve to increase the salary of Ken Estes by \$1.00 and Valli seconded the motion. Motion carried. The raise will go into effect on May 1st.

A motion was made by Kevin to increase the salary of Ron Grymonprez by \$1.00 an hour and seconded by Dan. Motion carried. The raise will go into effect on May 1st.

A motion was made by Valli to increase the salary of Dave Riddell by \$450.00 a year and his on-call rate to \$20.00 an hour and seconded by Kevin. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Valli and seconded by Dan to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Bev Josephson, Village Clerk