

The Andover Village Board met on Monday, June 2, 2025, with the following members present Kevin Betcher, Elma Gay, Dan Heiar, Jennifer Hirsch, Valli Putnam, Mike Mielke, and Bev Josephson. Also present were Ron Grymonprez Village Employees; and Mike Halpin, Village Attorney.

The minutes of May 4, 2025, regular Board meeting were reviewed. A motion was made by Elma to accept the minutes, and Jennifer seconded the motion. Motion carried.

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

The Village of Andover General Fund bills through May 31, 2025, were reviewed. Elma made a motion to approve the bills and Dan seconded the motion. Motion carried. It was recommended to have Ken review the invoices to ensure we are not being overcharged. The bill for Marshall for fixing the tiles on the property adjacent to the Village Hall was discussed. Mike said he talked to the owner, and she was not willing to pay. Since we are mowing the property, it was asked if we should start billing her. Mike said he would address this with the owner.

The Andover Water Bills through May 31, 2025, were reviewed. A motion was made by Dan to approve the bills and seconded by Valli. Motion carried.

Visitor Comments

It was reported a resident had noticed that their plaque was not posted on the flags. Bev said there are flags that were not hung because we do not have a spot for them since we lost some of them when the state put in the new sidewalk. We are going to add more flags along the new sidewalk. It was suggested to get a list of the names of all individuals honored with a flag. Bev said she did not have one. Elma said she would check in Ron's information and also with Judy. If no list is available, we could either write down all the names or take a picture of each plaque.

Correspondence

Mike reported we received a thank you from the Orion After Hour Prom for our donation.

Old Business – Water System

Dave had informed Mike he needs to purchase an ammonia tester as this is a new EPA requirement. It costs approximately \$500. This will be put on the agenda for the next meeting. Dave also told Mike that White Construction will be purchasing water from the Village when they install the new internet cable outside of the Village limits. It was discussed how much a village employee can purchase without authorization from the board. It was suggested anything under \$1,000 could be allowed but this is not currently in any ordinances.

Andover 190th – Fireworks

Elma said Craig Peterson, Tim Larson, Dave Crippen and Mike are talking at the gazebo dedication. The oak tree plants in Ron's memory did not survive the winter and they are working with Meyers Landscaping. Elma asked for the Board's approval for the cost of the fireworks, \$4,000.00. This was already approved through the bills presented for payment. The Jenny Lind Chapel float will be placed at the Andover Historical Museum. Andover Tourism will be paying for the sound system for the celebration.

Elma said she has a list of tables and chairs required for the celebration and she will provide Ken with a list.

Henry County Tourism is putting together a time capsule, and they are looking for some items related to Andover.

2025-2026 Budget – Appropriations Ordinance

Bev reviewed the 2025-2026 Budget Appropriations Ordinance. Bev said we need to get the water rate increase completed. The new rate would be \$90 for the first 5,000 gallons and \$5.00 for each additional 1,000 gallons. Mike Halpin will work on the ordinance for presentation at our next meeting. It was noted the gazebo restoration funds were not changed and Bev said she would make the correction. Elma made a motion to pass the ordinance with the gazebo correction noted and Jennifer seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken and passed 5 aye, 0 nay and 1 absent member.

Southerland House

Mike reported that Randy Westerlund has sold his business. He was to meet with Jake Ballegeer, but Jake has not come out to look at the house.

Gazebo Bids

Elma reviewed with the Board a bid which came in from Price Concrete from Sheffield, Illinois. No final decision was made at this time.

Summer Help

This is on hold for now as Ken and Ron are keeping up with the work. Mike said if you have a project for the village employees write it on the whiteboard up at the shed.

Elma reported some youth from Cambridge came to the park and helped with cleaning the concession stands, they rototilled the volleyball court, picked up sticks in the park and moved the flags while Ken mowed.

Ken called conservation again about lake and the moss problem and they are waiting for chemicals from Herman Brothers. There is now moss in the small lake as well.

Building Inspector

Stuart Etheridge will be resigning at the end of this year. Mike asked Dan Diamond and JT Hirsch if they would be interested in the position as they are both familiar with Andover. Dan Diamond is not interested but JT would be. Jennifer asked how often inspections are required. Bev said most of the jobs are for reroofing and as long as the roofer is licensed in the State of Illinois inspections have not been warranted. There are approximately 5-6 inspections per year, and Stu charged us \$25 an hour.

Sidewalk Project for 2025

Mike said he would like to see the sidewalk extended from the concession building to the north corner and ultimately down to the lake. We would need bids for 3 separate projects, the gazebo ramp, extending the sidewalk and repair the sidewalk across the lake damaged by Ballegeer. Elma said she would contact the contractors. Elma, dan and Valli are currently on the Streets and Sidewalks Committee and Conner, Kevin and Dan are on the Parks Committee.

Further Business

Elma said that she would like to see about getting Wendell a shirt that says Village of Andover Approved Volunteer and also something to put on his golf cart. He has been cleaning the moss out of the lake but can only do the north and east side because he can't drive his cart on the south and west side.

Ron reported there was a problem at the gazebo and the east shelter regarding power. The gazebo circuit breaker has been broken into on a couple of occasions. Jeff Hutchinson and Kip worked on getting the power resolved. It was recommended to put padlocks with combinations on all of the breakers to prevent further damage.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Bev Josephson, Village Clerk