

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

The minutes of June 2, 2025, Board meeting were reviewed. A motion was made by Elma to accept the minutes, and Conner this with the owner.

The Statement of Financial Condition through June 30 was reviewed. A motion was made by Valli and seconded by Kevin to approve the report. Motion carried.

The Village of Andover General Bills thru July 7, 2025 were reviewed. Bev was asked to check on the distribution of funds on the Henry County Highway Department Bill. A motion was made by Conner and seconded by Dan to approve the bills. Motion carried.

The Andover Water Bills through July 7, 2025, were reviewed. Mike reported Ron Grymonprez will pay for the manhole cover and a portion of the labor for the new water hook up on his former farm. The Village will pay Larson Pump and Ron will reimburse the Village. Elma made a motion to pay the water bills and Conner seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Visitor Comments

Dave and Becky Olson who purchased the former Ron Peterson home on Oak Street had some questions about putting solar panels on their roof. Dave said it would probably be a total of 12 panels. Mike said he would contact Stu Ethridge and give him Dave's contact number. Mike will tell Stu that it was discussed at the Board meeting. Stu has been involved with the other solar projects in Andover.

Correspondence

Bev reported we received approval from the Illinois DOT for 2025 street projects.

Water System

Mike said he had nothing new to report from Jack.

190th Celebration

Elma said she received many positive comments from attendees at the various events.

Southerland House

Mike had no new updates.

Gazebo/Sidewalk Bids

Copies of the proposals for the projects were reviewed. Elma suggested we have 5 Cities do both projects at a cost of \$21,000.00. Mike said he would contact Ballegeer for reimbursement of the walkway that was broken when they worked on the lake bank. Elma made a motion to accept the bid of 5 Cities for \$21,000.00 and Dan seconded

the motion. Motion carried. Elma said she will contact 5 Cities to inform they have the project.

New Building Inspector

It was suggested to advertise for the position in the upcoming newsletter. Mike Halpin was asked to check if any licensure was required for building inspectors.

NEW BUSINESS

Water Rate Increase Ordinance

Mike Halpin reported he incorporated all the pieces of different water rate ordinances into this new ordinance. It was suggested to make all shut off fees \$25.00. There was discussion about the different water rates as individuals who live outside of Andover are charged a higher rate. Currently it lists the cost as double the basic rate for Andover residents. This would mean the base rate for the 5 accounts outside of the Village would be charged \$180.00 as a base rate. We also need to decide when this increase will go into effect. This will be finalized at our next Board meeting.

2024-2025 AUDIT

Bev received a proposal from Go Audit Services LLC to perform the 2024-2025 audit for \$6,000.00. Elma made a motion to approve the proposal and Kevin seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Solicitation Ordinance Review

Mike said we will discuss this further at our next meeting. Bev said since this ordinance was approved only two times has she been contacted to issue a permit. Mike Halpin reviewed some of the regulations from other towns regards solicitation. The cost and hours of operation for the solicitors was discussed.

Orion Fall Festival

Mike said he has received a request for our assistance at the Lions Club Food Tent during the fall festival on August 30th from 2:30 to 5:00pm. Eight to ten volunteers are needed. Mike asked the Board to let him know at our next meeting if any would be available.

Bev said she will have a request for the purchase of 10 chairs for the Village Hall so all the chairs in the lower level would be the same. She will present this information at the next meeting.

Adjournment

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

Respectfully submitted.

Bev Josephson, Village Clerk